



North Beach Steering Committee
10:00am Tuesday, July 11, 2018
City of Miami Beach
1700 Convention Center Drive, Miami Beach

MINUTES

Committee Members in Attendance:

- Margueritte Ramos, Chair
- Carolina Jones
- Daniel Veitia
- Brad Bonessi
- Betsy Perez

Committee Members Absent:

- Kirk Paskal
- Nancy Liebman

City Staff Present:

- Michelle Huttenhoff, Staff Liaison/Economic Development Manager
- Eva Silverstein, Director Tourism, Culture and Economic Development
- Heather Shaw, Assistant Director, Tourism, Culture and Economic Development
- Monica Beltran, Assistant Director of Parking

Margueritte Ramos opened the meeting at 9:07 a.m. and welcomed all in attendance.

Cesar Garcia-Pons, the principle designer for the project began the presentation with a recap of activities. He informed the group that since the first meeting he has met individually with the departments of planning, parking, and transportation. Additionally, he met with community stakeholders such as the Bandshell and the North Shore Youth Center. Cesar highlighted the main focus of this study:

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

Ocean Terrace Neighborhood Design Review: Cesar Garcia-Pons, began by stating this draft design plan has ten main areas for consideration. A full copy of this presentation is attached to

the meeting minutes for reference. The principle streets that were analyzed in the report are below.

1. 72nd Street
2. 73rd Street
3. Byron Carlyle
4. 75th Street Library/surface parking lot
5. Ocean Terrace
6. 72nd Street Surface Lot

When reviewing the proposed design for 72nd Street, Daniel inquired as to whether or not 12-foot lanes were necessary or not to achieve the design. Members of the Committee also were concerned with keeping the parallel street parking; they noted that much of town center will include parking garages. There was discussion regarding how the sidewalk should be developed. The Committee explained that the sidewalk should feel as if it is inside the park instead of abutting to the street.

Cesar reviewed the overall design of Ocean Terrace. He provided a few different examples for how this area could achieve both on-street parking and enhance the pedestrian experience. The Committee showed preference for the curvilinear design and specifically stated that any proposed design should not cut out the volleyball courts behind the Bandshell.

There was interest in re-examining the Tatum Waterway proposed design to accommodate two-way bike lanes since 75th Street is a wider street. The Committee requested that Cesar relook at this design and determine if the street width could be slimmed down to accommodate an additional bike lane.

NEXT STEPS: Based on the conversation during the meeting, it was requested that Cesar meet again with the Transportation Department as well as their design team to make sure both plans are aligned.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 11:03 a.m.

Minutes Approved by the North Beach Steering Committee

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Margueritte Ramos, Chair