



**North Beach Steering Committee**  
**10:00am Tuesday, June 12, 2018**  
**City of Miami Beach**  
**1700 Convention Center Drive, Miami Beach**

**MINUTES**

Committee Members in Attendance:

- Margueritte Ramos, Chair
- Nancy Liebman
- Carolina Jones
- Daniel Veitia
- Brad Bonessi

Committee Members Absent:

- Betsy Perez
- Kirk Paskal

City Staff Present:

- Michelle Huttenhoff, Staff Liaison/Economic Development Manager
- Eva Silverstein, Director Tourism, Culture and Economic Development
- Kathie Brooks, Assistant City Manager
- Heather Shaw, Assistant Director, Tourism, Culture and Economic Development
- David Gomez, Senior Capital Projects Coordinator
- David Martinez, CIP Director
- Monica Beltran, Assistant Director of Parking

Margueritte Ramos opened the meeting at 10:09 a.m. and welcomed all in attendance.

Michelle Huttenhoff began the meeting with a review of the Corradino Group scope of work and an explanation on the reinstatement of the North Beach Steering Committee. She informed the members that there would be three working group meetings to help inform the Ocean Terrace design plan.

**Ocean Terrace Neighborhood Design Review:** Cesar Garcia-Pons, the principle designer for the Ocean Terrace design plan, began the discussion and presentation. Cesar informed the group that this first meeting was a listening session and review of the study area. A full copy of the presentation is attached for further reference and guidance. This conceptual design will use the principles from Plan NoBe as the base and include the concepts produced in the transportation and blueways master plan.

Cesar explained that the study would include the following three elements:

1. Analyze the existing neighborhood conditions and potential impacts of currently approved and proposed future development projects and within the study area.
2. Analyze and propose right-of-way and public space enhancements within the study with an emphasis on enhanced pedestrian experience and connectivity
3. Provide a limited public outreach program, as outlined in the scope of work, to receive public input and identify community needs

Cesar stated that a core component of this scope of work will focus on the 72<sup>nd</sup> Street lot and the design for the new civic center that is being proposed in the GO Bond. The team will be analyzing how the current design (which is being managed by CIP), in the center of the neighborhood, integrates with the other public assets around. The Committee stated that this is one of the most important lots and potential developments in North Beach and a critical part of the North Beach Master Plan.

The Committee had concerns around the parking that would be removed and how it would impact the height and scale of the new development. They requested that Cesar and the design team reevaluate the amount of spaces on the lot and side street.

The Committee discussed the parking along Ocean Terrace and wanted the design plan to indicate varied options for removing parking. They wanted this space to continue to have a tropical and artistic feel and have adaptive reuse options. One option presented was to keep parking there but to close it off for special events.

Additionally, the Committee explained that this neighborhood has the potential for being a vibrant pedestrian friendly district and that the streetscape and traffic calming is essential.

### **Capital Improvements Department Update:**

David Martinez and David Gomez presented an update on active capital improvement projects occurring in North Beach. They reviewed the current plans for Altos del Mar Park and stated that this park is currently under construction and has an anticipated completion date of December 2018. This construction includes new restroom facilities, pathways, a recreational field and playground.

David Gomez then reviewed the plans for North Beach Oceanside Park. David explained that the design plans are being finalized by the Design Review Board. Recently, Commission approved the restoration of the log cabin and that it will be restored in the park as a mixed use facility.

They reviewed the current status with the development of the 72<sup>nd</sup> Street lot. They stated that the plans are only in the feasibility stage and that these are not final design concepts. There is a focus that this development needs to be public and not a private use facility. There has been discussion regarding if this site will contain the future skate park or if it will be further built out on one of the West Lots (currently a temporary skate park is on a West Lot).

The Committee expressed concern regarding the use of the 72<sup>nd</sup> Street lot. They stated that the current design is solely a sports complex and that it did not show the skate park location. They stated that they want this development to maintain a public use so creating greenways around the building is critical. The Committee also wanted to ensure that these concepts plans be an integral part of the Ocean Terrace design plan. They also inquired as to how the Ocean Terrace

design plan can help inform the future development of the 72<sup>nd</sup> Street lot. Currently, these two projects are being managed separately and they need to be better integrated with one another.

**Next Steps:** Michelle Huttenhoff and Cesar Garcia Pons reviewed the next steps. They informed the Committee that in between now and the next meeting in July that he will be meeting with the various City Departments as well as the key stakeholders in the neighborhood. At the second working group meeting he will present preliminary design plans and recommendations for this area.

Michelle stated that she would follow up with the Committee regarding the second date but that it would either occur on July 11<sup>th</sup> or July 12<sup>th</sup>.

## **ADJOURN**

The meeting adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

### **Minutes Approved by the North Beach Steering Committee**

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**Margueritte Ramos, Chair**