

**POMPANO BEACH
COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY**

**EAST CRA ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES**

Thursday, November 7, 2019
Emma Lou Olson Civic Center
p.m.

A. CALL TO ORDER

Jack Rogerson called the meeting of the East CRA Advisory Committee to order at 6:00p.m.

B. ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Jack Rogerson – Chairman
Judy Niswonger
Robert Shelley
David Mingus
Ray Lubomski
Rafael Katz
Fred Stacer
Stephen Purkiss

ABSENT

ALSO PRESENT

Nguyen Tran -CRA Director
Kim Vazquez – Project Manager
Marsha Carmichael – Administrator
Danielle Sabat - Project Coordinator

C. ADDITIONS/DELETIONS/REORDERING

None.

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by Robert Shelley to approve the minutes of Joint Meeting with Parks and Recreation Board and the ECRA Advisory Committee on October 10, 2019. Seconded by Judith Niswonger. Motion was approved unanimously.

Rafael Katz said he does not like action minutes and would like more of the conversation recorded in the minutes, especially his comments. He wanted more of the conversation had and the views of others in the minutes. Marsha Carmichael said she understood what he wanted and would reflect his comments in the minutes.

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Motion made by Robert Shelley to approve the minutes of the ECRA Advisory Committee Meeting of October 10, 2019 as amended. Seconded by Judith Niswonger. Motion was approved unanimously.

E. NEW BUSINESS

1. Annual Election of Officers

The floor was open for nominations for Chair and Jack Rogerson was nominated. There being no further nominations, nominations were closed:

Motion made by Robert Shelley to elect Jack Rogerson as Chair of the East CRA Advisory Committee. Seconded by Rafael Katz. Motion was approved unanimously.

The floor was open for nominations for Vice-Chair and **Judith Niswonger** was nominated. There being no further nominations, nominations were closed:

Motion made by Rafael Katz to elect Judith Niswonger as Vice-Chair of the East CRA Advisory Committee. Seconded by Jack Rogerson. Motion was approved unanimously.

F. OLD BUSINESS

1. Oceanside Master Plan Update

Jack Rogerson asked if we have a date on Oceanside Parking Garage and the answer was no. **Stephen Purkiss** asked about the selection process and it was explained in detail to him.

KEY PROJECTS

1. Innovation District

Nguyen Tran reported the Request For Proposals are due February 5, 2020.

2. McNab House Relocation

Jack Rogerson said they are working on the site plan at this time for the area where the house will be relocated in the park. The house is expected to be moved in January. Kay Johnson asked if the location of the house on the property could be changed so the shuffleboard court could remain. **Mr. Tran** explained the shuffle board courts and civic building will be removed to make room for the relocation of house and garage on the northeast corner of the park as previously presented at the joint meeting. **Mr. Katz** felt empathy in reference to the citizens' concern and how things are changing. **Mr. Katz** said this is one of the reasons he does not like action minutes because a lot of this

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conversation would not be in the minutes. **Mr. Katz** wanted to make a motion to strike action minutes and go to more detailed minutes that include what people feel and think. **Jack Rogerson** said he will get more information about that before a motion will be made. Ms. Johnson wants the house moved to a vacant lot and spare the park.

Jack Rogerson asked the committee about having the meeting on December 12 or cancel it until January.

Motion made by Rafael Katz to hold the meeting on December 12. Seconded by Stephen Purkiss. Motion failed 2-6.

Yes – Rafael Katz, Judith Niswonger

No - Ray Lubomski, Robert Shelley, David Mingus, Fred Stacer, Stephen Purkiss, Jack Rogerson

Motion made by Jack Rogerson to cancel the December meeting. Seconded by Fred Stacer. Motion passed 6-2.

Yes – Judith Niswonger, Ray Lubomski, Robert Shelley, David Mingus, Fred Stacer, Jack Rogerson

No - Stephen Purkiss, Rafael Katz

3. Fishing Pier

Horacio Danovich, Innovation District and CIP Director, reported the Pier is complete. The only thing holding up the opening is the entrance construction as some permits are still needed.

4. Pier Hotel & Retail Development

Horacio Danovich reported items are falling into place more quickly than we thought and progressing well. **Mr. Purkiss** asked what the fee would be to enter the pier. **Jack Rogerson** said it will be on a future City Commission meeting but what is being discussed \$2 for sightseeing and \$5 for fishing. **Rafael Katz** asked if the Advisory Committee could go ahead and let the City Commission know how the Advisory Committee feels in reference to the fees for use of the Pier. **Mr. Purkiss** and **Mr. Katz** felt the decision has already been made on the fee issue without coming to the Advisory Committee.

A concerned Citizen said she was forming a committee to waive the fees for residents for entrance to the Pier. She also asked if Oceanic could turn their lights off when they are closed and **Mr. Rogerson** said he would ask them to do so.

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Rafael Katz said he could see both sides.

Phyllis Naquin, Jamaican House, feels they should charge tourists and fisherman entrance to the Pier but not charge residents for entrance. **Mr. Rogerson** said he agrees there should be no fee. A charge to enter would discourage the vagrants from hanging out on the Pier. **Rafael Katz** asked this be entered into the minutes. **Mr. Purkiss** asked what the public wants. **Rafael Katz** said it seems Facebook consensus is the public wants the Pier to be free.

Motion made by Rafael Katz to waive fees for entrance to the Pier at least for Residents but preferably for anyone. Seconded by Robert Shelley. Motion was passed 7-1.

Yes – Ray Lubomski, Robert Shelley, David Mingus, Stephen Purkiss, Jack Rogerson, Rafael Katz, Judith Niswonger

No - Fred Stacer

5. A1A

Horacio Danovich reported on the improvements to A1A are closely approaching 30% of the design plan. Florida Department of Transportation was going to resurface part of the road which will add money that the City was going to use for resurfacing which can now be used somewhere else.

Horacio Danovich asked if there were any more questions. **Mr. Katz** wants an accounting for the costs of the Arch. He does not feel right about the cost of the finished product. A concerned citizen totally agreed with **Mr. Katz**. **Mr. Purkiss** asked about the landscaping. **Mr. Danovich** said it is coming soon. **Mr. Katz** asked what is the hold up on the Pier and the answer was the entrance to the Pier is still under construction. **Mr. Katz** mentioned how fast other construction projects are moving. **Mr. Danovich** answered there are many different situations and additional required permitting since it is on the beach side.

STAFF REPORTS

Commissioner McMahon - No report.

Marsha Carmichael – No report.

Kim Vazquez reported on the Ribbon Cutting event for Lucre.

Nguyen Tran – No report.

Dani Sabat – No Report.

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COMMITTEE COMMENTS

Robert Shelley – mentioned the bridge is not being maintained and the homeless are hanging around. It needs to be cleaned and policed.

Fred Stacer – No report.

David Mingus – No report.

Ray Lumbomski – No report.

Judy Niswonger – thanked everyone for their confidence in reference to the Election of Officers.

Stephen Purkiss – mentioned the intelligent traffic light for Atlantic Boulevard. He would like to have someone investigate that. A young couple opened a fabulous new business that is perfect for the East. During the conversation with them he learned that Pompano does not have the same incentives in the East than the Northwest. He would like to have a motion to have the same incentive packages available. **Jack Rogerson** asked staff to prepare a report showing the differences in the incentive plans for the January meeting. **Mr. Purkiss** asked for the three designs of Oceanside Master Plan when submitted and will the ECRA be able to choose one to advise the Board on or will the design be chosen prior to being seen by the ECRA Committee. **Mr. Stacer** explained the process to **Mr. Purkiss**. Again, he is concerned as to when the ECRA Advisory Committee is included in the process.

Rafael Katz – the look of Pompano Beach is exactly what we want in Pompano. It is high end and wonderful. He went to a Doctor's grand opening at the Beach House. At one time people did not have a place to have these types of events and now we do. Kudos to Pompano. On the negative side now that PSC is gone, he has witnessed two incidents of vagrants urinating and one of vagrants smoking crack. He would like BSO to patrol more often.

Jack Rogerson recapped the two items he wanted on the January which is: The incentive programs and the lights of Oceanic. He also mentioned the lights on the Atlantic Blvd. bridge are stuck on purple and that needs investigating.

NEXT MEETING – Thursday, January 2, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. at Emma Lou Olson Civic Center.

K. ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business, the meeting of the East CRA Advisory Committee adjourned at 7:00 p.m.