

**POMPANO BEACH
COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY**

**EAST CRA ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES**

Thursday, June 1, 2017
City Hall Commission Chambers
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
Robert Shelley
Rafael Katz
Kenneth Rodgers
Fred Stacer
Stephen Purkiss

ABSENT

Rod Trzcinski
Ray Lubomski

ALSO PRESENT

Kim Briesemeister – CRA Co-Executive Director
Chris Brown – CRA Co-Executive Director
Commissioner Sobel
Adriane Esteban – CRA Project Manager
Horacio Danovich – CIP Manager
Grace Gdaniec - Director of Programming & Facilities BaCA
Tiara Striggles - Marketing Events Coordinator
Marsha Carmichael – CRA Clerk

C. ADDITIONS/DELETIONS/REORDERING

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. May 4, 2017

Motion made by Robert Shelley to approve the minutes of May 4, 2017. Seconded by Kenneth Rodgers. Motion was approved unanimously.

E. NEW BUSINESS

1. Pier Development/Pier Hotel Presentation – Tim Hernandez

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Kim Briesemeister explained the importance on keeping the public informed of updates regarding the Pier Development to make sure everyone is aware about ongoing and future construction. She thanked the residents and the leadership for the progress of the beach area. **Ms. Briesemeister** gave a brief history of the development to date and advised the audience of a Pompano Beach Pier Lot Development FAQ handout and a Pier Lot Development Myth vs Fact sheet available for them to review. **Kim Briesemeister** introduced staff and **Tim Hernandez**, the developer for the Pier. **Tim Hernandez** gave a presentation on the Pompano Beach Fishing Village and an update on each of the parcels: Parcel C1 Pompano Beach House is currently under construction, Parcel C2 Oceanic is currently in permitting and out for bid, Parcel R1 Alvin's Island was approved in April and the architectural plans are being designed, Parcel R2 Burgerfi & Kilwins will be the primary tenants, Parcel R3 and R4 don't have confirmed tenants, Parcel R5 will be a dual branded hotel, Hilton Tru & Home 2 Suites, and Parcel E will be the updated concession stand and expanded deck area.

Peter Jenik, Board of Directors for Jamaica House, asked if the pier will be in the same location and if there will be any fees for the pier. **Horacio Danovich** answered the pier will be in the same location and as of now there are no fees for the pier.

Roy Rogers, 5141 NE 31st Avenue, Lighthouse Point, spoke on behalf of Tom DiGiorgio and the Pompano Beach Economic Council. He stated the item has been reviewed by the Pompano Beach Economic Council and they gave a strong recommendation for approval.

Sandra Von Staden, 3201 Beacon Street, asked when the CRA Board and the City approved a hotel and asked if there will be parking for local fisherman. She also asked about additional parking since the parking garage has been filled to capacity occasionally recently. **Kim Briesemeister** explained the garage and on-street parking will fill-up during events and holidays. She explained **Chris Brown** and **Suzette Sibble** are already working together for additional parking projects in order to stay one step ahead of any parking problems. **Ms. Briesemeister** said there will be no special parking accommodations for people using the pier, they will park where they are parking now. **Kim Briesemeister** said the approved development agreement includes a hotel or additional restaurant space. She explained the Land Use Amendment allows for a hotel but the zoning does need to be amended.

Local Resident (inaudible name and address) said the laws on the beach area and sidewalks are not being enforced very well. She said there are dogs, alcohol, drug usage, and BBQ grills. She also said there is not enough lighting. **Kim Briesemeister** said the CRA will reach out to the City so they can inform Code Enforcement and she explained the lack of lighting is due to the turtles.

Bill Carlson, 2667 E. Atlantic, thanked the CRA for helping to improve his property. He said **Tim Hernandez** has done a beautiful job with the architecture of the development and he fully supports a hotel.

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Raphael Katz said the development looks fantastic. He said he is excited the parking is full of quality visitors and quality residents. He said unfortunately there wasn't room for bicycle lanes. A resident asked why they put up signs if no one is going to enforce the rules. She said she has pointed it out to security guards about the bicycles and skateboards but nothing was done and the security guards advised her they were just parking ambassadors. **Kim Briesemeister** said the issue will be elevated to the City. **Ms. Briesemeister** explained PSC is there to prevent any negative element or influence but they are not the same as the City's Parking Ambassadors who are only there for parking enforcement. **Kenneth Rogers** asked if there will be a bait shop. **Kim Briesemeister** answered yes. **Tim Hernandez** said they have focused on making the area a walkable place with smaller blocks and putting Pier Street down the middle of the development. An audience member asked if the hotel would have its own parking. **Tim Hernandez** said the hotel will use the parking garage. **Judith Niswonger** asked if the Ceremonial Green is still part of the plan. **Tim Hernandez** answered yes. **Stephen Purkiss** asked how much the CRA has spent for the beach project. **Kim Briesemeister** said a \$10 million dollar bond was taken out before an RFP was sent out. She explained none of the funds are going towards the vertical development and the parking enterprise fund paid for the parking structure. **Stephen Purkiss** said the Committee needs to think about transportation alternatives to cut down on traffic and parking. **Kim Briesemeister** said the traffic is being analyzed with the ETOC study. **Raphael Katz** asked how many rooms total for the hotel and how many parking spaces. **Tim Hernandez** answered 150 rooms and almost 1300 parking spaces within walking distance of the hotel. **Robert Shelley** said he is looking forward to the hotel coming to the area. **Jack Rogerson** said he supports the hotel because the city needs hotel rooms to stimulate the economy. He likes the idea of the hotel not having restaurants and meeting rooms so it will cater to families and he likes the height of the hotel. **Mr. Rogerson** said if the hotel isn't approved, there could be another 10,000 square feet of retail which will bring in more traffic than a hotel.

Motion made by Rafael Katz to recommend to the CRA Board to move forward with the development of the hotel and advise them the ECRA Advisory Committee is in support of the hotel. Seconded by Robert Shelley. Upon roll call, motion was approved unanimously.

2. Water Taxi Update

Horacio Danovich gave an update regarding the Water Taxi and presented a proposal that was received for the project. He showed a picture of the vessel and explained there will be two vessels. He said the intent of the water taxis is to connect the north and the south. **Mr. Danovich** said they intend to go as far north to Cap's Place and as far south as Bokampers with 11 stops in between. He said there will be one vessel going north and another going south and the entire trip will take about an hour and half. He said Pompano Beach residents will get a 25% discount and there will be special trips to Lighthouse Point. **Mr. Danovich** explained the service provider is asking for a subsidy for the first 5 years and they know the Pompano Beach area very well. **Horacio Danovich** said the terms are still being worked out but the item may go before the City

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Commission in June or July and will require two readings. A resident from 809 S. Riverside drive said their seawall is being destroyed and asked about the wake from the water taxis. **Horacio Danovich** explained the vessels will operate according to the Coast Guard guidelines. **Mr. Danovich** listed the following stops for the Water Taxi:

1. Hillsboro Inlet Park
2. NE 16th Street
3. Alsdorf Park Whistle Stop
4. Scott A. Winter Memorial Park
5. Riverside Park
6. Sands Harbor Resort and Marina
7. St. Martin Episcopal Church
8. Indian Mound Park
9. Port Royale Whistle Stop
10. Benihana
11. Bokampers

Horacio Danovich said he is still working to get a stop at Houston's but they do not want more vessels. An audience member asked if they considered going west into City Center. **Horacio Danovich** said it was considered but it takes too much time to make stops to the West but it might be considered in the future. **Horacio Danovich** said all of the stops have been approved except Bokampers, which he is waiting on final approval. An audience member asked about the vessel height and bridge openings effecting traffic. **Horacio Danovich** said the vessels won't require bridge openings. **Mr. Danovich** said the vessels should start in late summer or September. **Fred Stacer** asked if the project was funded by the CRA or the City. **Horacio Danovich** answered the City. **Stephen Purkiss** asked if the boats will be painted. **Horacio Danovich** showed the interior of the vessel and said the boats will be painted in Pompano Beach logo colors with a logo on the boat. **Kenneth Rodgers** said this will be a great boost for the entire city. **Robert Shelley** asked what would happen if it doesn't work out and he thinks 5 years is a long contract. **Horacio Danovich** said there is a clause in the contract to end it, if needed. **Judith Niswonger** thanked **Horacio Danovich** for his hard work on the project. **Jack Rogerson** said the project is great and he fully supports it.

Motion made by Rafael Katz to support the Water Taxi Project. Seconded by Kenneth Rodgers. Upon roll call, motion was approved unanimously.

F. OLD BUSINESS

1. ETOC

Kim Briesemeister said there will be a public meeting on June 15, 2017 at 6 PM at the Cultural Center. **Jack Rogerson** said the advisory committee meetings will remain a place for ETOC discussions outside of the other public meetings.

2. Innovation District

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Kim Briesemeister reported the bid for the broker will go out next week.

3. Atlantic Blvd. Bridge

Horacio Danovich said the Atlantic Blvd. Bridge is pending approval of the maintenance agreement. He said Phase I is fully approved and funded.

4. Fishing Pier

Horacio Danovich said the Groundbreaking Event was on May 22, 2017 and the project is underway. He reiterated the pier will be in the same location. He announced July 4th fireworks will be off the pier this year.

5. County Lawsuit

Kim Briesemeister said the current court date is scheduled for September.

G. STAFF REPORTS

No Report.

H. COMMITTEE COMMENTS

Raphael Katz thanked staff and the Committee for all of their hard work said he feels excited about sitting on the ECRA Advisory Committee.

Stephen Purkiss stated the traffic at the left turn on Riverside Drive at the Atlantic Bridge is backing up. He said he doesn't think the light is staying green long enough. **Kim Briesemeister** directed **Horacio Danovich** to bring up the issue with the City. **Stephen Purkiss** said the construction traffic will make it worse so there is an urgency to fix the problem. The owner of Razzleberry's Ice Cream said the traffic on A1A and Atlantic Blvd. is backing up due to the timing of the lights. **Stephen Purkiss** said PSC is already making a difference with the homeless in the area but the problem of illegal dumping needs to be addressed by code enforcement. **Kim Briesemeister** advised **Stephen Purkiss** to send her and **Horacio Danovich** an email with a location so she can forward it to code enforcement and PSC.

Judith Niswonger asked if PSC has any small cards to hand out to residents. **Adriane Esteban** answered they don't have small cards but the larger cards were handed out to the condos for the residents. **Judith Niswonger** suggested smaller cards would be easier to hand out to residents.

Jack Rogerson announced PSC will be at the next meeting to give an update. He said he asked them to identify the location of problems in their report. **Jack Rogerson** explained BSO will have to get involved in certain areas. **Mr. Rogerson** announced

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Madison's is waiting on the final approval of their permits and will start breaking ground soon.

I. NEXT MEETING – Thursday, July 13, 2017 at 6:00 p.m at Emma Lou Olson Civic Center.

J. ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business, the meeting of the East CRA Advisory Committee adjourned at 8:02 p.m.