



**KINGSOUTEL CROSSING
COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT ADVISORY BOARD
CITY HALL, at ST. JAMES
117 WEST DUVAL STREET, 2ND FLOOR, CONFERENCE ROOM 2C
JACKSONVILLE, FL 32202
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2020 - 3:30 P.M.**

MEETING MINUTES

Location: Conference Room 2C, 2ND Floor, City Hall at St. James, 117 West Duval Street, Jacksonville, FL 32202

King/Soutel Crossing CRA Advisory Board Members Present: Vanessa Cullins-Hopkins, Russell Jackson, Leola Williams

Others Present: Kirk Wendland-Director of OED, Karen Nasrallah-Redevelopment Manager OED, Kealy West-Office of General Counsel, Angie Slayton-OED, Chris LeDew-Chief of Traffic Engineering, Laurie Santana-Chief of Transportation Planning, Carlina Shirley, Eunice Barnum

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairwoman Vanessa Cullins-Hopkins, called the King/Soutel Crossing Community Redevelopment Advisory Board meeting to order at 3:47 p.m.

II. ACTION ITEMS

Approval of the January 30, 2020 Meeting Minutes

THERE WAS NO QUORUM TO APPROVE THE JANUARY 30, 2020 ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES. WE WILL READRESS AT THE NEXT MEETING.

CONSIDERATION OF KSC ADVISORY BOARD BYLAWS

THERE WAS NO QUORUM TO DISCUSS OR VOTE TO APPROVE OR CHANGE THE AMENDMENTS TO THE PROPOSED KSC CRA ADVISORY BOARD BYLAWS. WE WILL ADDRESS AT THE NEXT ADVISORY BOARD MEETING.

III. GENERAL INFORMATION

DISCUSSION OF BUDGET/PROJECTS WITHIN THE CRA BOUNDARY (FY 19/20)

Mr. Wendland explained the process for the planning, proposal, timeline and approval of the budgets each year.

Ms. Nasrallah explained that for a project to be eligible to receive CRA funding, it must be part of the KSC CRA Redevelopment Plan. The focus at this time should be projects that are going to create incremental revenue for the area.

Chairwoman Cullins-Hopkins reviewed the purpose for the King/Soutel CRA Advisory Board and asked the Advisory Board Members to consider the possible projects that could benefit the safety and economic growth for this area. Chairwoman Cullins-Hopkins then turned the floor over for public comment.

Ms. Eunice Barnum asked the CRA Advisory Board Members to please consider the past projects and how they have been funded and if these projects benefit the community. Ms. Barnum stated she feels there are other projects that could benefit this area other than a road diet that she feels will cause more problems than benefits.

Ms. Kealy West – OGC, advised the chairwoman and the Advisory Board Members that public comments are generally reserved for the end of a meeting or the end of a discussion that requires a board member vote and approval.

Ms. Laurie Santana-Chief of Transportation Planning was introduced and began her presentation by stating that the actual project design has not begun yet on the Soutel Road Diet. Ms. Santana explained the Road Diet/Lane Repurposing would not change the width from curb to curb, the lane repurposing will add pedestrian safety lanes and a dedicated left turn lane.

It was asked how long the design process would take? Mr. Chris LeDew - Chief of Traffic Engineering responded once the selection process is complete, a design should be ready in about six to twelve months.

Mr. LeDew provided an overview of the Lane Reduction Project. This will take the current four-lane road and make it two lanes with a dedicated left turn lane and bicycle path on each side of the road. This will reduce blind spots for traffic as well as the number of lanes that must be crossed when turning. Having a dedicated left turn lane will also allow for a median island to be installed for pedestrian crossing to allow for a safe crossing.

- KSC CRA Advisory Board Member Jackson asked if there is an accident or a breakdown, how will this impact traffic.
 - Mr. LeDew responded traffic would be able to bypass the blockage by using the left turn lane as it does not have raised curbs.
- KSC CRA Advisory Board Member Williams stated that the plan design include a turn signal at the intersections of Soutel and Moncrief and Soutel and Bob Hayes and at Soutel and Norfolk.
- KSC CRA Advisory Board Member Williams also asked that at the intersections in this area should remain four lanes to help alleviate congestion?
 - Mr. LeDew stated that he believes the intersections will stay four-lane.

- Chairwoman Cullins-Hopkins asked how will bus stops be affected, will there be a pedestrian crosswalk at each stop?
 - Mr. LeDew responded this will be considered during the design process, however, typically pedestrian crosswalks are installed near a bus stop.
- Mr. LeDew advised there will be a more detailed presentation on Wednesday, March 4, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. and encouraged the Advisory Board Members and community members to attend.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

No New Business

V. OLD BUSINESS

No Old Business

VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Ms. Eunice Barnum advised there are cameras in the area with no current use. Ms. Barnum asked how many designs are currently in production, how much money has been spent on them and will the design benefit the businesses or the residents in the area. Due to time constraints at today's meeting, Ms. Barnum will email her questions and concerns for the CRA area to Chairwoman Cullins-Hopkins so that a written response can be provided.
- Ms. Carlena Shirley suggested that the information concerning traffic volume should be made available to the public to assist in the understanding of the need to reduce travel lanes as this will help to reduce the speed in the area.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting will be held on March 26, 2020 at 3:30.

There being no further business, Chairwoman Cullins-Hopkins adjourned the King/Soutel Crossing CRA Advisory Board meeting at 5:15 pm.

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.