

Streetscape Workshop of the
Downtown Development Authority
Wednesday, August 20, 2008
DDA Office, 305 South Andrews Ave, Suite 301, Fort Lauderdale @ 4:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

BOARD PRESENT: Charles B. Ladd, Secretary
William Scherer, Board Member
Peter Feldman, Board Member

ALSO PRESENT: Chris Wren, Executive Director
Elizabeth Veliky, Planning & Design Manager
John Milledge
Neil Sterling
Jennifer Sammons
Pete Ebersole

The meeting started at 4:05 p.m.

Mr. Ladd began the meeting by briefly summarizing the progress made to date with the streetscape efforts. Mr. Scherer explained his concerns about the designs for the southern streets. The following were key points made:

General Comments

- Crosswalks should be made of stamped concrete rather than brick
- The City of Fort Lauderdale, Broward County and the DDA to work collaboratively toward obtaining traffic studies for SE/SW 6th and 7th Street West of Federal Hwy to 4th Avenue before furthering design studies
- Continue design studies for 6th and 7th Street pending results of traffic studies
- Obtain surveys for 4th and 5th street west of Andrews Avenue to Flagler, and SW 6th Street, West to 4th Avenue.

SE Sixth Street

- Signalize @ intersection of 5th Avenue
- Anticipate effect on traffic flow with the construction of new office building north of 6th Street and the additional levels to the garage structure west of 5th Avenue
- Verify closing of 6th Street and Federal Hwy with FDOT

SE/SW Seventh Street

- Left turn lane at Federal Highway
- Westbound, right turn at 3rd, left straight turn
- 2 lanes, no parallel parking from Federal Highway to Andrews Avenue
- Westbound at Andrews Ave., right turn lane, left turn straight

- Eastbound at Andrews Ave, right turn lane, left turn straight
- 3 lanes west of Andrews Ave. to SW 4th Ave. (2 westbound lanes, 1 eastbound lane), no parallel parking, maximize landscaping with the exception of parallel parking on the south side along Hardy Park frontage

The group did not discuss 4th and 5th Streets and as there was no other discussion, the meeting ended at 4:45 p.m.

Transit Finance Committee Workshop of the
Downtown Development Authority
Wednesday, August 20, 2008
DDA Office, 305 S. Andrews Avenue, Suite 301 @ 3:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

BOARD PRESENT: Charlie Ladd, Board Member (Chair of Committee)
Peter Feldman, Board Member

ALSO PRESENT: Chris Wren, DDA Executive Director
Elizabeth Veliky, DDA Planning & Design Manager
John Milledge
Neil Sterling
Chuck Adams
Harry Newstreet

The meeting started at 3:07 p.m.

Mr. Ladd began the meeting by directing staff to get detailed back up and schedule a meeting to go over how the project was reduced to arrive at PB's assessment of the ranking.

Mr. Milledge gave an update on the hospital district status and indicated there has been positive dialog between the DDA and the hospital administration. He said they want the DDA to prepare a design for the hospital owned property to show a mixed use development.

Mr. Ladd directed staff to find out how much the former CVS property is selling for off of Andrews and 17th St.

The group discussed the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) strategy. On the subject, Mr. Ladd directed staff to find out if the DDA lobbyists represent any other streetcar project in the U.S.

Mr. Adams led the discussion on the special assessment process including critical dates. The group concurred that the DDA should move forward with the special assessment for a 2009/2010 collection whether or not they submit to FTA this September.

Ms. Veliky sought direction regarding a work authorization for Keith & Associates relating to the special assessment. Mr. Ladd raised concern over one of the task orders involving parking garages. He questioned the methodology of assessing garage square footage. Staff was directed to find out exactly how the consultant plans on determining the breakdown of garage square footage versus building square footage. He emphasized that once the DDA has the breakdown, garage square footage should be treated differently than the building square footage.

Mr. Wren gave the group an update on the residential outreach efforts. He said they plan on meeting with all the neighborhoods and downtown residents soon with a focus on safety and security. He continued saying that after that round of meetings, the DDA will meet with them regarding the Wave and the special assessment.

Discussion was held over the ability to assess without a full funding grant agreement (FFGA) from the federal government. Mr. Milledge said he thinks the DDA is okay to assess before having a FFGA. He continued to explain that the DDA would just continue to collect and upon the FFGA, they would be able to execute the work.

Mr. Adams emphasized the need to begin dialog with the City on an interlocal agreement. Mr. Wren echoed this sentiment and directed staff to set this up.

As there was no other discussion, the meeting ended at 4:00 p.m.