

**POMPANO BEACH
COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY**

**EAST CRA ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES**

Thursday, May 5, 2016
Emma Lou Olson Civic Center
6:00 p.m.

A. CALL TO ORDER

Jack Rogerson called the meeting of the East CRA Advisory Committee to order at 6:00 p.m.

B. ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Jack Rogerson – Chairman
Judy Niswonger – Vice Chair
Fred Stacer
David Arlein
Rafael Katz
Ray Lubomski

ABSENT

Robert Shelley
Rod Trzcinski
Kenneth Rodgers

ALSO PRESENT

Commissioner Barry Dockswell
Kim Briesemeister – CRA Co-Executive Director
Chris Brown – CRA Co-Executive Director
Adriane Esteban – CRA Project Manager
Horacio Danovich – CIP Manager
Cathy Trenkle – CRA Clerk

C. ADDITIONS/DELETIONS/REORDERING

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. April 7, 2016

Motion made by **David Arlein** to approve the April 7, 2016, amended East CRA Meeting Minutes. Seconded by **Fred Stacer**. On roll call, motion passed unanimously.

E. NEW BUSINESS

None

F. OLD BUSINESS

1. Connectivity Plan

Kim Briesemeister reported this item will now be called Innovation District and there will be an update at the next meeting. **Horacio Danovich** is working with Paul

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Kissinger with EDSA to work out the connections. She explained the intersection at Dixie and Atlantic is only catering to vehicles and it needs to be a complete street with all modes of transportation in mind.

2. ETOC

Kim Briesemeister reported there have been two meetings which went very well. At the meeting on the 16th there were tables with maps of the city where people could see their homes and workplaces and ask questions about what impact their lives. The second was a special meeting with the P&Z Board which covered the same items. Next there will be an internal meeting and then back to the P&Z Board. Right now the process is at the “land use stage” of the plan.

3. Beach Garage

Horacio Danovich reported the garage project is moving right along and the new Pier Street is partially paved already. June 30 is the potential soft opening and the garage is expected to be open for the July 4th celebration. He explained the sails do not appear white right now but in the end they will be white.

4. Atlantic Blvd. Bridge

Horacio Danovich reported on the Bridge and the lights on Atlantic. The light installation will start this Monday on Atlantic Boulevard. There will be partial closures from 9-4 and it will take about a day per light. This project will be complete in four to six weeks at which time the bridge work may begin subject to permitting.

5. Fishing Pier

Horacio Danovich said nothing has happened in terms of permitting but now the City is number one on the list of the Corps of Engineers. September still looks doable for this project start date.

6. Pier Development

Adriane Esteban reported Tim Hernandez has started the permitting on the Pompano Beach House and is having some issues.

7. County Lawsuit

Kim Briesemeister reported the new court date may be as late as October or November before the case will be heard. She explained an infographic she handed out to the Members about how CRAs work and how its progress brings money back into the community through private investments, such as Sabbia and Koi. She explained that it is very important to take a more proactive approach to reach out to the County

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Commissioners and spread the word to the public about the problem the City is having with the County lawsuit.

Commissioner Dockswell asked why the east is being brought in and Kim answered it could be just a delay strategy.

Jack Rogerson said that the taxpayers are paying for the legal fees on both sides of this issue. He believes this move is by an overzealous county administrator that will take the money from our city and spread it in other areas. **Rafael Katz** commented we have got to put the word out and contact all the commissioners. He thinks the County just wants control over the money so they can give it out to their cronies for their pet projects. **Mr. Katz** does not understand why we can't sit down and work this out. **Kim Briesemeister** replied there is zero interest in settling the suit. **Mr. Katz** asked how much the CRA has paid to date in legal fees and the answer is \$200,000.

Rafael Katz used the example that a friend of his asked to park his car at **Mr. Katz's** house because he had been drinking and wanted to ride home with someone that had not been drinking. The point of this story was that his friend did not live in Pompano but was in Pompano for an event or a great restaurant, etc. The word is getting out about all the great things the CRA has done in Pompano and people are coming to enjoy our city.

STAFF REPORTS

Kim Briesemeister – None

COMMITTEE COMMENTS

Ralph Katz commented on the progress the CRA has made and stated the hard work is paying off and he is proud to be a citizen of Pompano Beach. He mentioned the food trucks in front of 26 Degrees are still there and cheapening the look of the area. He feels this needs to be addressed.

David Arlein – In two months there will be a restaurant called Angie's Café at Oceanside and an upscale real estate office to market real estate in the area. Someone is looking at another portion of the Oceanside building to open a high end restaurant. People are noticing Pompano Beach. He mentioned he had to step over a homeless person to get into Yakuza and he feels we need more security to keep the homeless and panhandlers moving along and not loitering outside these new restaurants.

Fred Stacer added Madison's is coming before P&Z next months and they will be behind the other coming restaurants by about three months. The ETOC is going to set the stage to move forward for many years to come.

Ray Lubomski – No report.

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Judy Niswonger – asked if there is anything new with Franks and **Kim Briesemeister** replied not to her knowledge. **Ms. Niswonger** asked about the Community Center and the parking lot and **Kim Briesemeister** said that will come after the ETOC as currently the resources are allocated on the ETOC.

Jack Rogerson – None.

J. NEXT MEETING – Thursday, June 2, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.

K. ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business, the meeting of the East CRA Advisory Committee adjourned at 6:50 p.m.