

**APPROVED  
MINUTES OF THE  
BEACH REDEVELOPMENT ADVISORY BOARD MEETING  
MONDAY, May 15, 2006– 2:30 P.M.  
FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA  
100 North Andrews Avenue  
8th Floor Conference Room**

<u><b>Board Members</b></u>	<u><b>Attendance</b></u>	<b>2006 Attendance</b>	
		<u><b>P</b></u>	<u><b>A</b></u>
Ina Lee, Chair	P	5	0
Brad Fitzgerald	A	2	3
Shirley Smith	P	5	0
Eileen Helfer	P	5	0
Al Miniaci	P	4	1
Carlos Molinet	P	1	0
Judy Scher	P	5	0
Henry Sniezek	A	3	2
Miranda Lopez	P	4	1
Amauray Piedra	P	3	2

**Staff**

Bob LaMattina, Beach CRA Manager  
Earl Prizlee, Engineering Design Manager  
Silver Lee-Hodge, Board Secretary  
Ron Hicks, Director of Economic Development  
Lavya Vassor, Recording Secretary

**Guests**

Commissioner Charlotte Rodstrom  
Amber Van Buren, Commissioner Rodstrom's Assistant  
Erin Mohers, City Emergency Manager  
Captain Tom Harrington, Fort Lauderdale Police Department  
Brittany Wallman, Sun Sentinel staff writer  
Mayor Jim Naugle

**1. Call to Order/Roll Call**

Chair Lee called the meeting to order at 2:33 p.m.

**2. Introduction of New Board Member**

Chair Lee introduced new Board member Carlos Molinet. Mr. Molinet explained that he had

worked in the hospitality industry for 25 years, managing hotels and casinos. Other Board members and City Staff then introduced themselves in turn.

### **3. Approval of April, 2006 Minutes**

**Motion** made by Ms. Helfer and seconded by Mr. Piedra to approve the minutes of the April 20, 2006 meeting. In a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

### **4. Introduction of Commissioner Rodstrom**

[This item taken out of order]

Commissioner Rodstrom arrived at approximately 3:10 p.m.

Commissioner Rodstrom explained that she had ideas to share about beach development, specifically regarding massing and height. Ms. Rodstrom said she favored giving sections of the beach a fresh look, "not tearing them all down and just building mega-buildings."

Ms. Scher said she had been in Miami Beach Saturday for the Historic Society. She remarked on how their zoning had evolved to encourage interesting development. She felt Fort Lauderdale could make their streets more open and interesting for tourists as well.

Chair Lee said the area Ms. Scher was discussing was outside the BRAB's purview. They had developed an overlay district to allow zoning changes. Chair Lee said the BRAB could not take this on, since it was outside their area. Commissioner Rodstrom noted that they must be sure that areas blended together.

### **5. Update of BID Motion**

Mr. Hicks said there was no news. They would go before the Central Beach Alliance Board on May 18.

### **6. Update Streetscape Phase IA & 1B - RFQ**

Mr. Prizlee said the project was moving along at a rapid pace. He explained that they hoped to have the bids by July 12 and were hoping to start construction by September 1. The project should last until February 2007. Chair Lee clarified that Phase 1A concerned the roadway from Las Olas Bridge to the Beach. Mr. Prizlee explained that they would not construct both sidewalks simultaneously. Mr. Prizlee confirmed that he was going in front of the CRA on June 6, and asked the Board to attend. Mr. Prizlee explained that everything else in the CRA was up

for an RFQ that was due May 22.

Chair Lee wanted to have something made that would explain to the public what the finished project would look like. Mr. Prizlee said he could add a photo to the already approved project signs.

#### **7. Update Hotel Disaster Plan**

Mr. Piedra explained that last week they had completed plans for communication. A transmitter would be installed at Pier 66 and the cost would be split among the major hotels. This would ensure that all properties were getting consistent information. Any hotel wishing to participate could purchase a hand-held radio. Each property would be issued a certain number of ID cards for their key personnel, in order for them to access the properties. They had also decided on staging areas for employees.

Mr. Piedra explained to Mr. Miniaci that the program could be expanded to include other beach businesses. Mr. LaMattina said there were plans to contact other business owners already.

#### **8. Condo Recovery Plan**

Ms. Erin Mohers, City Emergency Manager, explained that the condo plan on which they were working was a partnership between the City, the Fire Department and Chair Lee. They had created a template to distribute to building managers that both requested and supplied information. After the information was collected, it was compiled into a booklet for distribution at the individual condos. The information was also kept by the Fire Department, for its own use during a disaster.

Ms. Mohers stated they had developed several preparedness presentations as well; these had already been offered to Points of Americas as a pilot program to obtain feedback from their administration and residents. It would be made available on the City's website at the end of May.

Chair Lee said they needed a location at which to invite the condo building manager, security manager and structural of engineering manager for the technical presentation on May 30. Chair Lee wondered if the Aquatic Center could be utilized. Mr. LaMattina agreed to find out if the space was available on May 30.

#### **9. Old/New Business**

**Old Business:**

Beach Toilets

Regarding the new beach toilets, Mr. Hicks said the City Manager wanted a demo. Mr. Prizlee felt a demo would be too expensive. Chair Lee said the Board had seen the demo. They had been working on this issue for approximately 8 years and they had finally found a good solution. She suggested Mr. Prizlee obtain some written endorsements from municipalities already using the toilets. They should then install the first one in their area using CRA funds.

Community Redevelopment Agency Budget

Chair Lee distributed copies of the budget to Board members.

Mr. LaMattina said they had developed a new operating budget for the CRA. The current project total was \$3 million. Mr. LaMattina explained various line items in the budget and their costs.

Regarding the redesign of the Aquatic Center, Mr. Hicks said they would meet Friday to discuss the four respondents. Later on, they would meet with each respondent to view their design ideas, and request that each provide a feasibility study for the site's redevelopment.

Mr. Hicks described his ideas for the site. Ms. Lopez noted that parking was a problem and the bleachers in the complex did not provide any shade. She had some suggestions for the site, noting it would be an excellent venue for conventions and meetings.

Chair Lee said it would be wonderful if the City worked out a deal so they did not need to use their budgeted \$28 million. Mr. Hicks said the redevelopment would be very expensive, and the developers were always trying to get them to "deal" to allow the developers' other projects. Mr. Hicks felt they should therefore not count on being able to save their money. Ms. Scher agreed, saying she did not want to be in the position again of fighting off "zillion-story" condos.

Chair Lee introduced Mayor Naugle to the Board.

Mr. LaMattina reminded the Board that the St. Regis and the Lauderdale Beach Club's assessments would be added into their CRA money, and this should be a substantial increase. Mr. LaMattina drew the Board's attention to the Ending Balance for Projects, which was \$2.4 million with an Update Amendment of \$1.8 million and noted that they were in a position to fund current projects.

Beach Disaster Recovery

Chair Lee felt the City had not dealt with the potential impact of a high-category hurricane that destroyed the beach, and the City's inability to rebuild the beach as it currently exists. Research

had shown that counties with a plan managed to rebuild much quicker than those without. Mr. Hicks said the City had an RFP for a study, but there were no respondents and estimates for the study were \$250,000. Chair Lee wanted something to be in place, even if it was temporary, and Ms. Scher agreed.

Chair Lee remembered a "paragraph" Paul Costanza had obtained from another county that she felt they could use as a stopgap. Ms. Scher said this paragraph stated that "everything as it is, as it exists, could be rebuilt the same." Mr. Miniaci noted that several buildings would not be allowed to rebuild under current codes. Chair Lee felt the paragraph could be found with the minutes of the meeting at which Paul Costanza gave his presentation regarding rebuilding plans. Chair Lee wanted to create a resolution to introduce that paragraph [or some version thereof] to the City Commission to investigate putting something in place as quickly as possible. In the meantime, Chair Lee wanted to collect the research Mr. Costanza had done last year.

**Motion** made by Ms. Scher, seconded by Ms. Helfer, to recommend to the City Commission, acting as the CRA Board, to put legislation in place by the start of the 2006 hurricane season that would allow existing structures and existing uses on the barrier island to be rebuilt as such. In a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

#### Vision 2020

Chair Lee distributed a copy of the document created by the Central Beach Vision Workshop in 1997. Chair Lee wanted to revisit this in the fall and then implement their suggestions.

#### **New Business:**

Chair Lee urged Board members to attend the June 6 Commission meeting; she felt the streetscape plan was their most urgent issue.

Chair Lee asked the Board if they agreed to change their regular meeting time to 2:30; the Board agreed.

**Motion** made by Ms. Helfer, seconded by Mr. Piedra, to change the Board's meeting time from 3:00 pm to 2:30 p.m. permanently. In a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

## **10. Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 4:00p.m.

Handouts:

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1. 2005-2006 CRA budget
2. 1997 Vision 2020 document