



Ad Hoc Neighborhood Resilience Projects Advisory Committee

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TO: Members of the Ad Hoc Neighborhood Resilience Projects Advisory Committee

DATE: February 23, 2023

SUBJECT: Minutes of the Ad Hoc Neighborhood Resilience Projects Advisory Committee on February 23, 2023 – Virtual Meeting

Present: Clare McCord, Galen Treuer, Alon Alexander, Curt Dyer, Spencer Hennings, Ronald Starkman

Absent: Jason Koslowe

City Staff: Amy Knowles, Cristina Ortega, Thomas Mooney, David Martinez, Gabriella Gonzalez, Juanita Ballesteros, Noel Webber

Commission: Laura Dominguez

FDOT: Kevin Lopez, Raymond Valido, Patricia Quintela, Rodolfo Roman

Public: Matthew Gultanoff

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Welcome by Clare McCord, Chair

COMMITTEE BUSINESS

Approval of Minutes

Future Topics Discussion

- Padlet Overview provided by Gabriella Gonzalez
 - Compliance with Sunshine Law – Padlet continued use to be discussed next meeting
- Follow-up on 4/4/22 LTC items 2 and 3
 - Regular/monthly report re: neighborhood projects that are scheduled for 30-60 days
 - G. Treuer – should also have a long-term timeline
 - R. Starkman – Major timeline of projects suggested (FDOT, County, CMB, etc.)
 - Communications Dpt. to assist (Kevin Pulido?)
- Discuss how committee can provide insight to help CMB solve problems per guidance/direction of CMB Staff



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PRESENTATIONS

FDOT Alton Road Reconstruction – Kevin Lopez, Patricia Quintela, Raymond Valido

Q&A

- R. Starkman expressed concerns about grid lock and asked whether traffic studies had been conducted. *K. Lopez shared that a study will be concluded at end of month looking at potential impacts between 5th and 63rd streets. The study/implementations will be shared with CMB.* R. Starkman questions tradeoff of old growth trees for road elevation; *K. Lopez shared information about the swale being used to help mitigation efforts for SLR, trees would still need to be removed even if the street was not elevated.*
- C. McCord shared questions regarding communication with residents for upcoming projects. *R. Valido said it was currently too early in the project but as construction nears, information will be shared with residents.*
- G. Treuer discusses Miami-Dade County's tree canopy goals and recommends FDOT conversation with MDC Chief Heat Officer. Recommends tree relocation, if possible. Offered to connect FDOT with County staff.
- C. Dyer asks for updates on the Upper Alton Road plans including questions about curb-out design and overlap with 41st Street and Alton Road construction. *R. Valido explains bulb-outs and increase in size of swale; 41st Street has not been coordinated in detail yet but will share updates*
- A. Alexander expresses concern regarding 34th Street and Alton Road issues with cars speeding off the bridge and into neighborhoods and asks whether there has been any coordination with construction at 4000 Alton. Asks about tree relocation for private properties. *R. Valido says FDOT will look into speeding issue; 4000 Alton project is being permitted but a new right turn lane is projected to be part of plan. Trees are relocated per FDOT agreement but they are placed in public facilities.*

Planning Department – Thomas Mooney, Director

Q&A

- R. Starkman expresses concerns over process to place pump stations and references 1st Street neighborhood's experience with engineering consultants including lack of clear design alternatives and having a more streamlined process.

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- C. McCord asked about above-ground projects being heard in front of DRB and whether Planning Dpt gives recommendations?
- *T. Mooney explains the Design Review Board (DRB) process that is required by specific projects and depends on certain criteria. Departments meet with Planning to determine which DRB process is necessary, staff gives input, notice is shared to the community, and staff provides recommendation and the DRB will adopt or have its own recommendations for the project.*
- Cristina Ortega, City Engineer, advised on the community outreach process for design milestones. For example for First Street, there was conceptual design review with the public, so we had that public meeting. We had another one at the 30% design mark and we'll be having subsequent meetings at the 60% and 90% design completion. And at each step we are presenting.
- R. Starkman wants someone who is a planner from CMB to get their perspective instead of an engineering perspective for future projects
- C. McCord expresses difficulty for residents to determine impacts on life based on engineering perspective; how can Committee facilitate design insight communication between Planners and Residents

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment was received.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to Adjourn made by C. Dyer, seconded by G. Treuer. Meeting was adjourned.