

**POMPANO BEACH  
COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY**

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**EAST CRA ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES**

Thursday, July 14, 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  
Robert Shelley  
Kenneth Rodgers

**ABSENT**

Rod Trzcinski

**ALSO PRESENT**

Kim Briesemeister – CRA Co-Executive Director  
Chris Brown – CRA Co-Executive Director  
Commissioner Dockswell  
Adriane Esteban – CRA Project Manager  
Horacio Danovich – CIP Manager  
Karen Freidman – Principal Planner  
Jennifer Gomez – Assistant Developmental Services Director  
David Nelson - Renaissance  
Cathy Trenkle – CRA Project Coordinator

**C. ADDITIONS/DELETIONS/REORDERING**

Strategic Planning Survey was added as Item Number 8 under old business

**D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. June 2, 2016

**Motion made by Ken Rodgers to approve the minutes of June 2, 2016 as amended.  
Seconded by Fred Stacer. On roll call, motion passed unanimously.**

**E. NEW BUSINESS**

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## 1. A1A Corridor Study/Riverside Drive

**Jennifer Gomez**, Assistant Developmental Services Director, introduced herself and briefly told the Committee how this project came about. She also introduced **Karen Freidman**, Principal Planner with the City of Pompano Beach and **David Nelson** with Renaissance. **David Nelson** gave a PowerPoint presentation which covered the following:

- Purpose and Vision
- Walkability
- Objectives and Strategies
- Roadway Cross Sections
- Complete Streets

**Pat Collins**, 299 N. Riverside Drive, Pompano Beach asked about the drainage/flooding problems on Riverside Drive and she wanted to know the status of getting the problem fixed. **Jennifer Gomez** told her to go to the website and look up when it will be addressed. She asked about the traffic signal by the fire station if it is slotted to be moved and Commissioner Dockswell answered it is being discussed now. She mentioned a blind spot on another part of Riverside and she will call Horacio Danovich about that. Also there is a tractor trailer problem on Riverside Drive at the shopping center when they are unloading while parking in the street. Homeless people are sleeping in her condo parking lot and she would like to see a fence in between AT&T and the condo parking lot.

**Bill Farmer**, 1609 N. Riverside Drive, asked about the paved swales reducing parking. **David Nelson** replied the parking he spoke of will be in other places and will be glad to speak with him after the meeting. Mr. Farmer asked why 14<sup>th</sup> street and Canal Drive was that not included in this vision? **Jennifer Gomez** explained it was not included in the area that is being focused on now but she will forward that information on to the City.

**Kay McGinn**, 260 SE 5<sup>th</sup> Street asked what mixed development types are they are proposing and Mr. Nelson answered they were not proposing any but it will influence development along with the progress of the project.

**Bob Shelley** pointed out that the middle lane should not be removed from the streets because emergency vehicles need to get through the traffic. **Fred Stacer** agreed with **Bob Shelley**. **Rafael Katz** remarked he liked the bike lanes that were shown and echoed what **Bob Shelley** and **Fred Stacer** said about not removing the suicide lanes. **Jack Rogerson** reiterated the suicide lanes should not be removed and this is a good start in the planning process. He invited them back as things progress for input from the community. **Jennifer Gomez** mentioned there will be another meeting in August where people can give feedback. The audience asked if the advisory meetings could be televised and **Kim Briesemeister** explained that is a cost issue and that no other advisory boards are televised but she will pass that along to the CRA Board.

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**Karen Freidman** offered to email the presentation to anyone that wants it, and gave out brochures and cards.

## 2. Fishing Pier Presentation

**Brian Rheault** with Bridge Design, gave a PowerPoint about the fishing pier in reference to the railing being horizontal vs. vertical that covered the following:

- Examples of other Piers
- Sustainability
- Wave Pressures
- Maintenance cost

**Jack Rogerson** asked the Committee if the presentation changed anyone's mind about the Committee's prior motion to have vertical rails. **Fred Stacer** said the presentation made him understand why piers are built this way. The issue of the maintenance expense makes him lean toward the horizontal rails. **Brian Rheault** explained the danger of the vertical rails missing and there being a space where a child can walk right through.

Rafael Katz felt vertical bars would be safer for children than horizontal bars. As far as the horizontal rails being less expensive to maintain, Mr. Katz said the minor price difference in maintenance should not be a factor compared to the risk of loss of a kids' life when kids may climb the rails.

**Michael Sobel**, 705 N. Ocean Drive said parents need to be parenting in reference to watching their children and advised the Committee to choose the horizontal rail because of the presentation and what the experts say in reference to the horizontal/vertical issue. Mr. Sobel didn't see any liability to the City.

Mr. Katz mentioned it's not only a question of liability – it's a question of safety.

The consensus of the committee remained the same and they decided to let the motion made at the previous meeting stand.

**Audrey Roberts**, 3228 N Ocean Blvd., suggested scalloped rails. **Brian Rheault** explained that would be more expensive to maintain and repair.

**Jack Rogerson** asked if the bait station is included in the plans? **Ms. Briesemeister** will forward this concern along to Tim Hernandez.

## 3. FY 2016 Budget

**Adriane Esteban** gave the Fiscal Year 2017 Budget presentation to the Committee.

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Motion made by **Fred Stacer** to approve budget. Seconded by **Kenneth Rodgers**. On roll call, motion passed unanimously.

**F. OLD BUSINESS**

1. Innovation District

Kim Briesemeister reported it is still in the design phase but moving forward.

2. ETOC

**Kim Briesemeister** reported the ETOC was passed at the last Commission meeting.

3. Beach Garage

The Beach Garage was completed on time on budget and the grand opening was fabulous. **Ken Rodgers** reported he went to both events on opening day and complimented the CRA and especially **Shanna Benson** for a great grand opening event.

4. Atlantic Blvd. Bridge

No report.

5. Fishing Pier

Presentation earlier.

6. Pier Development

No report.

7. County Lawsuit

**Kim Briesemeister** said it is on the docket in October and hopefully there will be negotiations in the near future.

8. Strategic Survey

**Cathy Trenkle** asked the Committee if they had any additions to the strategic survey. The Committee did not have anything to add and asked to forward the survey along to **Horacio Danovich** to send to the City.

**STAFF REPORTS**

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**Kim Briesemeister** – None.

**Adriane Esteban** – None.

**Commissioner Dockswell** - reported he is glad that ETOC was passed at the last commission meeting and things can move forward. This was a huge accomplishment.

## COMMITTEE COMMENTS

**Robert Shelley** - none.

**Ralph Katz** – was sorry he missed the Garage opening but he drives by every day and sees the activity. He mentioned that the corner gas station right before the bridge there has a huge grill going under a tent every weekend and wants the issue addressed.

**David Arlein** – said his friends have given many compliments in reference to the Parking Garage. The Riverside/A1A roadway project is very near and dear to his heart because he rides his bike down Riverside every day. He mentioned there is a suicide lane in Fort Lauderdale that has been done beautifully and the City should get feedback from them.

**Fred Stacer** mentioned he is proud to be part of a Committee that chose to give grants investing in the Foundry and La Veranda. The return on these investments have been phenomenal for the City of Pompano Beach.

**Kenneth Rodgers** commented he was on the fence in regard to the vertical/horizontal rails but after the presentation he believes no expense should be spared to make this Pier as great as it can be.

**Ray Lubomski** – No report.

**Judy Niswonger** – is excited about what is happening in the City of Pompano Beach.

**Jack Rogerson** – said the homeless issue is still being addressed and there will be a proposal coming back to the group from a security company. He mentioned the upcoming event of the ship being sank on July 23, 2016 and encouraged everyone to attend.

**J. NEXT MEETING – Thursday, September 1, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.**

**K. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no other business, the meeting of the East CRA Advisory Committee adjourned at 8:05 p.m.