

Central Beach Alliance Membership Meeting Minutes

Thursday, March 12th 2015 – W Hotel

Present: John Weaver, Karen Turner, Fred Carlson, Abby Laughlin, Steve Milkewicz

Call Meeting to Order: 7:008PM

182 attendees

Beach Update

District 2 commissioner Dean Trantalis gave a beach update. Public safety issues were focused on poor beach lighting due to turtle regulations and unrelenting traffic issues. Dean gave update on Aquatic Center and the Marina Expansion Proposals. Questions from the audience revolved around traffic. Residents inquired how all the new development would help with improving beach traffic.

Four Seasons Update:

Dev Motwani updated the CBA membership on the already approved Four Seasons project on A1A. This was approved by CBA several years ago. Details include a 23 story project, with state of the art residences and hotel amenities. Two pools, one restaurant and front entrance on Breakers Ave, large public space. Time line is 2016 to 2018.

Things to Come:

John Weaver spoke about upcoming membership meeting that would include committees to discuss pressing beach issues. Topics will include such items as security, Ambassador program, turtle lighting and development.

County Update:

Chip Lamarca updated membership on beach renourishment projects. Final permitting is almost at hand, Federal, county and local funding still being sourced and out into place. Fort Lauderdale's share of the \$50 million dollar cost will be approximately \$2.75 million dollars. Fort Lauderdale will have three years to budget this cost.

Las Olas Bridge Development Options:

Abby briefed membership on BRAB projects. Most of the major projects are with the City Commission for final approvals. Outstanding decisions include the Marina

Expansion Project. John introduced Ed Smoker from LOMMXD development who spoke briefly about their unsolicited P3 offer to the city. Their project includes a 10 story, 220 room hotel, quality restaurants, crew quarters, Office Space, parking garages and an expanded Marina for mega yachts. Mr. Smoker stated that his project will add to CRA funds and that his project meets the criteria for Beach Redevelopment. His project will have a public corridor around the perimeter of the development. Next, both Barry Flannigan and Robert Dean from the Marine Advisory Board gave a brief overview of the MAB proposal, which includes a new, expanded state of the art Marina with linear docks that can accommodate a variety of vessels. This Marina would be municipal in nature, which are the criteria of the land deed restriction. The marina would be self-supporting just as the current marina is now. There would be no development component as in the LOMMXD proposal Mr. Dean stated the critical nature of dredging and this is an important opportunity for Fort Lauderdale to position itself as a mega-yacht community.

MEMBERSHIP VOTE: 175 – 0 in favor of a Marina Expansion plan that does not include a hotel.

AC Marriot preliminary presentation on Alhambra:

The development team for AC Marriot presented preliminary images of their hotel project. The hotel will be constructed over three contiguous lots on Alhambra. The hotel will be comprised of 175 rooms, and a height that ranges from 15 stories to 9 stories on the eastward side of the project. The project will include 117 parking spaces. While this presentation was for introduction purposes only, a vote was called for from the membership floor. James Bittle, (1st) from the floor and Nivea Cordova Berrios (2nd), to redesign the project to a smaller building.

VOTE: 185 – 12

Adjourn: 9:05PM