



Central Beach Alliance
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CBA MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, February 22, 2024

Zoom Meeting

6pm – 8pm

AGENDA

Call to Order: 6:05pm

Attachments:

- Fort Lauderdale Barrier Island – Future of Beaches Presentation: Daphnee Sainvil
- Bahia Mar Sun Sentinel Article

Roll Call: Bill Brown (President), Elisabeth George (VP), John Burns (Secretary), Bob Golden (Treasurer).
Directors - Peter Hechenbleikner, Dr. Elizabeth King, Monty Lalwani, Jim Novick, Paula Yukna.

Excused: Directors-Jim Novick, Monty Lalwani

Invited Guests:

- Commissioner Glassman’s Staff – Ashley Cacicedo-Surdoval.
- Jacob Rice, Broward County Beach Program Manager Resilient Environment Department
- Daphnee Sainvil, Division Manager Public Affairs, City of Fort Lauderdale
- FL Police Department – Sgt. Joshua Reich, #1892 District 1 Community Support Unit and Officer Nicolas Herring, #1985 District 1 Community Support Unit
- Code Compliance – K. Paulette DelGrosso, Code Compliance Officer
- Transportation & Mobility – Judy Erickson, Transportation Planner District 2 & Karen Warfel, Transportation Planning Division Manager
- Stephanie Toothaker, Esq. & Team. Garrett Moore(Owner), Roya Edwards, Kobi Karp, Matt Piccard]
- Gregory Scott, Executive Director, Oceans of Soul Jazz Festival
- Ina Lee – President, TravelHost Media Group and Chair of the Beach Council of the Greater Fort Lauderdale Chamber of Commerce. Ina is also a member of the Fort Lauderdale Beach Improvement District (BID).

1. Introductions & Opening Remarks – President William Brown

- *Roll call done prior to start of the meeting.*
- *Welcome to the attendees – Great attendance 80+ Zoom participants (Multiple people on some of the Zoom Log Ins)*
- *Very full agenda with city staff and presentations*

- *Ground Rules – Try to take as many questions as possible (try to keep meeting to 1.5 hours max). Chat to leave questions or Reactions to raise hands.*
- *Commission Glassman will be in attendance at next month’s meeting. Sends his regrets due to a conflict he was unable to attend.*
- *Please renew your membership and encourage your neighbors to join.*
- *Update from Public Works – Seawall at end of Sebastian/Seville work expected to start in 2nd Quarter.*
- *Reminder to send us an email if you have any questions.*
- *Thank to our board that is here to attend and supports the efforts and activity of the CBA.*
- *Mentioned schedule of future meeting schedule (see below)*
- *Introduced Ina Lee, chair of the Greater Fort Lauderdale Chamber of Commerce and Chair of the Fort Lauderdale Beach Improvement District (BID).*

2. **Update from Fort Lauderdale Police Update, Community Enhancement and Compliance Division**

Update – Sgt. Joshua Reich, Officer Nicholas Herring and Officer Paulette DelGrosso

- *Police Department Update*
 - *Spring Break Update*
 - *10-20 officers 11am – 6pm on Beach*
 - *Barricades will be put into place*
 - *Horses for Beach Sweep – Close beach at 5:30pm for cleaning. Officers will stay later. Midnight shift will have 6 additional overtime support on the beach. No anticipated drop off of coverage between 6pm and midnight.*
 - *ATVS, Motorcycles, Bicycle and Canine Units will be there.*
 - *Recruiting Tent will be set up as well.*
 - *Detailed contingency plans have been developed in the event there are any issues.*
 - *Statistics: 4 Auto theft attempts. (1 scooter, 1 car left running, 2 Kia’s – There is an update on KIA’s website to address this issue if you have this kind of car. Google: Kia or Hyundai anti-theft). Minor Thefts described, including one cell phone theft attempt.*
 - *Significant increase on citations on noise (400+)*
 - *Issues – Report non-emergency calls 954-764-4357. 911 for emergency, fear for life, in process.*
 - *Charter boat and pontoon boats dropping off on seawalls handling -*
- *Code Compliance Update by Officer Paulette del Grasso*
 - *Reintroduced self and background (did this at the January Meeting)*
 - *Statistics for past 90 days*
 - *91 case code violations , 25 pending , 28 had no violation, 33 closed, 5 compliance*
 - *Top Compliance Issue: Vacation Rental with an expired certificate. Code has their own staff to address.*
 - *Spring Break – there will be a dedicated staff supporting later into the evening.*
 - *Contact Information: 954-828-5318, PDelGrosso@fortlauderdale.gov **Call the Community Enhancement and Compliance Division** at 954-828-5207, Monday – Friday, 8:00 am – 4:00 pm. **Visit us** at 700 NW 19th Avenue, Fort Lauderdale FL 33311, Monday - Friday 8:00 am to 4:00 pm. **Email us** at CEenhancement@fortlauderdale.gov and include your name and address.*

3. **2024 FL Legislative Update & FTL Current Beach Projects** - Daphnee Sainvil, City of Fort Lauderdale – (Slide Deck & Links)
- *Reviewed slide deck of Current Beach Projects. Described the content of each of these projects including the pictures and renderings.*
 - **AIA Streetscape** - <https://www.fortlauderdale.gov/Home/Components/News/News/6704/>
 - **Bahia Mar (Sun-Sentinel)** - <https://www.sun-sentinel.com/2023/06/21/bahia-mar-fort-lauderdale-final-vote/>
 - **DC Alexander Park** - <https://theloopflb.com/dc-alexander-park-reimagined/>
 - International Swimming Hall of Fame - <https://ishof.org/fort-lauderdale-approves-190m-overhaul-of-international-swimming-hall-of-fame/>
 - **Las Olas Marina** - <https://lasolasmarina.com/future-vision/> Specifically reviewed the projected economic impact.
 - **Water Taxi Port Project** - The City Commission approved a resolution to provide notice of its decision to accept an unsolicited proposal from Water Taxi of Fort Lauderdale, LLC to construct, operate, and maintain a water taxi terminal on city-owned property at 1001 Seabreeze Boulevard. The project includes space for the dockmaster, a ticket office, a waiting area, a public restaurant, and an event space. Final approval of the project is subject to entering into a comprehensive agreement with Water Taxi of Fort Lauderdale and the City. For details, visit ftlcity.info/3thYh0T.
 - *Slides include 10 remaining projects as well. Stated there were 191 trips remaining.*
 - *The City you never want to leave!*
 - *FTL Sculpture will be moved to the Beach at the End of Las Olas where “Olas” was historically located.*
 - *Tallahassee Update – Week 7 in session, about 2 more weeks, then budget conference next week. This is the last week of session.*
 - *Vacation Rental – Lots of for/against this bill. Still language issues with the House Bill. August 2015 was when our originally put into place in Ft. Lauderdale. New bill would result in complete replacement our present. Senate and House bills are completely different. This impacts single family, multi-family and condominiums that are impacted by this.*
 - *Homeless Encampment Bill – Still under discussion. Intent of bill is good. Biggest concern is it’s an unfunded bill.*
 - *My Safe Florida Program funding – mitigation inspections has been re-addressed. Originally funded in 2006. Wasn’t funded until 2022 again. Want to address funding going forward for eligibility for mitigation grants. Similar program for Condo as well being discussed.*
 - *At noon still had 90 bills to go.*
 - *She’ll send a mini-update next week.*
 - *Described the budget process – House, Senate and Governor.*
 - *FTL Projects mentioned Breakers Avenue Project (House & Senate have been asked for \$2M House and \$1.5M Senate), Homeless Hotspot asked funding is \$500K, Riverland Roads, ADA Compliant, Carter Park, storm water update, etc.*
 - *Asked question regarding the 2025 requirements for Structural Analysis of condos and lack of engineers, transition timing. House Bill 1263, 989 and Senate 7028 applicable. Still yet to be defined. Financial support is a part of the My Safe Florida program. Bill Brown will invite a speaker on this topic at a future meeting.*

4. **Presentation on Broward County Shoreline Protection Projects** – Jacob Rice, Broward Country Beach Manager
- *No presentation.*
 - *In charge of large scale beach renourishment.*
 - *For FTL specifically, there will be another Army Corp of Engineers renourishment project based on past storms. Hillsboro Inlet to Port Everglades Area. Last two storms had significant impact.*
 - *Visual photography and measurements along width of beaches are performed post storms. This information is needed to request Army Corp of Engineers. They normally utilize “high water” marks. Lidar equipment was recently purchased to better measure the beaches.*
 - *He will comeback to CBA when information is available.*
 - *Contact information: jrice@borward.org*
5. **Presentation on Quarterly Transportation & Mobility Update** – Judy Erickson, Transportation Planner, Dist. 2 & Karen Wargel, Transportation Planning Division Manager City of Fort Lauderdale
- *Presentation was shared. (Report will be available on [Home - Central Beach Alliance \(cbaftl.com\)](http://Home-CentralBeachAlliance.com))*
 - *Quarterly report is developed - Addressing Neighborhood Request, Projects & Initiatives.*
 - *Transportation Q Alerts –*
 - *Requests Pending Completion reviewed (Bayshore Dr & Vistamar and North Birch Road Speed Radar Signage)*
 - *Completed/Closed Requests reviewed (A1A & E Las Olas – Damaged Signs, etc.)*
 - *Planning Update – A1A Streetscape Project Update (Pedestrian Lighting – amber during sea turtle) Restart work after spring break etc.*
 - *Signage Update reviewed throughout the area.*
 - *North Beach Parking Lot (Vistamar and A1A) update given.*
 - *Sunrise Lane Streetscape Design Project vision update given.*
 - *Construction Impacts reviewed.*
 - *Major Project Reviewed – Projects that include partners. Gateway Intersection PD&E Study (FDOT), Sidewalk Master Plan and Survey, Kinney Tunnel Improvements etc.*
 - *Las Olas Bridge Rehab Project – FDOT is leading (General Maintenance – Electrical, Mechanical and Fenders in the water). Public Meeting being planned (anticipate in June). Out to bid in 2025 with construction anticipated afterwards.*
 - [Transportation and Mobility | City of Fort Lauderdale, FL](#)
6. **Presentation on Proposed Condominium Project at 2317 N Ocean Blvd** – Stephanie Toothaker, Esq & Team (Garrett Moore(Owner), Roya Edwards, Kobi Karp, Matt Piccard)
- *Presentation given.*
 - *This project is very early in the stages of the process. Introduced Garrett Moore (Owner of property and new owner of McSorleys – ribbon cutting next month)*
 - *Walked through the project – described location and shared existing photos and proposed renderings. Described height of building (15 stories), maximum density (40 units) and parking (135 spaces) far exceeds necessary. 173 feet high to safety railing and 195 feet to mechanicals.*
 - *Working through the applications. Plans to meet with the direct neighbors. Anticipated timeline – plan to submit in March. The typical timeline is 8 months to process on the beach. Not likely to go to hearing until next year. Then to DRC and PNZ. Anticipate it will go to commission based*

on a call up. Introduction to CBA first. All HOA's along that area should reach out to contact information: stephanie@toothaker.org 954-648-9376 and roya@toothaker.org.

- Questions about impact to areas on views, sunlight etc. Discussion and concerns with setbacks. This is very preliminary. Suggest detailed discussions with specific HOA's in the area. Suggestions of height reduction that would change the setback. This end of the beach is not the norm to have height. Significant concerns voice by the neighbors.
- No studies (Traffic, Shadow, etc.) studies, it's early in the process. CBA reached out to many of the neighbors to help educate them on the process and the concerns.
- Stephanie will come back again for more detailed presentation to CBA and after they go to DRC (probably in March), they will come back for vote by CBA. DRC is the start of the process. It's a very detailed document and process. Technical review by city staff (engineering, traffic, etc.) which results in a lot of modifications.
- Described timing process from DRC to PNZ to Building Permits and Financing and Building. (Multi-year process)
- Emphasized the importance of sharing your concerns. Lots of changes can and will occur. Compatibility of the neighborhood and compliance with code.
- [Development Review Committee \(DRC\) | City of Fort Lauderdale, FL](#)
- [Planning and Zoning Board | City of Fort Lauderdale, FL](#)

7. Presentation on Proposed New Music Festival on the Beach – Gregory Scott, Executive Director, Ocean of Soul Jazz Festival

- Introduced himself and the event. Used reduced slide deck. Described his linkage to Fort Lauderdale and Bonnet House.
- Appreciated the board's feedback on Labor Day Event – Traffic and Family use of the beach.
- Discussed alternative dates post Labor Day with Special Events to minimize impact to traffic and family.
- New Signature Event for Ft Lauderdale – Diversity, Equity and Inclusion through Art. Local Stage to provide a stage for rising artist and leverage national acts of all types.
- Originally planned for Labor Day Weekend. Alternative dates – 2-3 day festival with 30K per day. Compared to Riptide and Tortuga.
- Targeting alumni from black universities. 30-55 years of age.
- Described Art Ave plan. Parkopedia Application for parking with promotion of ride share.
- Location – Fort Lauderdale Beach Park across from Bahia (Same as Tortuga)
- Partnering with OCEANA and HBCU. 100 Scholarships will be given. Collaboration with 50 Whales activity.
- Unable to secure artists due to not having the date yet defined. Multiple artists are under discussion but not yet defined. No RAP only R&B and Soul.
- Proposed Dates – Sept 13-15, Nov 8-10 (preferred) . Outside of tourism season. Outside normal hurricane season. Outside turtle season. Post boat show.
- Application is to get an extended agreement (5 year). Concern with long commitment for a new event. Economics. Issues.
- Major construction will be on going in this park. Questions that this event hasn't been funded. Park will have already been closed for a long time due to boat show. Trying to be collaborative.
- Requesting a second meeting to present to with many questions and voting. March 28th @ Westin Hotel. Request that event not be presented to the Commission till post CBA.

Adjourn @ 8:17pm

Future Meetings:

- CBA Membership Meetings: Locations TBD. [Central Beach Alliance Webpage](#)
 - March 28th – Westin Hotel
 - April 25th – Community Center
 - May 23rd
 - June 20th (Tentative)
 - July & August – No Meetings
 - September 26th
 - October 17th (Meet the candidates)
 - November 21st
 - December 4th (HOLIDAY PARTY)

Fort Lauderdale Service Support:

24 Hour Customer Service : If you see an issue or concerns around the city (e.g.; pothole, trash, hydrant, city works or development, parks & recreation, sanitation, trees, landscaping). Submit a Service Request.



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Have a question or comment about your neighborhood or for the CBA Board?

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