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COMMISSION MEMORANDUM

To: Mayor David Dermer and Members of the City Commission

Date: July 27, 2005

From: Jorge M. Gonzalez
City Manager

Subject: **REPORT OF THE JULY 11, 2005 - LAND USE AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING**

A meeting of the Land Use and Development Committee was held on Monday, July 11, 2005 at 4:15 p.m. in the City Manager's Large Conference Room. The following were in attendance: Vice-Mayor Matti Herrera Bower, Commissioner Luis R. Garcia, Jr. and Commissioner Saul Gross.

1. **DISCUSSION REGARDING THE RAMBLAS PIECE OF THE FLAMINGO / LUMMUS NEIGHBORHOOD (DREXEL AVENUE).** Referred at the May 18, 2005 Commission Meeting.

Jorge Chartrand, Acting CIP Director: presentation/overview.
Cesar Garcia Pons: overview of BODR/Design issues.

Public Discussion

Stacy Lotspeich:	Supportive of median.
Frank Del Vecchio:	Raises concerns with median.
Erika Brigham:	Advocates median approach.
Rafael Roig:	Concern with median, specifically impact caused by double parking, emergency vehicles, deliveries.
Scott Robins:	Supports median.
Bradshaw Lotspeich:	Drexel Avenue is a good promenade/linkage, but concerned with integrating a median and traffic.
Melissa Dunn:	Supports median as it would discourage double parking.
Claire Tomlin:	Supports median as it would provide a visual focal point and improved connection.
Roberto Datorre:	Supportive of better pedestrian connectivity (wider sidewalks).
Scott Needleman:	Concern with loss of parking and supports improved pedestrian connection; concern with median approach.
Harriet Dinari:	Suggests improved wayfinding signage.
Judith Ozer:	Improved signage and walkway.
Adam Shedroff:	Median plan is problematic for Drexel Avenue residents as it would split the street in two; it would impact parking spaces; concern with double parking, loading, etc.
Glenn Boyer:	Pedestrian connection makes sense and widening the sidewalks is best way to achieve.

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Neal Kohli:	Supports better connection along Drexel in general (median or sidewalk).
Andrew Cohen:	Supports median.
Ben Castera:	Supports sidewalk version.
Vice-Mayor Bower:	Connection/improvement is necessary, but median not practical.
Commissioner Gross:	Concern with practical issues of a median, such as moving trucks. Widening sidewalks seems to be a more practical connection.
Commissioner Garcia:	Likes concept of median, but has a concern with certain aspects: 1) lack of circles at intersection; 2) Double parking/emergency vehicles. Would like to see canopy as opposed to Palm trees.

Scott Robins and Stacy Lotspeich indicate that a sidewalk approach is acceptable.

Tim Hemstreet suggests that the Administration evaluate all encroachments in more detail.

Cesar Garcia indicates that a study of all encroachments exists.

Commission Gross Motion: Abandon center median and widen sidewalks and have the Administration make a recommendation on any encroachments.

Commissioner Garcia recommends an amendment that the connection between 15th Street and Espanola Way be enhanced.

Vice Mayor Bower seconds the motion. Passed: 3-0

2. **DISCUSSION REGARDING REMOVAL OF HISTORIC SIGNS.** Referred at the June 8, 2005 City Commission Meeting.

Commissioner Saul Gross motion to recommend approval by the full Commission; Vice Mayor Matti Bower seconded the motion. Passed 3-0.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA LEAVES.

3. **DISCUSSION REGARDING RECONSTRUCTION OF DEMOLISHED PROPERTIES AND ENGINEERING REQUIREMENTS.** Referred at the June 8, 2005 City Commission Meeting.

Commissioner Saul Gross motion to recommend approval by the full Commission; Vice Mayor Matti Bower seconded. Passed 2-0.

Selection of Engineers by RFQ; discuss specifics with City Manager. Ordinance should be amended so that the property owner only pays the costs of an independent Engineer if it is determined that the building can be saved in time; property may be liened to assure payment if the building cannot be saved, the City pays the costs of an independent Engineer.

4. **DISCUSSION REGARDING NONCONFORMING STRUCTURES.** Referred at the June 8, 2005 City Commission Meeting.

Commissioner Gross suggests a number of minor structural and technical changes that can be addressed separately with the City Attorney.

Commissioner Saul Gross motion to recommend approval by the full Commission; Vice Mayor Matti Bower seconded the motion. Passed 2-0.

6:35 p.m. meeting adjourned.

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