



CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE

**APPROVED  
MEETING MINUTES  
CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE  
CENTRAL CITY REDEVELOPMENT ADVISORY BOARD  
SPECIAL MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12, 2021 – 1:00 PM  
FORT LAUDERDALE, FL 33301**

<b>Board Members</b>	<b>Present/Absent</b>
Luis Castillo-Olivera, Chair	P
Ray Thrower, Vice Chair	A
Robert Ayen	P
Adam Gellar	A
Charlene Gunn	P
Shane Jordan	P
Peter Kosinski	P
Dennis Ulmer	P
Moshe Yehoshoua	P

At this time, there are 9 appointed members to the Board; therefore, 5 constitute a quorum.

**Staff:**

Cija Omengabar, CRA Planner/Liaison  
Clarence Woods, CRA Manager  
Jamie Opperlee, Prototype Inc.

**I. Call to Order & Determination of Quorum**

Chair Castillo-Olivera called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. Roll was called, and it was noted that a quorum was present.

**II. NE 4th Avenue Streetscape Project**

- 60% Design Presentation

Jonathan Haigh, Landscape Architect, Kimley Horn and Associates  
Istvan Virag, Transportation and Mobility Project Manager II

Mr. Haigh gave a Power Point presentation, a copy of which is attached to these minutes for the public record.

Mr. Haigh informed Mr. Ayen that the identifying poles and light poles had not been added to the plans yet. Mr. Ayen asked about including Fort Lauderdale colors – blue, red and

gold – on walkways. Mr. Yehoshoua liked those colors for the Fort Lauderdale logo, but he did not feel those colors would be attractive on the walkways; he wanted to stay with warm earth tones. Mr. Haigh said the decorative pavement treatment material was only available in earth tones. Mr. Kosinski requested Mr. Haigh bring sample colors to the next presentation.

#### Public Comments

Martin Zidtowecki, Fort Lauderdale Parks Department, asked about the irrigation bubblers. Mr. Haigh described the equipment they intended to use but said they would look at different equipment if the City wished.

Marc Isaac, Flynn Engineering, asked the start date for construction. He was working with a developer on a project at 1123 NE 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue and they wanted coordinate construction. Mr. Virag said construction was planned to start in mid-2022.

Robert Dexter, City of Fort Lauderdale Parks Manager, asked who would maintain the median and streetscape landscaping. Ms. Omengebar stated Mark Almy, Parks and Recreation Superintendent, had indicated that property owners were required to maintain their own frontage. She said City representatives walked NE 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue recently and spoken to business owners in the area. They had informed the business owners that they would be responsible for improvements in the swale areas of their properties. Ms. Omengebar had agreed to keep the owners apprised of the project progress. One owner wanted to know if the planned trees would block her business sign and Mr. Haigh stated he did not believe so but would check. Ms. Omengebar said another business owner had asked if plants they had on the property now would be affected and Mr. Haigh stated he had not seen any that would be affected.

Mr. Zidtowecki asked if the property owners would also be responsible for maintenance of the irrigation system and the costs of the irrigation water. Ms. Omengebar agreed to find out.

Mr. Haigh described how they would install the new irrigation without disturbing the existing pavement. He said there would be one water meter per block, and the City or someone else would pay for the irrigation. Ms. Omengebar agreed to get clarification and report back to the Board.

Mr. Haigh said they would continue advancing the design and would add lighting next. Their next presentation to the Board would be for the 100% design plan.

Ms. Omengebar recalled that the Board had selected a modern, black street light option. Mr. Haigh said this was the “Mesa” fixture.

Mr. Haigh stated they would come back to provide the Board with the information they requested on the decorative pavement treatment and light poles at their next meeting.

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Chair Castillo-Oliviera also wanted to discuss who was responsible for the lighting, irrigation and landscape maintenance.

**Motion** made by Mr. Kosinski, seconded by Ms. Gunn to state the Board's support for the project. In a roll call vote, motion passed 7-0.

**III. Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn the meeting was duly made and seconded. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:47 p.m.

[Minutes written by J. Opperlee, Prototype, Inc.]