

**APPROVED**  
**BEACH REDEVELOPMENT BOARD**  
**100 NORTH ANDREWS AVENUE**  
**8<sup>th</sup> FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM**  
**FORT LAUDERDALE, FL 33301**  
**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2014 – 2:30 P.M.**

MEMBERS	FEB 2014/JAN 2015				
	REGULAR MTGS		SPECIAL MTGS		
		Present	Absent	Present	Absent
Anthony Abbate, Chair	P	1	0	0	0
Ina Lee, Vice Chair	P	1	0	0	0
Jordana L. Jarjura	A	0	1	0	0
Dan Matchette	P	1	0	0	0
Melissa Milroy	P	1	0	0	0
Judith Scher	P	1	0	0	0
Tim Schiavone	P	1	0	0	0
Andy Mitchell, Jr.	P	1	0	0	0
Shirley Smith	P	1	0	0	0
Aiton Yaari	A	0	1	0	0

**Staff**

Don Morris, Economic Reinvestment Administrator  
Eileen Furedi, Clerk II  
Lieutenant Bill Schultz, Police Department  
Lisa Edmondson, Recording Secretary, Prototype, Inc.

**Communications to the City Commission**

None.

**I. Call to Order/Roll Call – Anthony Abbate, Vice Chair**

Vice Chair Abbate called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m.

**• Quorum Requirement**

As of this date there were 10 appointed members to the Board, which means 6 would constitute a quorum. It was noted there was a quorum at the commencement of the meeting.

**II. Election of Chair and Vice Chair**

Vice Chair Abbate nominated Ms. Lee for Chair; Ms. Lee declined the nomination.

Upon nomination duly made and seconded and with the consensus of the Board Members, Mr. Abbate was elected Chairperson.

Upon nomination duly made and seconded and with the consensus of the Board Members, Ms. Lee was elected Vice Chair.

### **III. Approval of Minutes - Chair Abbate**

- **September 16, 2013**

**Motion** by Vice Chair Lee, seconded by Ms. Scher, to approve the minutes of the September 16, 2013, meeting. In a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

- **January 27, 2014**

**Motion** by Ms. Milroy, seconded by Ms. Smith, to approve the minutes of the January 27, 2014, meeting. In a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

### **IV. Police Department Update - Police Department Representative**

Lieutenant Bill Schultz, evening shift commander for the beach, introduced himself, noting he also serves as commander of large special events on the beach.

Lieutenant Schultz provided a brief update on Beach Place; he stated the police have a year-long jurisdiction with the establishment. So far they have complied with all requests; they have added security for special events; and they have added off-duty police services.

A recent necklace-snatching on Bayshore near Birch Crest Apartments was brought up, and Lieutenant Schultz remarked that that type of crime does usually happen in daylight.

Lieutenant Schultz continued that criminal activity from the south part of the beach up through Beach Place is primarily car burglaries. He cited increasing entry into vehicles using a new device called a scrambler, which provides entry into any car that has a wireless/electronic key entry. Lieutenant Schultz urged tourists to leave valuables in their hotel room. He continued that they are using bait cars in various locations.

Regarding Spring Break, Lieutenant Schultz reported they expect three heavy weeks in March and they have an action plan in place. There will be State-provided plain-clothes agents monitoring for under-age drinking on the beach.

Lieutenant Schultz observed a lot of overflowing trash cans on the beach on the day before (Sunday) and trash on the sand - he is addressing that with Parks and Recreation. Mr. Morris said they will have more cleaning crews during Spring Break;

the assistance provided by the BID will be part of the 24-hour crews. He added that the members of the BID have identified heavy use weekends, and Lieutenant Schultz requested a copy of the list for staffing purposes.

Chair Abbate suggested they explore alternative methods of promoting a clean beach, maybe providing bags for people to take their own trash out. Discussion ensued about trash pickup. Mr. Morris will follow up on the subject.

**V. Update on Las Olas Corridor and SR A1A / Almond Avenue Contracts - Don Morris, Economic Reinvestment Administrator**

Mr. Morris reported that negotiations are finishing up with Keith and Schnars. The contract will be twofold: there will be a contract to have funds for doing work in the CRA, and they will also provide a cost estimate to do design work outside the CRA. Funding needs to be identified before the contract can be approved, and funding is not yet identified.

Mr. Morris said there are a total of 121 acres of CRA area on the beach, and the majority of the construction will occur in the CRA. The design for the portion north of A1A will be new pavers and such. Within the CRA, there will be relocated trees and other impediments, and construction of the bathroom.

Vice Chair Lee suggested a private/public partnership for a walk near the hotels; Chair Abbate thought Ms. Alarcon would be a good resource for that. Mr. Morris clarified that the MPO grants would be for construction, not for funding. Mr. Morris recommended that Ms. Alarcon and MPO representatives attend a meeting.

Concern was raised about the time it takes to get contracts into operation. Mr. Mitchell suggested having a rolling list of pending contracts, and Chair Abbate asked to see a "scorecard" of scheduled budget items monthly. Reaching out to developers was also recommended so they can integrate their projects with the CRA projects. Mr. Morris commented that there is a principal planner in his office responsible for overseeing private projects, and he could attend a Board meeting.

Mr. Morris noted they are hopeful that the swap between the condominiums and the City for the Alhambra Parking Lot will occur.

Regarding the garage/green roof, Mr. Morris stated they are preparing a rough cost estimate for the City Commission for programming purposes.

There was a brief discussion about what was happening at Almond Avenue, and Mr. Morris said that the City Commission had recommended waiting to see what a private developer might do there. Right now they are looking doing the bare minimum to make it attractive enough for a developer to come in. In addition, a level of public investment

must be evident that can tie into the future value of the property from a developer's point of view.

#### **VI. Update on DC Alexander Park Concept Plans - Don Morris, Economic Reinvestment Administrator**

Mr. Morris reported the following developments:

- Making the park more active, more child-oriented during the day, but also flexible enough for weekend or evening events such as farmers' market, art fair, etc.
- Put in the necessary infrastructure
- Visual connections from the Aquatics Complex
- Very large interactive water feature for children to be main focus (will have capability of turning it off)
- Parks and Recreation wants more hardscape
- Will meet with adjacent property owners to the immediate south
- Will show basic concepts to the City Commission on March 4

Also suggested were having small and large music events.

Regarding Fifth Street, Mr. Morris said they are looking at widening the sidewalk along the commercial area to allow for more development, such as sidewalk cafes.

Concern was expressed about the concepts going to the City Commission before the Board has a chance to review them. Mr. Morris said it could be arranged to have Chair Abbate meet with staff, and/or the plans could come before this Board. Discussion ensued on how to integrate the Board's input into the process. Chair Abbate proposed a workshop before it goes to the City Commission on the matter; several members thought that would slow down the matter, and it would be better to get direction from the City Commission at the outset. Mr. Morris stated the project will also go through the CCNA process. Chair Abbate noted that either he or the Vice Chair would attend the City Commission meeting.

Mr. Morris thought it would be helpful to have EDSA be present at the next meeting to facilitate understanding of the progress on the Las Olas Corridor project. He added that the Las Olas garage will be part of the Corridor project.

Mr. Morris reported that the Aquatics Complex project is in DRC at this time; he thought it would be helpful if RDC would come to a Board meeting to provide up-to-date information. It was also suggested that Parks and Recreation talk on the subject. Mr. Morris stated that the Hall of Fame is not coming back.

By consensus, the Board agreed to keep their next meeting date on March 17, St. Patrick's Day.

#### **VII. Communications to the City Commission - None.**

### **VIII. Old/New Business**

Vice Chair Lee recommended a letter to the City Commission recognizing Mr. Deckelbaum's service to the Board. Mr. Morris will write it and distribute it for comments.

Ms. Milroy resurrected the idea of having a walking tour of the beach. Discussion included the following ideas:

- others could be invited
- have it on an air conditioned trolley or pedi-cab

Mr. Morris advised the Board of the Sunshine Law requirements. Chair Abbate suggested everyone have a specific task and photograph the items on their checklist for later discussion. Chair Abbate will send copies of the matrix they could use for their tour.

Mr. Morris said that previous walking tours were focused on maintenance issues, but due to staff shortages now, that is less of a focus. There was a discussion about whether the tour would be to inventory conditions or envision the plans.

Ms. Smith pointed out that there has been sand "all over the grass" for about four months at the big parking lot at A1A and Las Olas.

Vice Chair Lee said there are many areas that need attention that they are not following.

By consensus, the Board agreed to go on their inventory tour, meet and discuss their findings, and then follow up with the appropriate City personnel (invite representatives to the meetings) to find solutions.

Mr. Schiavone suggested doing the inventory in the height of their busy season, at least before Easter. By consensus, the Board decided to have the tour on a morning in March; Mr. Morris will send out a list of prospective dates.

Mr. Morris announced that the Howard Johnson's will be imploded the coming Saturday at 11:00 a.m.

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, Chair Abbate adjourned the meeting at 3:43 p.m.