



***KINGSOUTEL CROSSING CRA (KSC/CRA) ADVISORY BOARD
HYBRID VIRTUAL AND IN-PERSON MEETING
CITY HALL, OED SUITE 250, LARGE CONFERENCE ROOM
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2024 - 3:30 P.M.***

MEETING MINUTES

Location: The KSC/CRA Advisory Board meeting was held as a hybrid virtual and in-person meeting. The KSC/CRA Advisory Board Members met in person at City Hall, 117 West Duval Street, OED Suite 250, Large Conference Room.

KSC/CRA Advisory Board Members Present: Vice Chair Bill Price, Vanessa Cullins Hopkins, and Tony Robbins

KSC/CRA Advisory Board Members Absent: Chair Russell Jackson, Palecia Crawford-Maddox, and Kemal Gasper

Staff Present: Karen Nasrallah, Redevelopment Manager; and Krista Fogarty, OED Staff

Representing the Office of General Counsel: Carla Lopera

Others Present: Matt Bolyard, GAI Consultants; Alan Tablada, Public Works Department; Frank Anderson, ACON Construction; Clare Fullerton, Jacobs Engineering; Mike Nimitz, JTA; Tom Fallin, BGE; Bill Anderson, ACON Construction; Caleena Shirley; Thomas B. Waters, Neighborhoods Department (Virtual Participant)

I. CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair Price called the KingSoutel Crossing CRA Advisory Board Meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

II. ACTION ITEMS

There was no quorum present at the meeting, so no action items were taken up.

III. GENERAL INFORMATION

Public Works and ACON representatives gave a presentation on the proposed projects being considered by Public Works and ACON along the New Kings Road Corridor. Projects discussed include sidewalk improvements, crosswalk improvements, landscaped medians, bus stop improvements, proposed roundabouts, and access management modifications.

Alan Tablada asked the Board how to move forward with public involvement for the roundabouts, since the projects are only at about 30% design completion right now.

Karen Nasrallah suggested that beginning with the most feasible roundabout, due to the cost of the proposed projects and make that one the priority project.

Board Member Vanessa Cullins Hopkins suggested that projects be prioritized and then proceed with separate public meetings for each project.

Ms. Nasrallah reminded the Board members that cost of the public meetings could eat up part of the budget for the projects and to be mindful of spending the budget efficiently.

Board Member Vanessa Cullins Hopkins stated that adding bus shelters and the roundabout at Moncrief Road are the priority projects that she would select.

Mr. Tablada and Frank Anderson stated that it is important to build some of the infrastructure while waiting for new developments and new traffic in order to encourage the new businesses and new traffic into the area. This shows that the City is serious about the infrastructure improvements and that it is more than just a study.

Board Member Tony Robbins stated that his concern is that when we do bring these ideas to the community, you show the whole area and the overall concept. While only some of the projects are prioritized, show what the complete picture would be if all of the projects were to get approved.

Clare Fullerton, JTA representative, gave a presentation on JTA bus stop improvements coming to CRA area. These improvements include, transit stop lighting and E-paper electronic displays, as well as a local art initiative to engage the community and bring art to bus shelters.

Board Member Vanessa Cullins Hopkins asked for clarification on what the ridership requirements are for getting a bus shelter and benches at bus stops for riders to use.

Ms. Fullerton stated that the requirements are different for areas that are considered Justice 40 areas and ones that are not.

There was a comment from the public made by Caleena Shirley. She stated that community feedback from the Eastside and Springfield areas, which she works with, has made her aware that people have been avoiding bus stops that are less accommodating, such as not having shelters or benches, and choosing to go to stops that are further away because those ones have better accommodations. She suggested that JTA investigates these further to see if that may be the case in this area.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

V. OLD BUSINESS

Board Member Vanessa Cullins Hopkins thanked staff for adding information about the Building Renovation Grant Program to the KSC CRA website.

Board Member Tony Robbins asked if the Legends Center has had their kickoff on the Cultural Council project?

Ms. Nasrallah stated that it is coming up on November 7th and will send out the information received by the Cultural Council.

Board Member Vanessa Cullins Hopkins asked if Ordinance 2024-535 will go to Planning Commission without being deferred.

Ms. Nasrallah explained that we oftentimes don't know about the request for deferral until the day before, or the day of Planning Commission, which makes it difficult for the community to plan to attend and for us to schedule other meetings.

Carla Lopera, OGC, reminded the board that the chair of the commission is the one who has the digression to accept or refuse a deferral on an item.

Because of the multiple deferrals, Ms. Nasrallah stated that she was planning on bringing up the issue with the Director of the Planning Department to see if there is anything that can procedurally be done.

Board Member Vanessa Cullins Hopkins also requested that the Planning Director see the other Tractor Trailer storage sties along New Kings Road.

Ms. Nasrallah stated that the item is on the November 7, 2024, Planning Commission agenda, but she is unsure if it will be deferred or not.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no additional comments from the public.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Vice Chair Bill Price adjourned the KingSoutel Crossing Advisory Board meeting at approximately 4:35 p.m.

The written minutes for this meeting are only an overview of what was discussed. For verbatim comments of this meeting, an audio file of the meeting is available in its entirety and is available upon request. Please contact Karen Nasrallah at (904) 255-5449, or by email at karenn@coj.net.