

**MINUTES OF THE
 BEACH REDEVELOPMENT ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
 MONDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2005 – 3:00 P.M.
 CITY HALL
 CITY COMMISSION CONFERENCE ROOM - EIGHTH FLOOR
 100 NORTH ANDREWS AVENUE
 FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA**

BOARD MEMBERS

	<u>Absent/ Present</u>	<u>Cumulative from 2/21/05</u>	
		(P)	(A)
Pamela Adams	A	2	2
Brad Fitzgerald	P	3	1
Steve Glassman	P	4	0
Eileen Helfer	P	3	1
Ina Lee	P	4	0
Al Miniaci	P	3	1
Judy Scher	A	3	0
Linda Gill	P	1	3
Henry Sniezek	P	4	0
Mel Rubinstein	A	3	1

STAFF

Ronald Hicks, Economic Development Director
 Earl Prizlee, Engineering
 John Hoelzle, Director of Parking & Fleet Services
 Diana Alarcon, Assistant Parking Services Manager
 Al Lovingshimer, Code Officer
 Patricia L. Smith, Secretary

GUESTS

Doug Stoner, Distributor, Exeloo Corporation
 Don Druitt, Domestic Preparedness Emergency Management Coordinator

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Ina Lee called the meeting to order at approximately 3:05 p.m. and roll call was taken.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by Eileen Helfer and seconded by Al Miniaci to approve the minutes of January 26, 2004 meeting. Board unanimously approved.

PULIC RESTROOM PRESENTATION

Ronald Hicks introduced Doug Stoner, Distributor for Exeloo Corporation.

Mr. Stoner passed out brochures to the Board and a video of Exeloo Automated Public Toilets is shown.

Ronald Hicks asked about soap and toilet paper supply.

Mr. Stoner stated that a sensor notifies a technician when the consumables are low. In other words, Exeloo doesn't wait until it runs out; we are notified before it runs out. Normally, at the type of location for this unit visitation, a technician needs to visit once a day. There is a service and maintenance contract to maintain the unit. It was stated that surveys had been done regarding the units and there appears to be 85% satisfaction. Mr. Stoner further stated that the units could be programmed to open and shut, and were designed to limit the amount of use. The suggested amount of time was 10 minutes, and a warning sign would be issued after 9 minutes. The door would then open after the 10 minutes. He remarked that the average use time based on their surveys was about 3.5 minutes. He stated that alarms are also part of the system. Mr. Stoner explained that the unit was made of steel panels baked with porcelain which are vandal resistant. He stated that the system was designed not just for public use, but also for "public abuse."

Mr. Stoner continued that two parts of the unit were washed which were the toilet basin and the floor. The cleaning cycle was comprised of two parts. He stated that the toilet seat was washed after every use and it took about 30-45 seconds for sanitization and the wash and dry cycle. The wash cycle was programmed depending on the amount of use, and the general recommendation was to have it done after 30 uses. The cycle normally takes about 5-8 minutes. He stated that their product was the only one that dried the floor after washing. There were no corners to the units, thereby preventing build-up of dirt and debris. Mr. Stoner further stated that the units were monitored by the company in case of mechanical or technical problems.

Chair Ina Lee asked about the installation of such items, along with the cost, and how they would withstand hurricanes.

Mr. Stoner stated that standards had to be met and the units had to be able to sustain winds of 150 mph for coastline installation. Photographs were shown of units on a beach in New Zealand. It was stated that their units would meet the needs for the area for which they were going to be installed, and designed according to those needs and the desire of the community. The representative stated that this area would need what they called an "urban" unit. Photographs were also shown of the various units that were available. It was stated that pay units were also available.

It was stated that possibly the units could replicate what was located in the South Beach area.

The representative stated that he believed the connecting sewer lines were on Las Olas and Seabreeze.

Chair Ina Lee asked if the units could be moved easily in case new uses arose for the land where they were located. Mr. Stoner confirmed and explained that everything was pre-fabricated. He stated that concrete piers were used to lay the units on.

Henry Sniezek asked if the units could withstand flooding. The representative confirmed and explained that New Zealand and Australia had those issues and no problems arose.

Chair Ina Lee stated that the Board had been working on this issue for a long time, and she was glad that there was a technology finally available making such units feasible and available.

Al Miniaci asked how the sanitization of the units worked if there was a line of individuals waiting to use the facility and who went in one after the other. Mr. Stoner explained that the seat would have already gone into the wall for cleaning, and possibly the next person would have to wait about 15-20 seconds for the unit to come out for use. He explained that if the unit would close itself down for a complete wash, then the units were programmed so that they all did not all clean themselves at once.

Mr. Stoner remarked that this type of technology was very common throughout the world, and the US was pretty far behind in such matters.

Linda Gill wanted to know how long the cleaning cycle is. Mr. Stoner stated that the complete cycle took 5-8 minutes depending on surrounding weather and humidity.

Linda Gill asked the procedure if there was a power outage. Mr. Stoner explained that there was an electro-magnetic lock on the door, and therefore, the door would not be locked if there was no power available. He added that if there was an emergency in the unit, the door would eventually open and an emergency call system could be installed. He added that a sky "hatch" was also available at the top of the unit for such emergencies. It was explained that there were also motion sensors on the units.

Diana Alarcon, Assistant Parking Services Manager asked how sensitive the unit was to children. The representative stated that the unit was designed to function no matter what height the person is that's using the unit. Ms. Alarcon asked about corrosion for the units installed along the coastlines. Mr. Stoner stated that the units were comprised of stainless steel and concrete.

It was also stated that the units were unisex, and were provided with blow dryers for hands that would eliminate debris. It was stated that the ultimate goal was to tie this project in with the streetscape program.

Chair Ina Lee asked if someone would make a motion so that staff could move forward to the next step regarding these units so a proposal could be designed for presentation to the City Commission.

Motion made by Eileen Helfer and seconded by Linda Gill for the restroom project to move to the next step so a proposal could be designed for presentation to the City Commission. Board unanimously approved.

Chair Ina Lee commended Earl Prizlee for his hard work.

OVERLAY DISTRICT

Chair Ina Lee advised that Bob LaMattina was out-of-town and unable to attend today's meeting. She stated that this was a complex issue that the Planning Department was not able to tackle at this time. She continued that she wanted to table this matter until the Board's next meeting. She further stated that it appeared they were going to have to hire a consultant for this project.

Steve Glassman stated that it was his understanding that the Board had already discussed the hiring of a consultant.

Ronald Hicks explained that the Planning & Zoning Department had to create the scope of the project, and did not have staff to assign to do so. Steve Glassman asked what the timeframe was for such a matter. Mr. Hicks stated that post-disaster redevelopment would be the top priority at this time. He further stated that the cost for such a consultant was not yet known, and possibly could run between \$100,000 to \$200,000. He further advised that the post-disaster redeveloping could also reach such numbers, and then it would become a budgetary issue. Until the Planning & Zoning Department could create the scope for the project, it would be hard to determine the cost.

Steve Glassman further stated that he was concerned that the longer they waited, he believed there would not be such a district because most of the properties would be demolished in the next few years. He felt it was a philosophical discussion that was taking place.

Chair Ina Lee stated that everyone wanted this overlay district, but they did have to deal with realities. She stated that an update would be provided to the Board at their next meeting.

DISASTER MANAGEMENT PLAN

Chair Ina Lee stated that this was a major issue at this time. She stated that this had been a major concern of hers for quite a while. She further stated that she was very impressed with the presentation given at a meeting she attended by Don Druitt, Domestic Preparedness Emergency Management Coordinator.

Don Druitt explained that the Mayor was the Executive Director of the Task Force, the City Manager was the Director, and he was the Emergency Management Coordinator, along with the Fire Chief, Otis Latin. He stated that they met periodically to discuss various issues and if a disaster occurred everyone reported to the Emergency Operations Center. He explained that the City partnered with Palm Beach and Miami Dade for the task force. He explained further that they attempted to regionalize their efforts because the Counties under the State Statute had to manage public safety for the unincorporated areas. He stated that this City had taken the lead in regard to many issues.

Mr. Druitt stated that there was a disaster preparedness cycle to follow when an emergency occurred. He explained that Louisiana's mitigation plan dealt with the levees over the years, and they had been overwhelmed. He stated that response and recovery then followed and had to be in tune to each other. He explained that the National Incident Management System, National Response Plan, the State of Florida's Plan, Broward County, the City of Fort Lauderdale, and the ordinances governed how they would operate in such instances. He stated that everything was managed by some sort of Federal, State or Local Statute or Ordinance. He explained that every organization should have a strategic plan with goals and vision. He reiterated that the bottom line was to ensure everyone's safety, and then the buildings and the land.

Mr. Druitt showed a diagram of the Task Force. He explained that they operated within the four elements which were operations, planning, logistics and administration. He explained that the four key responsibilities of the task force were to make sure they were equipped properly and trained, the employees were equipped and trained, and that the citizens were informed and prepared. He explained that could be done through websites, training sessions, and brochures.

The fourth responsibility was life safety and property being protected. He proceeded to show a view of the EOC as it currently exists. He explained that due to the bond, they would be moving into a new facility in about one and a half years. He proceeded to show photographs of the new site. He explained that Fire Stations 53 and 88 were being combined. One exit would go to the Airport and the other would go into the community off Cypress Creek. He stated that to the right would be the Fire Training Facility and EOC. He proceeded to show the footprint of the site.

Linda Gill asked where the facility was to be located. Mr. Druitt stated that it would be located at Cypress Creek at the Executive Airport. He further stated that the EOC was presently located at the Police Department on the second floor.

Mr. Druitt further stated that for the last 18 months they were partnering with the City of Miami and had brokered \$500,000 to outfit the City's facility with radios, satellite phones, computers, laptops, and satellite links for television. He stated that this equipment would be presented to the City Commission for their approval. Within 90 days the facility would be outfitted with furniture and the equipment. He stated that Broward County was in quarter-mile grids, and teams were sent out after each storm to determine the status of the City which ranged from 1-4. He explained that 4 was considered catastrophic. He used Las Olas Isles as an example and showed how they used GIS to evaluate the area.

It was stated that Mr. Druitt was the liaison with the County and in constant contact with the City Manager. At the time of a disaster, all department heads also met at the EOC so a plan could be put in place as to what steps should be taken next.

Chair Ina Lee asked how they interfaced with the County from the EOC. Mr. Druitt explained that they used radios, telephones, faxes, and runners, if necessary. Normally, there were conference calls with the County about every 8-12 hours to provide updated information. He stated that websites were also utilized.

Chair Ina Lee asked who the contact person at the County was. Mr. Druitt stated that a representative from the City sat at the County's EOC, and all municipalities were present. He advised that Tony Carpenter was the Director of Emergency Management for the County. He advised further that all municipalities were involved in the conference calls. He also stated that when storms were involved, the National Hurricane Center was also represented.

Chair Ina Lee asked if a catastrophic storm took place and the center was unavailable for use, where would everyone gather to communicate information. Mr. Druitt explained that if there was no communication available and all power was out, then back-up radio systems would be used which were located at all the Fire Stations that were run on generators. He explained that the police and fire personnel had plans in place as to locations to be used for communication purposes. He stated that about 700 people in this City had been trained for such events. He stated that such individuals were concerned Community Emergency Response Teams (CERT).

Linda Gill stated that guests from their hotels were evacuated to shelters, but when the guests were cleared the beaches were not normally ready for them, and therefore, sometimes were stuck in buses. She felt communication between the County and the CBB was lacking.

Mr. Druitt explained that involved issues to be addressed by the after action meetings at the County. He reiterated that the shelters were managed by the County and the Red Cross. He stated that he would bring the bus issue up to the concerned individuals.

Linda Gill stated that last year some of the hotels did not have power, but the buses were dropping off the guests. More communication was needed between the hotels and the shelters.

Chair Ina Lee reiterated that their community was distinct and a tourist community. She stated that she had recommended that after such events, the General Managers of the hotels and buildings should meet with the EOC and decide what needed to be done. She felt a survey should be done of the major properties so the information could be distributed at the concerned meetings.

Linda Gill stated they also needed to work with Nicki Grossman, Greater Fort Lauderdale Convention & Visitors Bureau, so everything could be organized.

Mr. Druitt stated that all such meetings should be held at the County level for all the municipalities.

Mr. Druitt stated that manmade hazards that could occur would be civil unrest and other unrelated weather incidents. He stated that in the first 12-36 hours there are the National Response Packages that are available locally. He proceeded to show items which were available in Fort Lauderdale to provide assistance, such as boats, dive teams, haz-mat teams, and SWAT teams. He also showed photographs of four trailers which house medicine, bandages and other first-aid items that would be needed for a disaster. He further explained that there were enough drugs for 1,000 people for a nerve agent or chemical attack, along with medical aid for 10,000 people in connection with a biological attack. Around the peripheral of the trailers was a civil support team. He explained that prior to 9/11 there had only been two such teams in the entire Country. He stated that there were now 54 teams in existence, and every State had one team. He explained that there was one close to the City that could arrive within six hours, if necessary. Mr. Druitt continued stating that there was also a trailer that had haz-mat suits for 300 people. He explained that the City's haz-mat team had about 10 suits available, and there were four teams within the County.

Mr. Druitt explained that there was also a stockpile of medicine that was in 12 different locations in the US which had enough medicine for 300,000 patients. He proceeded to show photographs of the trailers and their contents. He further stated that they make sure water is available to the citizens after a disaster. He also stated that restrooms had to be made available for use. Mr. Druitt reminded everyone that prescriptions should be refilled in case of a disaster.

Mr. Druitt continued stating that he e-mailed information regarding the progress of the approaching storms to the individuals who needed to be made aware of the situation. He advised of the new storm that was approaching. He further stated that Broward County had a dynamic emergency center with many tools available to them. He explained that the County set the paths for evacuations. He stated that there were about 45,000 shelter spaces that have been approved by the Red Cross in the County. He advised that less than 10% of the people went to shelters.

Brad Fitzgerald asked if the restroom facilities presented today could withstand the 150 mph winds. Mr. Druitt stated that was in accordance with the Building Codes. He added that normally storms with such strong winds also had tornadoes associated with the storms.

Chair Ina Lee stated that one thing that came out of New Orleans was the communication breakdown. She continued stating that hopefully that problem is being addressed in this City. Mr. Druitt stated that satellite phones did not work in buildings, but there was a network of

antennas. He explained that they were buying five satellite bay stations, along with 30 portable units that would be given to a work group and department heads. He explained they were also buying 24 additional hand-held 800 mega hertz radios that would be in the EEOC. He stated that most of the police and fire personnel already had the radios.

Chair Ina Lee further stated that there were two major components of the Beach. One component was the residents who lived in the condominiums, and the tourists in the hotels. She stated that the condominiums did not have a written disaster plan, and she felt there was not a comprehensive plan for the hotels. She suggested that the Presidents of the Condominiums meet with Mr. Druitt and his group so they could create a disaster and recovery plan for their residences. She stated that a symposium had been put in place in Miami to deal with disaster planning. She asked the Chamber of Commerce to lead in such a program, and the meetings were to begin in December. She suggested that the work and coordination could be done through the Central Beach Alliance.

Linda Gill stated that the hoteliers in the past had such workshops. Chair Ina Lee remarked that there were a few new hotels that had not been part of the process in the past. She also felt that changes would be made since the disaster in New Orleans. She recommended that the condominiums could "piggy-back" their information, and she believed this Board could spearhead the program. Linda Gill added that updates could be provided as new information was made known.

Mr. Druitt stated that he sat as the Vice Chair for the Emergency Management Council for Broward County, and they had discussed such issues on a regional basis.

Chair Ina Lee stated that the Beach had not been issued a mandatory evacuation, during the last storm, but the storm came in faster than anyone had anticipated and had done a lot more damage. She felt that preparation had to be made to cover all circumstances.

Linda Gill stated that such preparation had to be made in conjunction with the County. Mr. Druitt remarked that the League of Cities was a good conduit because there needed to be "one message-one voice."

Ron Hicks stated that the condominiums located in the Downtown area should also be included in such a meeting.

Brad Fitzgerald remarked that in some areas residents did not leave their buildings and rode out the storms.

Mr. Druitt agreed that such individuals did not leave their residences. He remarked that he had made presentations at condominiums in the Galt Ocean Mile and he heard such remarks. He stated that New Orleans was a good example now to get people to evacuate and prepare better.

Chair Ina Lee asked if a condominium workshop would be a good idea.

Steve Glassman stated that Commissioner Trantalis and Vice Mayor Teel wanted to do something regarding health emergency management. He explained that they had asked to hold a joint session with the north and central beach areas.

Chair Ina Lee asked what should be the next step in such a process.

Ron Hicks stated that all residents should be invited to the workshops so that information could be given. He felt that an organization should do the coordinating of the groups.

Linda Gill suggested that the Convention and Visitors Bureau, along with the hoteliers, meet to discuss the issues.

Mr. Druitt reiterated that this year was the first in 18 years that this City was going to host the Governors Hurricane Conference which was normally held in Tampa. He stated there would be a forum and possibly these issues could be placed on the agenda for discussion. He suggested that Tony Carpenter, Director of Emergency Management for the County, be contacted because he was the President of the group to coordinate this conference.

Linda Gill asked when the Conference was to be held. Mr. Druitt explained that it would be held in May.

Chair Ina Lee suggested that Nikki Grossman be contacted regarding the organization of a workshop with the County hoteliers, along with Tony Carpenter and other concerned individuals. Mr. Druitt stated that would be a good idea.

Chair Ina Lee stated that they could be the front runner in such planning. She felt they should deal with the high-rises in the City regarding such meetings and preparation. Mr. Druitt reiterated that basically this involved distribution preparation information to all residents.

Linda Gill stated that she had been e-mailed from the Broward Workshop regarding the Business Recovery Centers put together by the County, and asked if they were working with the County on such a program. Mr. Druitt stated that he had heard about this, but had not seen anything as of this time.

Chair Ina Lee stated that this Recovery Plan would be discussed.

BUSINESS FAÇADE IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Earl Prizlee stated that they were going to meet with the business owners to see if they would be interested in such a program.

Chair Ina Lee stated that things were in place to do such a program, but it would be useless unless meetings were held with the property owners to see if they would be interested in a public/private partnership.

Al Miniaci stated that things should start at Sunrise because there would be changes along the Beach in the next 2-3 years. Earl Prizlee stated that their charge was specifically within the CRA area.

Chair Ina Lee stated that for now she felt this issue should be tabled. The Board agreed to do so.

DESIGN ARTS PROGRAM (DAP) GRANT

Chair Ina Lee stated that there was money available, but there was no reason to do this if they were not going to move ahead with the Façade Program.

3-YEAR CIP AND CRA BUDGET

Chair Ina Lee stated that the bottom line was that until definitive information was supplied regarding the rolled over revenues, this budget could not be prepared. Such information was promised to this Board by their next meeting. She stated that they needed to review the last two budgets so comparisons could be made.

It was stated that the Swimming Hall of Fame was seeking a new developer and consultant. It was further stated that history was to be maintained for the area, while making a sustainable project. They were hoping to make the center self-sufficient.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

None.

Motion made by Steve Glassman and seconded by Brad Fitzgerald to adjourn the meeting.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 4:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Margaret A. D'Alessio