

**POMPANO BEACH
COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY**

NORTHWEST CRA ADVISORY COMMITTEE

**Workshop Meeting
Wednesday, July 11, 2018
E. Pat Larkins Center
6:00 p.m.**

A. CALL TO ORDER

Whitney Rawls called the meeting of the NW CRA Advisory Committee Workshop to order at 6:03 p.m.

B. ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Whitney Rawls – Chair
Jay Ghanem – Vice Chair
Velma Flowers
Veronica Thomas
Shelton Pooler

ABSENT

Phyllis Smith

ALSO PRESENT

Nguyen Tran – NW CRA Director
Horacio Danovich – CIP Manager
Paul Kissinger – EDSA
Kim Vazquez – Clerk/Project Manager

C. Conceptual Design for Pompano Beach Complete Street Gateway

Whitney Rawls called the meeting to order and explained the purpose of the meeting.

Horacio Danovich reviewed the purpose of the Complete Street Gateway on the corner of Dixie Highway and Atlantic Boulevard. He explained this meeting is strictly conceptual to show the Committee the vision and get feedback. The presentation will also be made at the July CRA Board Meeting and the Commission Meeting. He introduced the EDSA consulting team; Joaquin Vargas, Hannah Hardin, Paul Kissinger and Keith Weaver, and Jason Webber of Kimley Horne who reviewed the conceptual design with the Committee. The presentation covered the following points:

- Definition of Smart Streets
- Purpose
- Traffic Analysis
- Utilities Above and Under Ground
- Site Analysis
- Connectivity
- Landscaping

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- Project Phases

Much discussion was had between the audience, presenters, staff and Committee Members. Many questions were asked and answered and the Committee expressed the following concerns:

- Traffic congestion
- Added delays to and from possible destinations
- How will the elimination of lanes effect the designated evacuation routes
- Attractive and beautiful landscape selection and maintenance
- Impact to the residential areas with cut through traffic
- Added truck traffic on MLK Boulevard seeking alternate routes
- Lack of connectivity going into the surrounding communities for bicycle lanes once new ones are installed
- The impact to businesses with removal of turn lanes and driveway areas

A motion was made as follows;

Motion made by Jay Ghanem not to remove the left-hand turn lane from the northbound Dixie Highway lanes between NE 3rd Street and NE 6th Street. Removal of the turn lane currently there would restrict access to those businesses located to the west of Dixie Highway. Seconded by Velma Flowers Motion passed unanimously.

The Committee requested a letter sent to the Board prior to the July meeting outlining their concerns on the conceptual design.

E. ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business, the meeting of the NW CRA Advisory Committee adjourned at 8:22 p.m.