



CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE

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**BEACH REDEVELOPMENT BOARD
100 NORTH ANDREWS AVENUE
8th FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM
FORT LAUDERDALE, FL 33301
Wednesday, May 2, 2018, 1:00 P.M.**

MEMBERS	FEB 2018/JAN 2019				
	REGULAR MTGS		SPECIAL MTGS		
		Present	Absent	Present	Absent
Ina Lee, Chair	P	2	0	2	0
Thomas B. McManus, VC	P	1	1	2	0
Jason Hughes	P	2	0	1	1
Abby Laughlin (arr. at 1:02 p.m.)	P	2	0	2	0
Christian Luz	P	1	1	1	1
Tim Schiavone	P	2	0	2	0
Shirley Smith	P	2	0	2	0
Aiton Yaari	P	1	1	1	1

Staff

Don Morris, Beach CRA Manager
Tom Green, Project Manager
Cija Omengebar, CRA Planner
Lian Chan, Prototype, Inc.

Guests

Peter Dunne, EDSA

I. Call to Order and Determination of Quorum – Ina Lee

Chair Lee called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. She asked for a moment of silence in remembrance of John Weaver, head of the Central Beach Alliance for many years.

Quorum Requirement

As of this date there were 8 appointed members to the Board, which means 5 would constitute a quorum. It was noted there was a quorum at the commencement of the meeting.

Communication to the City Commission

II. SR A1A Streetscape Improvement Project Cost Estimates and Paving Design

Option No. 2 – Tom Green, CRA Project Manager and Peter Dunne, EDSA

Mr. Morris said they are going to present more detail on the project as requested at the prior meeting. Staff is seeking a recommendation to the CRA Board of Commissioners to have them approve the budget.

[Ms. Laughlin arrived]

Mr. Green reviewed the presentation from the prior week, noting that the consensus from the BRB was to focus on the upgraded hardscape treatment on the east side of SR A1A. He recalled there was a request for safety features and showed images of the proposed bollards. The intent is that they are vehicle-rated in order to protect pedestrians, but not inhibit them from crossing the road.

Peter Dunne (EDSA) explained the vehicle rating: there are two different ratings that they looked at. One is a Department of Homeland Security rating called a K4 that will stop a 15,000-pound vehicle traveling at 30 mph; the second is a S-20 rating that will stop a 5,000-pound vehicle at 20 mph. They chose the second because the area is curbed.

Using the original rendering, Mr. Morris pointed out that both sides of Las Olas Boulevard will be improved, along with Oceanside lot and the Hub. He was concerned to hear that the BRB considered not putting the aggregate concrete in the center of the CRA (the Hub area) where all the CRA investments are being made.

Mr. Morris also remarked on the comments that they should wait to make improvements until the private property is developed – he said nobody knows when that will happen. He emphasized that they have the ability to do it now, and said it is vitally important to keep the Hub area as a showcase for the CRA. The decorative concrete does not have to go up to the building; it can go to the café line.

Chair Lee recommended viewing the whole presentation again to see the various options.

Mr. Yaari mentioned that to the south of the parking lot there is a proposed development that is set for approval. The developer might be asked to do his own sidewalk. Mr. Yaari added that a portion of his block will be going on the market soon, and he did not see the point in putting money into new sidewalks.

Mr. Morris acknowledged the point, but said that private development is not always guaranteed, particular in that area since it is the most scrutinized area on the beach.

Ms. Smith stated they would not be able to walk on the sidewalks when the new buildings come up, and she wondered how they would walk on the beach.

Ms. Laughlin reiterated from the last meeting that the money will go further on the east side, since there will never be development there. The CRA needs to set the standard on the east side and have the developers live up to that on the west side.

At this point, Mr. Green showed the PowerPoint presentation on the Streetscape Improvement Project.

Mr. Morris confirmed that when they would do the park, they will be doing the decorative concrete on SR A1A. Mr. Green said they are on active construction now on the garage and on the north side of Las Olas Boulevard between Seabreeze Boulevard and SR A1A. He explained they will eventually do a new concrete pour, which will be the decorative concrete and banding pattern. It will be on the north and south side of Las Olas Boulevard and also will wrap around the new park.

Mr. Green reviewed the differences between the options per the PowerPoint. The concrete and the pavers are what change in every option. The big change in Option 2 since the last presentation is that they added decorative concrete instead of gray concrete. He showed which band of concrete will be decorative and which will be gray.

Chair Lee affirmed that \$6.8 million is in the CRA budget for the project.

Mr. Green concluded the re-showing of the presentation from the prior week, and displayed a new slide which showed the option they created based on the input from the board at the prior meeting. This option places as much emphasis on the east side as possible. The cost is slightly less than \$6 million, which allows a safety cushion. He said there would not be much work from a design standpoint.

In regard to plumbing, Mr. Green said they had looked into relocating an existing 12-inch water main that runs into an area where they plan improvements. They did not succeed negotiating with FDOT, so they are no longer pursuing that option. There are ways they can work around it, except with less flexibility with trees. He said that explains why they do not have as many trees close to the curb.

Mr. Green concluded his presentation at 1:27 pm.

Mr. Schiavone reviewed they are basically trying to decide on the hardscape. He said the existing pavers on the east side of the project are not necessarily broken. He suggested that they stay under budget to provide "wiggle room," stay on the east side of the street, and wait and see with the west side of the street. He thought that the extension of Las Olas Boulevard in each direction would be nice, but did not think it was necessary.

Mr. Morris asked what the transition would look like between the pavers and decorative concrete. Mr. Dunne said they are using an integral color band, a dark gray going between the white and the blues, and the existing red brick pavers. They have done

studies on how the concrete “moves” with the blue glass extending through the red brick pavers so there could be more of a transition.

Mr. Morris thought the transition would be abrupt. Mr. Dunne pointed to a diagram, which showed the concrete pouring pattern.

Ms. Laughlin brought up the unknown nature of the Aquatics Center. Mr. Morris responded that if the Aquatics Center comes back higher than the budget and the City Commission directs them to go forward, they will have to come back and reduce the scope of DC Alexander Park or the SR A1A project or both. He thought they still need to move forward on the assumption of what will be available for both projects.

In response to a question by Chair Lee, Mr. Morris advised that there was an Evaluation Committee meeting scheduled for the bids for the Aquatics Center. However, there was a miscommunication with one of the members and they had to reschedule the meeting for the next week. Although the City Commission wanted them to come back in two weeks, Mr. Morris did not think they would have much information for them since it may take more than one meeting for the Evaluation Committee to reach a decision.

Mr. Morris added they are moving forward with the original two bids for the Aquatics Center, having those evaluated, and then they will talk with whomever they select.

Chair Lee asked who was on the Evaluation Committee, and Mr. Green read the names. There are two external members outside the City and two in the City.

Mr. Yaari thought a public/private mix was important. He fully agreed with proceeding on the east side. He pointed out a block that will be developed at some point and said there is a problem with the sewer/pipes. He said the project will not be able to be completed in the way they want and is over budget. He thought they were a little premature, because every dollar they put in that block will be “ripped out.” Mr. Yaari recommended putting all the dollars on the east side, getting the west side done when it is ready (later), and save the extra money for the Aquatics Center.

Chair Lee directed the board’s attention to the \$5.9 million option. She said they are doing everything they can on the east side, and not touching the west side apart from the park. Mr. Morris clarified that on the west side, they will be cutting concrete, putting the banding in, then cutting out the impediments from the concrete and relocating them, and patching the concrete.

Discussion ensued on what was included in the various options.

Mr. Green described the line/band, saying that it is an integral colored band, very dark gray, approximately six inches wide. The second option would be to do a double saw cut and essentially make a joint in the concrete.

Motion made by Mr. Hughes, seconded by Mr. Laughlin, to approve the \$5.9 million plan.

Mr. Yaari remarked that Las Olas Boulevard is now in “total chaos.” He was apprehensive about what might happen on SR A1A, especially if construction occurs in the busy season. Mr. Morris reported that he talked to a number of people who said that it has to be done by the time of the boat show, which is a short timeframe. He said it is always a busy season at the beach, and they just have to plan around major events.

Chair Lee suggested having the scheduling issue and the traffic circle be major agenda items at the next meeting.

Mr. Yaari stated he would oppose the motion because he thought that SR A1A should be done in two phases. He believed all the work on the west is a waste of money. He wanted to see all the money concentrated on the east side, and let private development do the west side. People could still walk on the west side while that work is being done on the east side. He concluded that the project as presented did not make sense.

Chair Lee opened the floor to comments from the public.

Barry Solomon, Las Olas Beach Club, questioned putting in all the new concrete when the Police Department will be placing “ugly” fences all around the new concrete on the major holidays such as Memorial Day, 4th of July, etc. He asked if the bollards could have pedestrian stops built into them.

Mr. Dunne stated they spoke with the City Manager who requested creating a temporary barricade that could be installed for specific events that keep people from moving into the street. City Manager Feldman requested the barricade from Cortez to Las Olas Boulevard on both sides of the street, and they are looking into it. It is not included in the budget.

Chair Lee closed the floor to comments from the public.

Ms. Laughlin asked what percentage of the \$5.9 million was designated for the west side. Mr. Green did not know off-hand, but said the new pedestrian light poles are a big expense. Ms. Laughlin elaborated that the Paramount did their own lights, far beyond what the CRA would have done, and she was not in favor of putting in lighting that a new development could put in spectacular lighting.

Mr. Green stated that their goals are to make the area as beautiful as possible while emphasizing public safety. The bollards on the west and east side plus the cost of the new pedestrian lights only on the west side are included in the hardscape costs. He said they want to keep the look consistent and do lights all the way down the corridor. They got permits through Fish and Wildlife to get a dual light system on the Las Olas project that will change colors for turtle nesting season.

Chair Lee since the CRA is only here for a while, she wanted to go ahead with the lighting because it is a safety issue. She asked how much the decorative concrete would cost.

Mr. Dunne replied that the cost of cutting the band is approximately \$20,000. The gray concrete for Blocks 11 and 12, including the band, was \$200,000 (as shown in the initial concept at the last meeting).

Chair Lee recapped that the board wants the option of putting in the gray band with the lighting and not changing any of the concrete.

Mr. Morris confirmed that the \$20,000 does not cover moving the obstructions out of the sidewalk.

Mr. Yaari said Block 12 is under contract and he did not want to see sub-standard improvements there.

Mr. Hughes verified that the entire lighting is \$1.5 million.

Mr. Morris said they need the lights, per community feedback.

Mr. McManus supported moving ahead with the project, especially since they are under budget.

Chair Lee recapped the plan.

Motion made by Mr. Hughes was clarified: to approve the design plan, which includes:

- Replacement of lights east and west
- A gray safety strip and bollard installation on the west
- All other improvements focused on the east side other than the bollards, lights, and the gray concrete strip

In a voice vote, the motion passed (7-1), with Mr. Yaari opposed.

Chair Lee, Mr. McManus, and Ms. Smith said they will be at the joint meeting with the City Commission to represent the board.

Mr. Yaari commented that when the City Commission approves a project, they should make the developer in charge of the sidewalks in front of their project according to Code. He also stated that "all the little businesses" on Las Olas Boulevard are going out of business.

III. Communication to City Commission

Motion made by Mr. Yaari, seconded by Ms. Laughlin, that any private projects in the CRA that go forth at this point in time follow the guidelines of the sidewalks in front of their projects.

Mr. Morris said that the zoning requirements already state the developer has to improve the sidewalk in front of their property.

In a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously (8-0).

Regarding Mr. Yaari's comment about the businesses on Las Olas Boulevard, Chair Lee recommended making that a major agenda item at the next meeting – how the projects can get done with a minimal impact to businesses surrounding them. She requested that Diana Alarcon and others be present. Mr. Morris said he would bring Garth to address the board at the next meeting about the Las Olas project. Chair Lee asked Mr. Yaari to bring a list of the small businesses that are being impacted by the project.

IV. Old/New Business

Mr. Morris reported that the City Commission instructed staff not to pursue the Ferris wheel, moving forward with other avenues for DC Alexander Park. There will be a public workshop at the (Bokampers) Beach Community Center on May 21, 2018, from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. There will also be a meeting on May 28 with the Central Beach Alliance. After that, staff is trying to schedule a joint meeting between the BRB and the Parks Board, hopefully resulting in a recommendation to the City Commission on a concept. Mr. Morris said he would invite the BID to the meeting as well.

Chair Lee thought it was important for BRB members to be at the public workshop on May 21 to hear what the public feedback is.

In response to a comment by Ms. Laughlin, Mr. Morris advised that the bollards already on the east side in front of Beach Place are not traffic-rated. Mr. Dunne said the new bollards will be from Cortez Street to Las Olas Boulevard.

Chair Lee wanted to have a noticed meeting on the Sun Trolley and walk the beach area. Mr. Morris said it would have to be a separate meeting from next meeting. He reminded them that technically they would not be able to have conversations about the board's work since the meeting would not be recorded. Board members, however, could talk to staff.

Chair Lee then suggested having a walk and then regrouping at the conference room at the Aquatics Center where they can discuss what they saw. Mr. Morris said they need to check if the room would be available for the next meeting.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 2:17 p.m.

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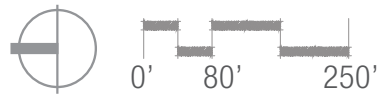
[Minutes transcribed by J. Rubin, Prototype, Inc.]

Attachments:

PowerPoint on Las Olas Project – Tom Green

FORT LAUDERDALE BEACH STREETSAPES SR-A1A

RECOMMENDATION - FOCUS ON EAST SIDE IMPROVEMENTS



DESIGN MATRIX

	DECORATIVE CONCRETE	DECORATIVE CAFE BAND	PALMS MOVED TO CURB	VEHICULAR BOLLARDS	NEW LIGHTS	RELAMP LIGHTS
EAST	1					
	2					
	3					
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WEST	7					
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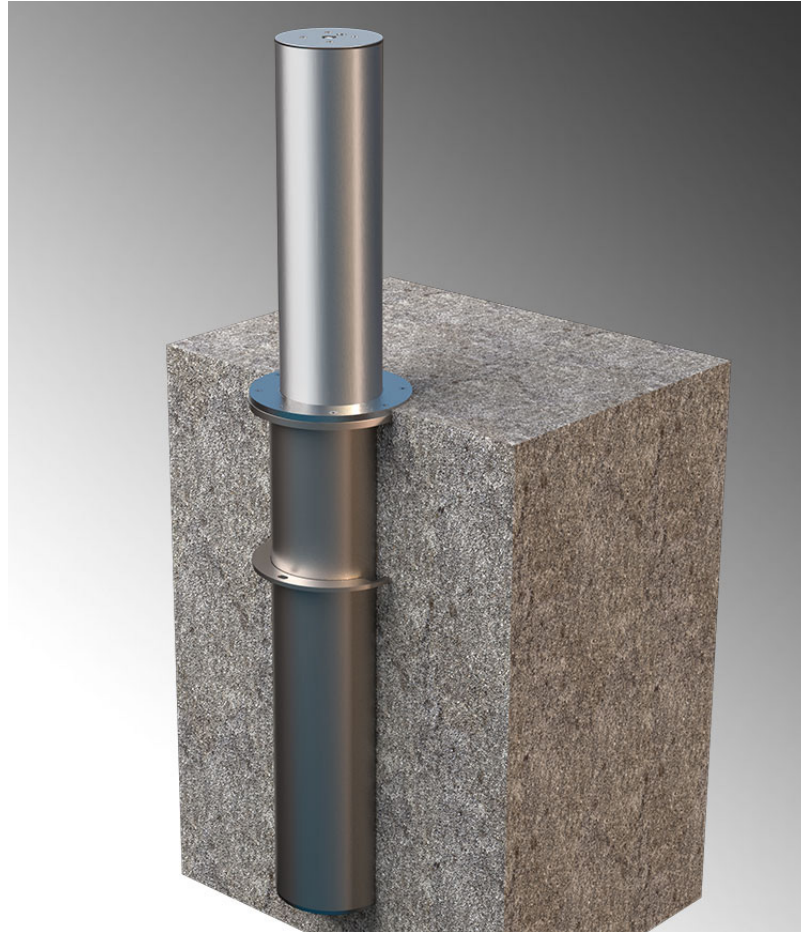
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- ② TYPE 2 - DECORATIVE BAND / CAFE DELINEATION
- ③ NO HARDSCAPE IMPROVEMENTS

TOTAL COST \$5,930,000

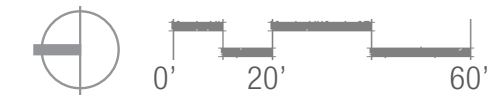
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BOLLARDS

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TYPICAL STREETSCAPE CONDITION



LEGEND

- ① DECORATIVE CONCRETE - **EAST SIDE**
- ② DECORATIVE CAFE BAND (13') - **WEST SIDE**
- ③ PALMS MOVED TO CURB - **EAST AND WEST SIDE**
- ④ VEHICULAR BOLLARDS - **EAST AND WEST SIDE**
- ⑤ NEW LIGHTS - **WEST SIDE**
- ⑥ RELAMP LIGHTS - **EAST SIDE**