



Neighborhood Resiliency Projects Advisory Committee

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TO: Members of the Neighborhood Resiliency Projects Advisory Committee

DATE: March 18, 2025

SUBJECT: Minutes of the Neighborhood Resiliency Projects Advisory Committee on March 18, 2025, Meeting

Present: Clare McCord, Curt Dyer, Karin Matos, Ron Starkman, Barbara Montero, Julie Basner

Absent: N/A

City Staff: Amy Knowles, Sabrina Batlle, Samantha Sliger, Kevin Pulido, Yoe Lopez, Giancarlos Pena, Kevin Pulido

CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME

C. McCord calls meeting to order.

COMMITTEE BUSINESS

Approval of Minutes

C. McCord moved to approve February 18, 2025, minutes. B. Montero. Approved unanimously.

MEETING DATES FOR WEST AVE TOUR

S. Batlle reviewed the two dates which were proposed for the tour of West Ave Phase II Project by Capital Improvement Projects.

The committee determined that April 24th is the most suitable date for the tour, confirmation to follow via email.

OVERVIEW OF SUNSHINE LAW

Y. Lopez delivered a presentation on Sunshine Laws, reviewing key regulations governing committee discussions. In response to a question about potential violations, he explained that any communication regarding committee business must go through the liaison to ensure compliance with Sunshine Law requirements.

MID BEACH & ALTON ROAD UPDATES

G. Pena introduced himself and provided updates on the FDOT Alton Road projects. Reporting that the 1st to 18th Street section has been completed. The two remaining sections were originally scheduled to begin in 2025; however, the City Commission postponed construction to minimize impacts on traffic and the City. Additionally, delays in grant requirements further contributed to setbacks. The plans for the remaining sections are now 100% complete, with the next steps focusing on securing funding for the remainder of the project. The goal is to advertise the project in August 2026, with construction beginning in March 2027. The estimated duration for completion is three years.

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B. Montero raised traffic concerns.

G. Pena explained that the staggered implementation is intended to prevent excessive traffic buildup, emphasizing a detailed traffic analysis was conducted to guide this decision, taking multiple factors into account.

Committee and staff members engaged in a comprehensive discussion covering several key topics, including resident feedback, public meetings, and local traffic conditions. It was noted that, as a State project, community engagement would likely be facilitated through public meetings. Measures, such as utilizing the median, have been incorporated to accommodate traffic concerns. The scope of renovations was also clarified, encompassing improvements to infrastructure, including lighting, landscaping, drainage, and other essential elements. The discussion touched on tree management within the median, explaining the trimming process for electrical safety, concerns about tree health, and the hope that they would remain viable. Road elevation changes and harmonization efforts were considered, acknowledging constraints that influence the approach. Emphasis was placed on ensuring public meetings occur to keep the community informed and engaged throughout the process.

2022 LTC #141-2022

K. Pulido introduced himself and highlighted the changes since 2022, emphasizing the positive impacts. At the time, Indian Creek and harmonization were significant concerns, prompting discussions on community outreach. Pulido has compiled a list of residents to engage as ambassadors and implement changes to the city website. Around that time, the NAD was launched, and the LTC played a major role in redesigning the website, alongside the introduction of a new email platform. Efforts are underway in collaboration with IT to develop an interactive feature related to ongoing projects.

J. Basner inquired about the best way to provide information to the public as an unofficial ambassador and chair member, given that many community members approach them with questions. She asked whether directing individuals to the website would be the most effective method for disseminating accurate information. Additionally, she advised members to refrain from providing detailed explanations on complex projects to avoid the risk of spreading misinformation.

K. Pulido stated that this is the correct approach and the most effective way to proceed. He acknowledged that, due to public positions, people often seek direct contact but emphasized that the city's website is fully equipped with extensive information. Residents are encouraged to explore the site first to learn more and utilize the engagement toolbox. Additionally, the Neighborhood Affairs page provides frequent updates and shares contact details for the Neighborhood Affairs division and relevant staff. While ambassadors typically engage in one-on-one interactions, any questions should be directed to the appropriate city contacts to ensure accurate information and support.



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FUTURE MEETING DATES/TOPICS

C. McCord reviewed future meeting dates and topics with the committee. The committee and staff decided that Resiliency code, Private Property Adaptation Program, and Harmonization were discussed as potential topics.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- No public comment.

ADJOURNMENT

C. McCord makes a motion to adjourn. J. Basner seconds.