

**POMPANO BEACH
COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY**

**EAST CRA ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES**

**Thursday, January 7, 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
Rod Trzcinski
David Arlein
Robert Shelley
Kenneth Rodgers

ABSENT

Rafael Katz
Ray Lubomski

ALSO PRESENT

Commissioner Barry Dockswell
Chris Brown – CRA Co-Executive Director
Horacio Danovich – CIP Manager
Cathy Trenkle – CRA Clerk

C. ADDITIONS/DELETIONS/REORDERING

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. December 9, 2015

Motion made by David Arlein to approve the December 9, 2015, East CRA Meeting Minutes. Seconded by Ken Rodgers. On roll call, motion passed unanimously.

E. NEW BUSINESS

1. Connectivity Plan

Jack Rogerson explained to the committee that the Commission requested from FDOT the transfer of right of way to the City in reference to Atlantic Blvd. from NE 5 Ave to the beach, except for the bridge and all of Dixie Highway that is within city limits.

F. OLD BUSINESS

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1. Atlantic Square Update – No update

2. Beach Garage

Horacio Danovich said the Beach Garage is coming along very fast. Utilities are coming in soon. Having a meeting with the City’s urban forester to move the design of NE 2nd street west of A1A forward. **Judy Niswonger** asked about the mural and Horacio will get back with information on the mural. Water taxi is still in permitting.

3. Atlantic Blvd. Bridge – GMP will arrive by the middle of next week and the permit is on its way.

4. Fishing Pier – may start construction in May or June (subject to permits). I could be delayed until after August/September for the same reasons.

5. Pier Development

Everything is moving along. The renderings **Horacio Danovich** has seen are tremendous. There are several letters of intent already and lots of interest overall. **Jack Rogerson** spoke with **Tim Hernandez** and the ground breaking will occur in about 6 months, June or July.

5. County Lawsuit

Chris Brown reported there is nothing new on the lawsuit.

Motion was made by Rod Trzcinski to ask the City Commission to appoint a committee involving City and Business Leaders, i.e., BSO, Homeless Advocates, etc. to implement a citywide comprehensive plan to lessen the number of homeless on our streets. Motion seconded by Robert Shelley. Upon roll call, motion passed unanimously.

STAFF REPORTS

Chris Brown – reported the RMA has signed a contract with the City to run the parking enterprise in Pompano Beach. The parking lease is finished between the city and the Foundry. There is much more to come. Next week the new Thai restaurant will be open and it is fabulous.

Horacio Danovich – Atlantic Blvd. lights will be coming soon. January 19th will have an agenda item in front of the board to construct three car charging stations in front of the Board.

COMMITTEE COMMENTS

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Commissioner Dockswell – No report

Robert Shelley – good job and he is impressed by the parking facility that is being built.

David Arlein – reported the homeless is a big problem where he lives as there was a recent robbery. **Mr. Arlein** volunteers in drug court and some of the problem is caused by drugs and alcohol and that they choose to be homeless. He agrees this is a problem and enforcement is a problem. **Mr. Arlein** said Lauderdale by the Sea has gotten tough on the homeless and their homeless are moving up the coast to Pompano Beach.

Fred Stacer – Asked if we have heard anything about Madison's and **Mr. Brown** replied they are waiting to sign off on right of way vacation. What's the update on the funding on Briny and **Horacio Danovich** said they have seven or eight easements left to do before Briny can be started.

Rod Trzcinski – No report.

Judy Niswonger – asked if there were any movement on Taha. **Chris Brown** reported there have been some conversations.

Jack Rogerson – No report.

J. NEXT MEETING – Thursday, February 4, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.

K. ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business, the meeting of the East CRA Advisory Committee adjourned at 7:01 p.m.