

**POMPANO BEACH  
COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY**

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**EAST CRA ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES**

Thursday, March 16, 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  
Rafael Katz  
Ray Lubomski

**ABSENT**

**ALSO PRESENT**

Mayor Lamar Fisher  
Commissioner Barry Dockswell  
Commissioner Barry Moss  
Kim Briesemeister – CRA Co-Executive Director  
Chris Brown – CRA Co-Executive Director  
Adriane Esteban – CRA Project Manager  
Horacio Danovich – CIP Manager  
Lorri Hall – Planner  
Jean Dolan – Planner  
Natasha Alfonzo – Director of Urban Design  
Maria de Leon-Fleites – Sr. Urban Designer  
Max Wemyss – Urban Design Assistant  
Robin Bird – Planning Director  
Mark Berman – City Attorney  
Carrie – Assistant City Attorney  
John McWilliams - Kimley-Horn  
Chris Clemens – Economic Development Manager  
Cathy Trenkle – CRA Clerk

**C. ADDITIONS/DELETIONS/REORDERING**

**D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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1. February 4, 2016

Motion made by Rod Trzcinski to approve the February 4, 2016, amended East CRA Meeting Minutes. Seconded by Robert Shelley. On roll call, motion passed unanimously.

## E. PRESENTATION

A PowerPoint was given in reference to the East Atlantic Transit Oriented Corridor – Land Use Plan Amendment presented by: Kim Briesemeister, Natasha Alfonso, Jean Dolan, and John McWilliams which covered the following:

- Master Plan
- Connectivity
- How the process began
- Vision
- Traffic Analysis
- Basket of Rights
- Application for Land Use Amendment
- Walkability
- Mixed Uses
- Streetscapes
- Pedestrian Connectivity
- Smart Streets
- Next Steps

### Public Comments

**Ken Steel**, 1805 NE 4<sup>th</sup> Street, feels that walkability is not feasible and we need to focus on the traffic issues as the traffic affects two major neighborhoods in the city. He feels the City has caused the traffic problems the citizens are currently experiencing.

**Patricia LaRocka**, Beacon Street, wanted to know if the presentation was available for people to view and Kim responded it will be available on the CRA website. Ms. LaRocka feels both sides of each new development as far as appearance on all sides.

**Fred Segal**, 289 SE 4<sup>th</sup> Ave., spoke on pedestrian traffic. He feels something should be done about mass transit and water issues. Trees were removed from a park that blocked the view of the condos on the south side of the canal Atlantic and Cypress.

**David Ventura**, 2501 SE 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, is concerned about safety in regard to traffic where the new Dunkin Donuts is being built and he wanted to know about safe walkability in his neighborhood. Tractor trailers are using these streets.

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**Bruce Voelkel**, 2700 SE 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, appreciated some of the things he hear and likes the idea of build down. He doesn't see 1st Court as a cut through but they will cut down 2nd Street that is ruining the neighborhood.

**Sandra Lawrence**, 621 SE 25 Avenue, is concerned about the vagrant issue. She had visitors and took them to the McNabb Park where they saw at least 7 drunks and the park smelled of urine. She was uncomfortable about being at the park.

**Tom Golley**, 2685 SE 5<sup>th</sup> Court, S. Riverside Drive, has a problem on S. Riverside Drive. Speeding is very bad and the city has repaved the road so many times it is raising the road up to cause flooding at his house. He asked if the city can do something about that. Natasha Alfonso asked for his name and number to pass this along to the proper authorities in the city so they can address this issue.

**Ric Green**, CEO, Chamber of Commerce, 2701 SE 5<sup>th</sup> Court, said what the CRA has done in his neighborhood is great. Changing roads to two lanes will slow traffic down and he commends the CRA for their work. He thinks people will be just as happy as what was done at the beach as they will be in the end with this plan. He gave his thanks to the CRA.

**Whitney Johnston**, 2335 East Atlantic Blvd., 1201 NE 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, likes the ideas of sidewalks and walkability. She feels it is not safe to walk in her neighborhood at night. She welcomes the new concept and is looking forward to this area getting the attention it so badly needs.

### **F. NEW BUSINESS**

None.

### **G. OLD BUSINESS**

### **STAFF REPORTS**

None.

### **COMMITTEE COMMENTS**

**Robert Shelley** – No report.

**David Arlein** – mentioned he respected the job staff has done on the master plan. He remarked Pompano is not a pretty city and he is very much in favor of the overall master plan. He thinks the plan is well thought out and will address the aesthetics of the city. He volunteers at the drug court and Pompano has become the center of the rehab business which brings more drugs into the city. On Thursday night at the grand opening of Yakuza he was approached by two panhandlers which is a quality of life issue. People will not want to live here if it is not safe. Riding a bike in Pompano Beach is

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dangerous for your health. This issue needs to be addressed. Cycling could be another answer to pedestrian traffic if the safety is improved.

**Ray Lubomski** asked if they took into consideration the All Aboard Florida. John McWilliams said yes it's in there but doesn't cover it completely.

**Fred Stacer** – No report.

**Rod Trzcinski** - remarked there were no comments about peak time transit or trolleys on the weekend. Mr. McWilliams said these items will be included in the master plan. His second point was he appreciated the setbacks of the buildings and wants to make sure they are assessing both sides and front and back of new buildings. Natasha Alfonso assured him these issues will be taken into consideration.

**Rafael Katz** said he was concerned about the vagrant issues as well. It is a problem at McNabb Park 24/7. The Dunkin Donuts will definitely be a traffic problem that will need to be addressed once it opens. In reference to mixed use, rehab is an issue. **Natasha Alfonso** replied that is being addressed in the moratorium. He encouraged them to rethink the shelter issue in regard to busses. **John McWilliams** informed **Mr. Katz** he was speaking of the community busses, not the county busses. **Kim Briesemeister** explained there are other alternatives to public transportation other than the County Bus Transit.

**Kenny Rodgers** feels the most important fact is we are planning and it will change many times in the future and he applauds the team for its work.

**Judy Niswonger** – asked with Natasha's concern that there are only 2 small parks within the East Atlantic TOC, are there plans to have developers include more green space than is currently required? Natasha Alfonso replied there will be incentives built into the zoning to encourage developers to provide more green spaces. Since the city/CRA own so much land in the NW CRA, we can hand pick places for encouragement of green space there..

**Jack Rogerson** – said he supports the plan. He commented traffic will come regardless of what we do but planning will help address the upcoming issues. We have to work out the details. Atlantic Blvd. will be busy but our goal is to work with the traffic issues. This is a good plan and a good start. He thanked everyone for attending.

**J. NEXT MEETING – Wednesday, April 7, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.**

**K. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no other business, the meeting of the East CRA Advisory Committee adjourned at 8:03 p.m.