

Approved

BEACH REDEVELOPMENT ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

Monday, October 16, 2006 at 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>
Ina Lee	P	8	1
Judith Scher	P	9	0
Eileen Helfer	P	9	0
Henry Sniezek	P	7	2
Shirley Smith	P	9	1
Brad Fitzgerald	P	6	3
Al Miniaci	A	5	4
Eunice Miranda Lopez	A	7	2
Amaury J. Piedra	P	5	4
Carlos Molinet	P	5	0

Staff

Ronald Hicks, Economic Development Director

Silver Lee-Hodge, Board Secretary

Earl Prizlee, CRA Engineering Design Manager

Al Lovingshimer, City of Fort Lauderdale-Code Compliance

Mario Sotolongo, City of Fort Lauderdale-Code Compliance

Peter Partington, City of Fort Lauderdale-City Engineer

John Zigler, Consultant for City-Kelton Associate for Traffic

Diana Alarcon, City of Fort Lauderdale-Assistant Parking Services Manger

John Hoelzle, City of Fort Lauderdale-Director of Parking & Fleet Services

Amber VanBuren, Assistant to Commissioner Rodstrom

Anthony Williams, City of Fort Lauderdale Police Department

George Gretsas, City Manager

Patricia Smith, City of Fort Lauderdale - Secretary Economic Development

Mona Laventure, Recording Secretary

Guests

John Zigler, Consultant for Kelton Associate

I. Call to Order/Roll Call

Chair Ina Lee called meeting to order at 2:30pm. Roll call was taken by Recording Secretary, Mona Laventure.

II. Approval of September 18, 2006 Minutes

Motion made by Mrs. Lee and seconded by Ms. Eileen Helfer to approve the September 18, 2006 meeting minutes. Board unanimously approved.

III. Update Streetscape Phase 1A & 1B

Earl Prizlee

Phase 1A

Mr. Prizlee reported that Phase 1A is well under construction. The gas line has been relocated, some drainage installed and almost the trees relocated to DC Alexander Park. The contractors are working as hard as possible to clean up the drainage on Birch Road prior to the Boat Show. Mr. Prizlee stated that the contractor is comfortable that the roads will be opened in December and completed by January.

Phase 1B

Ms. Prizlee reported that they have gone through the CCNA process and ranked the consultants. There is one more meeting scheduled before the City Commission to ask for permission to enter into negotiation with the highest ranked consultants. As soon as permission is given, Mr. Prizlee will consult with the consultants to prepare the scope of Phase 1B and negotiate fees. As soon as that is completed, a task order to start the process will be prepared.

IV. Update Restrooms Discussion

Earl Prizlee

Mr. Prizlee stated that the first step taken to update the restrooms was to review what they have now and how it is being maintained.

Mr. Prizlee stated that a lot of time was spent with vendors comparing the differences between automated and conventional restrooms. A design plan was handed out to the Board. Estimated costs were as follows:

- Traditional Restrooms
 - Estimated Cost \$290,000
 - Monthly Maintenance \$1,500 (\$18,000 Annual-includes; maintenance, consumables, and daily visits).
- Single Automated Accessible (Single Unisex Accessible)
 - Estimated Cost \$168,000

- Monthly Maintenance-\$2000
- Double Automated (Two Unisex Stalls)
 - Estimated Cost \$228, 000
 - Monthly Maintenance-\$2500 (\$30,000 Annual-includes; consumables, maintenance, repair, and daily visit monitoring)

Mr. Prizlee stated that they are looking at a cost of approximately \$36,000 annually.

In reference to Ms. Scher's question of charging for the use of these toilets, Mrs. Lee stated that there are a couple of options in term of payments that the City is looking at, i.e., charging for use of the stalls or placing advertising on the stalls as other municipalities have done.

Mrs. Lee commented on finding out how much other major municipalities are charging for signage to offset the cost. Mr. Brad Fitzgerald commented on seeing if there is a way to have the County pay for this project since the beach is utilized by residents county-wide. This will be investigated in order to see what can be done.

V. Corrected Five Year Budget Projection

Mrs. Lee stated that the budget is basically the same as previously reported, with corrected numbers. Mr. Hicks stated that since Mr. Bob LaMattina was not present at the meeting, the Board should hold off on all questions regarding the budget until his return.

VI. 3 Plus 2 Consultant

Ina Lee

Mrs. Lee stated that the request for an extension for the 3 Plus 2 project funding was granted.

Mrs. Lee also stated that Commissioner Rodstrom was holding meetings in this regard. Mrs. Lee recommended that Ms. Smith participate in those meetings as she had been part of the original committee that worked on the 3 Plus 2 project.

Mrs. Lee had requested Commission Rodstrom have the consultants working on the 22 Seconds project be present at their meeting to discuss it further; however, the City Manager requested to have this item placed on the next agenda, due to it being the last meeting before the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) demonstration. The consultants will make a presentation regarding this project enabling them to make a recommendation to the City Commission.

Mr. Hicks handed out a copy of the City Commission's next agenda, including letters sent to the FDOT from Mr. Gretsas requesting an extension for the Seabreeze widening project due to lack

of funding, which was granted by the FDOT to October 27, 2006, although it was indicated that this will be the last extension granted.

Mrs. Lee stated that she would like to hear from the staff involved in the original study, asking if the money was available and whether it would still be a good idea to go through with the 3 Plus 2 project. Mr. Hicks pointed out that they had to consider projects waiting to be completed, but being held due to lack of funds. There is \$15 million dollars available citywide.

Mr. John Zigler, Consultant for Keltson Associate, presented the Board with a cost benefit analysis for the 22 Second project. The purpose of the plan is to provide two-way traffic on Seabreeze Boulevard. This will serve as a local bypass for beach traffic. The plan includes adding a third lane northbound between Bahia Mar and Las Olas. The cost for this project is in excess of \$32 million dollars.

Ms. Smith commented that when the project first commenced, it was a 4 Plus 2 project. However, due to expenses and the amount of land involved, it was decided that 4 Plus 2 was not possible and it was changed to 3 Plus 2. Ms. Smith also stated that if something is not done soon near the beach area, traffic will become impossible in five to ten years.

In response to Mrs. Lee's question, Mr. Hoelzle stated that 22 seconds is based on average savings of each vehicle traveling northbound from Bahia Mar to Las Olas, multiplied by the number of vehicles projected. The 22 seconds savings would apply to all traffic currently on Route A1A, plus all traffic projected to increase due to these new projects. In essence, if the 3 Plus 2 is not completed, it is anticipated that the traffic issue will become much worse.

Mr. Gretsas stated currently there is no funding for the 3 Plus 2 project, adding that the FDOT does not believe this is a viable project and it will simply not be approved when there are other more urgent projects in need of completion. He was advised by FDOT that money will only be granted for projects involving land and road capacity.

Mr. Fitzgerald stated that although the money is not there, traffic will only get worse and the Board will need to go back into the planning stage which, in the long run will cost more money. Mr. Gretsas suggested working on traffic synchronizations, which will be a more cost effective way to improve traffic flow along the beach.

VII. Old/New Business

BRAB Members

Old Business

Mr. Hicks stated that the bid is moving forward. The City Attorney's office has requested an expert provide detail of the information that would be required in the original assessment resolution. It is expected the bid procedure will be pushed back to the end of January.

New Business

Mr. Hicks advised that local hotels are looking for new employees for service-oriented positions and he will be setting up a meeting with Commissioner Moore to find ways to recruit new employees, especially within the City of Ft. Lauderdale.

Mrs. Lee stated that the Board should attend the next City Commission meeting to make sure that money is allocated towards the beach.

Ms. Helfer asked why the Sun Trolley schedule is not advertised. Mr. Hicks stated that the CRA will look further into that matter.

Motion made by Mrs. Lee and seconded by Ms. Helfer to adjourn at 4:04 p.m.