

Central Beach Alliance

Board of Directors Meeting

November 12, 2020, 6 PM by Zoom

Board Members Present:

- President Bill Brown, Paula Yukna, John Burns, Bob Golden, Deborah Rosenbaum, Dr. Elizabeth King

Board Member Absent:

- Jim Novick

Motion to approve the agenda by John Burns, seconded by Paula Yukna. Approved.

Sea Turtle Conservatory presentation by Ashley Wilson & Emily Asp

- Introduced grant lighting program for retrofitting businesses, hotels & condos along the beach front. Window tinting could also be included.
- \$215K in grant money is available for beach front retrofits from Las Olas Blvd to Sunrise.
- Program is available from August 1, 2020 to July 21, 2022 or until funds are depleted. Cost sharing may be necessary.
- Protect the turtles: keep lighting low, keep it shielded & keep lighting wavelengths long.
- Applications, surveys and contract negotiations to start immediately.

Central Beach Building Code update by Karlanne Grant, Ella Parker and Chris Cooper of Fort Lauderdale Department of Sustainability

- Code enhancements focused on standards, safe & active pedestrian realm, dimensional flexibility, & development permits in the beach neighborhood.
- Revisions include table format versus paragraphs, building setbacks, floor plates, tower separation, percentage of linear footage dedicated to the active pedestrian realm.
- City staff is scheduling time to introduce revisions to developers before taking to Commission.
- Revisions should be on website by November 16, 2020.
- Will be presented to CBA membership on November 19, 2020.

553 Bayshore condo project presented by Courtney Crush & team, including architect Peter Stromberg & developer Rishi Kapoor. John Boscarino, representative of Panama Club attended. Other surrounding buildings did not respond to Bill Brown's invitation.

- 64 condos plus "lifestyle" amenities (wellness, fitness, spa, technology, nature).
- 11 stories. Every unit is a corner unit.
- Requesting code exception in maximum length of building as design allowed for a "less solid" building. Also will require code exception for outdoor dining.

The Terraces at 527 Orton Avenue amended site plan presented by Courtney Crush, designer Jorge Garcia, Roger the architect & owner Louis Estrada

- 18 residential units have already been approved. This revised plan will have to start over and go through DRC, P&Z, etc. The revised plan has increased setbacks, allowing for a more slender building. Height is increased from seven stories to 10 stories (115').
- 40 parking spaces. Could also consider saving several on-street parking spaces.
- Will be presented to CBA membership in January or February 2021.
- Owner quoted \$620-\$670 per square foot price point.

Treasurer report by Bob Golden. Approximately \$25K in the bank. Efforts to encourage 2020/2021 membership renewals have been successful.

Motion to approve October 15, 2020 Board Meeting Minutes by John Burns, seconded by Paula Yukna. Approved.

Motion to approve October 22, 2020 membership meeting minutes by John Burns, seconded by Paula Yukna. Approved.

Bill Brown asked Board to give feedback to Ari Glassman regarding **programming of beach parks**.

- Board is supportive of Glassman's survey to the community and will include in next newsletter.
- John Burns asked to reach out to Leisure Beach buildings, Jackson Tower and Portofino for feedback on periodic closure of Las Olas Circle for events in the Intracoastal Park. There are concerns that new marina construction & noise from events will affect neighbors. Board did not support closing of Las Olas Circle.

Toy Drive update by Paula Yukna and Elizabeth King

- Foundation is focusing on collecting money versus toys due to COVID. CBA will include donation and raffle link in the next newsletter.
- Foundation's goal to raise is \$10K-\$13K.
- **Motion** by Bob Golden, seconded by Paula Yukna **to ask membership for permission to make a one-time donation of \$2500** in lieu of spending on a holiday party. Approved.

Agenda for November 19th Membership Meeting

- Vice Mayor Glassman updates
- Sea Turtle Conservatory grant program
- Beach code updates
- 553 Bayshore condo development
- Vote on donation to Toy Drive foundation

Meeting schedule for 2021 discussed. Will continue with Board on 3rd Thursday & membership on 4th Thursday.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM

