

**POMPANO BEACH
COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY**

**EAST CRA ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES**

Thursday, April 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
Kim Briesemeister – CRA Co-Executive Director
Chris Brown – CRA Co-Executive Director
Adriane Esteban – CRA Project Manager
Horacio Danovich – CIP Manager
Lorri Hall – Principal Planner
Cathy Trenkle – CRA Clerk

C. ADDITIONS/DELETIONS/REORDERING

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. March 16, 2016

Motion made by **David Arlein** to approve the March 16, 2016, amended East CRA Meeting Minutes. Seconded by **Robert Shelley**. On roll call, motion passed unanimously.

E. NEW BUSINESS

1. Public Arts Presentation

Laura Atria gave a PowerPoint presentation on the following:

- Recommendations of new art for the East
- Painted Pompano Fish

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- Utility Wraps Phase 1
- Fishing Village: Gateway to Pompano Beach Pier
- Underwater Sculpture Garden
- Sink Fish Sculptures

Rod Trzcinski suggested involving high school students in with the art projects. Fred Stacer asked when the water taxi service will begin. Horacio Danovich answered possibly next year. Judy liked the Gateway location. Kenneth Rogers agreed. Jack Rogerson liked the Gateway idea but said it is premature since we don't know what it will look like. Leave the Great Lawn alone but the North end of the beach could use some art work. Fred agreed that the north end of the beach will have more traffic a year from now and once the restaurants at the pier are in place the placement of artwork decision can be made. Judy Niswonger suggested the "IMAG_NE" piece be placed where the new pier will be so people could "imagine" what is to come at the Pier.

Terry Smith suggested the group ask EDSA about their input on placement of the "IMAG_NE" Artwork. Kim Briesemeister reminded the group that money cannot sit past a certain amount of time without using the money. Kim suggested nothing should happen without EDSA weighing in on placement. Jack summed up the consensus of the Committee that they will probably want to do something at the gateway or the north end of the beach and to leave the great lawn alone. It's too early for a call to artists.

2. SIP LaVeranda

Adriane Esteban reviewed the Strategic Investment Program for La Veranda and Mr. Joe LaTona was present to answer questions.

Mr. LaTona spoke on the following:

- Live music on the weekends
- Speakeasy upstairs
- Now serving lunch
- Corporate events
- Permits are in
- Great Ad Campaign
- Bar Expansion
- Nanawall Bi-Fold Doors
- New floors
- New facilities for the handicapped

Ken Rogers agrees with the project. David Arlein thanked Joe for coming in and supports this SIP and likes the future plans of LaVeranda. Rod Trzcinski thanked Joe for his investment. Judy Niswonger likes LaVeranda.

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Motion made by Robert Shelley to approve the SIP for LaVeranda. Seconded by Rod Trzcinski. On roll call, motion passed unanimously.

F. OLD BUSINESS

1. Connectivity Plan

Kim Briesemeister invited everyone to the ETOC meeting on April 16, 2016 at 9am. She explained a large piece of the connectivity plan having to do with the ownership of Atlantic/Dixie intersection has been completed at the last CRA Board Meeting. The connectivity plan is moving forward. **Jack Rogerson** said the Atlantic Blvd. project is now being called the connectivity plan. **Fred Stacer** spoke of attending the last DRC meeting where the fire department expressed concerns about the additional units and how it would affect the level of service for fire and police.

Ed Cook, One North Plaza, asked if the new owner of the Atlantic Plaza has voiced what he plans to do with the property and the answer was no.

Fred Stacer invited everyone to the next P&Z meeting as well.

2. ETOC

This was covered in Item number 1.

3. Beach Garage

Horacio Danovich reported the Beach Garage is on target. **Horacio Danovich** said the sails will be installed this coming week. The project is on time and on budget. **Judy Niswonger** asked about the art work. **Horacio Danovich** replied he is waiting to hear from the Public Arts Committee on that.

4. Atlantic Blvd. Bridge

Terry Smith, Plaza at Ocean Side asked if anyone has looked into getting a large topo table so the citizens can get an interactive idea of the overall plan and give their comments. **Kim Briesemeister** replied we have one in city hall but it probably needs to be updated. She will look into having some sort of interactive piece or the existing topo possibly in the Beach Library or the new Tourism Center when it opens.

Horacio Danovich added the Atlantic Boulevard lights replacement project will begin May 7th. One lane will be closed one block at time and start to finish the project will take about two months.

5. Fishing Pier

Horacio Danovich said they have received five proposals and will present the ranking of the top three companies to the City Commission on April 12th. Next the GMP will be put together to allow construction to start on/or about August or September of this year

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and will last about 11 months. **Kim Briesemeister** reminded the committee that EDSA needs to weigh in on this process. **Mr. Danovich** will get with **Adriane Esteban** on this.

John Hullihan, Ocean Monarch, asked how many spaces will be in the Garage and the answer was 679 spaces versus the 310 they had originally. He asked will the new pier will remain in the same spot and the answer was yes. He asked if there would be a fee for fishing and the answer was it has not been determined as of yet.

Terry Smith, Plaza at Oceanside asked if South third will get any revamp. **Commissioner Dockswell** answered that is being addressed.

6. Pier Development
On time.

7. County Lawsuit
Kim Briesemeister said there is no update at this time.

STAFF REPORTS

Kim Briesemeister announced the new book she and Chris wrote called “Reinventing Your City” has been published. It is available on Amazon and there is quite a section on Pompano Beach.

Phyllis Hackman, Jamaica House, added to make sure the book is in the Library.

Chris Brown reported Pompano Beach is on it’s way and thanked **Commissioner Dockswell** for his leadership.

Commissioner Dockswell announced he will not be running for office this November. He made his announcement early so that someone could step forward to run. He said it was a pleasure to work with everyone.

COMMITTEE COMMENTS

Robert Shelley – reported the Committee has done well since **Barry Dockswell** and Jack Rogerson as well as **Kim Briesemeister** came on Board. Saltwater Shootout is May 7th and invited everyone to participate.

David Arlein – thanked Commissioner Dockswell for his service. He said it is Pompano’s time to step up.

Fred Stacer – reminisced about the first time he met **Commissioner Dockswell** and said the Commissioner has done a great job. He went over some of the things the Board has accomplished and one of the most important things is the ETOC and keeping

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the vision going. Depending on who is elected and how knowledgeable they are this Committee will have to guide them with the vision.

Rod Trzcinski - is saddened that **Commissioner Dockswell** is not running and thanked him for his leadership.

Kenny Rodgers is excited about everything that's going on in Pompano and he is proud to be a part of it.

Judy Niswonger – thanked **Commissioner Dockswell** as well and recommended attending the Untapped on the first Friday of every month.

Jack Rogerson – remembered when the Committee first started and all that it has accomplished and thanked the Commissioner.

J. NEXT MEETING – Thursday, May 5, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.

K. ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business, the meeting of the East CRA Advisory Committee adjourned at 7:30 p.m.