

Wave Workshop of the
Downtown Development Authority
Thursday, November 5, 2009
Broward County Governmental Center, Room 409G
115 S. Andrews Avenue - Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301 @ 9:00 a.m.

ROLL CALL

BOARD PRESENT: Charlie Ladd, Chairman
Greg Durden, Board Member

ALSO PRESENT: Chris Wren, DDA Executive Director
Elizabeth Van Zandt, DDA Planning & Design Manager
John Milledge, DDA General Counsel
Bertha Henry
Pamela Madison
Richard Brossard
Monica Cepero
Chris Walton
Barney McCoy

The meeting started at 9:12 a.m.

Ms. Henry began the meeting by stating that she is getting prepared to do the County's 5 year work program and wanted to fully understand where the Wave project is currently and where it is intended to be over the next 5 years. Discussion was held on the subject.

Ms. Henry asked that the current operation and maintenance cost and assumptions be provided to her to aid in her work program planning.

Discussion was held regarding the viability of securing federal funds for the project. Mr. Walton brought up his concerns regarding getting through the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) with a favorable rating. Mr. Wren explained that because the project is a streetcar and serves as an urban circulator, it is unlikely that FTA will recommend the project for funding under the current evaluation criteria. He said the project team has expected this was the case for some time now. He did state, however, that the project should get approval from FTA to move into the next phase of consultant work, which is Preliminary Engineering (PE).

Chairman Ladd then explained the strong support at the federal level to see this project is implemented. Mr. Wren and Mr. Milledge further added on the subject.

Discussion was held regarding the project administration for design and construction. Ms. Henry made it clear that the County is looking for a turn key operation and does not want staff to be administering the contracts leading up to operations and maintenance. She did indicate that there will need to be involvement from County staff with the grant administration and system training leading up to revenue service.

General discussion was held.

The group decided that upon getting rated by FTA to move into PE, another meeting should be set up to go over next steps.

As there were no other items to discuss, the workshop ended at 9:50 a.m.