

Wave/Streetscape Workshop of the
Downtown Development Authority
Wednesday, November 4, 2009
DDA Office, 305 South Andrews Avenue, #301, Fort Lauderdale @ 3:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL

BOARD PRESENT: Charlie Ladd, Chairman
Alan Hooper, Vice-Chairman
Dennis O'Shea, Treasurer

ALSO PRESENT: Chris Wren, DDA Executive Director
Elizabeth Van Zandt, DDA Planning & Design Manager
John Milledge
Hugh Johnson

The meeting started at 3:35 p.m.

Discussion was held regarding the parameters of one way pairs. The route was discussed, as well as the directional movement (clockwise vs. counter clockwise). The group reached consensus on going clockwise because of the ability to make right turns, which reduces travel time.

Mr. Wren voiced concern over right turns due to possibly having to purchase right of way to make the turn with the streetcar vehicle. He said we will need to have the transit consultant provide more input as it relates to the potential impacts on the streetcar system.

Mr. O'Shea asked what the DDA's goal was for one way pairing and what it is that is trying to be fixed. Mr. Hooper answered that one way pairs will allow for safer, calmer streets because you can add more amenities in the corridor like wider sidewalks and on street parking, while still affording the optimum number of lanes to move traffic. He added that it will help the Wave and it will make our community more livable.

Discussion was held regarding one way, single track alignment and two way double track alignment. Mr. Wren indicated that the transit consultant says it will actually cost more capital to do the single track one way loop than it will to run the Wave on its current proposed alignment. In terms of operational cost, it should be the same. Mr. Ladd challenged the increased cost and asked that more analysis be done on the matter.

Mr. Wren asked that this item be walked on the November Board agenda, under the transit item. Mrs. Van Zandt said she would work with Mr. Johnson on the presentation details.

As there were no other items to discuss, the workshop ended at 4:45 p.m.