

APPROVED
MINUTES OF THE
BEACH REDEVELOPMENT ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
MONDAY, JULY 17, 2006– 2:30 P.M.
FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA
100 North Andrews Avenue
8th Floor Conference Room

<u>Board Members</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>2006 Cumulative</u>	
		<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Brad Fitzgerald, Vice Chair	P	4	3
Eileen Helfer	P	7	0
Ina Lee, Chair	P	6	1
Miranda Lopez	P	6	1
Al Miniaci	A	4	3
Carlos Molinet	P	3	0
Amauray Piedra	A	3	4
Judy Scher	P	7	0
Shirley Smith	A	6	1
Henry Sniezek	P	5	2

Staff

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

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

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

2. Approval of June 2006 Minutes

Motion made by Ms. Helfer and seconded by Mr. Molinet to approve the minutes of the June 2006 meeting. Board unanimously approved.

3. Discussion of Business Improvement District [BID] as it relates to CRA

Ron Hicks, Director, Economic Development

Mr. Hicks reported that the City Commission would discuss the Business Improvement District [BID] the following day. Mr. Hicks reminded the Board that the BID was a self-imposed fee paid by the property owners, separate from property taxes, requiring an annual budget process and approval by the Commission. Mr. Hicks said 68% of the commercial properties had signed a petition supporting the BID. The average payment would be \$1,500, ranging from \$500 - \$42,000 per business. Mr. Hicks said that in order to show the Commission how important the Capital Improvement Plan was, they needed to show that the property owners were willing to make a contribution to the future.

4. Update Streetscape Phase 1A & 1B - RFQ

Phase 1A

Mr. LaMattina reported that the Commission would vote on whether to transfer the \$4.1 million funding for the program the following day. Mr. LaMattina said they had received one bid on the project, for \$3.8 million; the City's estimate had been \$3.1 million. Mr. Prizlee was currently working with this bidder to try to find ways to reduce the costs. Mr. LaMattina noted that raw materials prices had risen significantly since the estimate. Ms. Scher was concerned that only one bid had been received. Mr. Fitzgerald wondered if it was possible to get the Commission to agree to the higher price and put the contract out to bid again; he felt this might draw more bids for the project. Mr. LaMattina said this would postpone the project and it would never be completed this year.

Mr. Fitzgerald said he had "real reservations about starting the project in the middle of the Boat Show." He felt that any contract should specifically block work from being performed and require removal of construction materials during the Boat Show.

Motion made by Mr. Molinet, seconded by Ms. Helfer, to include language in the project contract prohibiting construction Monday through Monday the week of the Boat Show, and to require removal of all barricades and equipment. Board unanimously approved.

Phase 1B

Mr. LaMattina reported that they were meeting the next day to discuss the RFQ for Phase 1B; he thought the first firm's presentation would be made then.

5. Update Condo Recovery Plan

[This item taken out of order]

Board members were very concerned about the lack of attendance to the presentations. Chair Lee suggested scheduling a presentation in approximately two weeks during the day instead of in the evening. Chair Lee agreed to speak with Steve Glassman the next day to discuss this and

report back to the Board.

Chair Lee asked if there was an update on the hotel aspect of the disaster recovery plan. Mr. Molinet was not aware of any. Mr. Molinet agreed to follow up on this with Mr. Piedra.

6. Old/New Business

BRAB Members

Old Business:

Chair Lee said she would meet with the City Manager to get his feedback prior to the Board's discussing several issues, such as the beach toilets, the beach playground area, and the Vision 2020 process.

New Business:

Ms. Scher was worried about the increase in traffic and lack of beach parking with the new resident-only parking permits north of Sunrise. Mr. Fitzgerald said that beachgoers would be forced to park at Hugh Taylor Birch State Park and cross the street.

Mr. Fitzgerald mentioned an article in the Sun Sentinel regarding a section of the beach wall that was broken. Mr. Fitzgerald felt there was no excuse for this threat to public safety. He thought this type of repair should be handled as soon as the City was made aware of it. Chair Lee agreed, and said this sort of issue was the reason for the BID.

Chair Lee informed the Board that the City Manager was presenting a Capital Improvement plan for the beach to the City Commission separate from the BID. She wanted the BRAB to be kept informed about this so they could be part of the decision-making process.

Chair Lee agreed to let the Board know if they would need to meet in August.

1. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 3:15 p.m.