



**BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES  
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 20<sup>th</sup>, 2021 - 6:30 PM  
FLAMINGO MEETING HALL  
12855 NW 8TH ST. SUNRISE, FLORIDA 33323**

- A. CALL TO ORDER** By: Chad Dashnaw, Board Chair  
At 6:39 PM
- B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND MOMENT OF SILENCE**
- C. ROLL CALL** By: Chad Dashnaw

**Board Members present:**

Chad Dashnaw  
Marcus Griffin  
Jay Leiner  
James Thomas  
Donald Barnett  
Tamara Dawes  
Nina Kelly  
Catherina Rozario

**Board Member(s) Absent:**

George Mora - Excused

**City Staff Present**

Ashley Resta, City Engineer, Community Development  
Jessica Arboleda, Board Secretary  
Sean Dineen, Assistant City Manager  
Officer Christopher Piper

**Public Observers**

Dennis Mele, Foundry Commercial, LLC  
Lesli Franco, Foundry Commercial, LLC  
David Blount, Foundry Commercial, LLC  
Various members of the Public

**D. BOARD MEMBER UPDATE**

Mrs. Ashley Resta welcomed the new members Mr. Donald Barnett and Ms. Tamara Dawes to the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Board. The new members gave a brief introduction of themselves. The other Board members welcomed them and expressed that they are happy they joined this Board.

## **E. ANNUAL SELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR**

Mr. Jay Leiner motioned to elect Mr. Chad Dashnaw as Board Chair. Seconded by Ms. Nina Kelly. Nominations were closed. All were in favor.

Ms. Nina Kelly motioned to elect Mr. Jay Leiner as Vice Chair. Seconded by Mr. James Thomas. Nominations were closed. All were in favor.

## **F. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – March 12, 2020**

Ms. Nina Kelly motioned to approve the minutes. Seconded by Mr. Jay Leiner. There was no further discussion. All were in favor.

## **G. OPEN DISCUSSION**

Mrs. Ashley Resta informed the Board that members of the development team for Project Lion (AKA Amazon) were going to do a presentation for the Board. The project is located at the property bordered by Hiatus Rd to the east, NW 50 St to the north, NW 44 St to the south, and a canal to the west. She explained that the team is voluntarily presenting to the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Board. Due to the size and uniqueness of the project, the City requested that a presentation be made.

### **1. Guest Speaker – Foundry Commercial, LLC**

Mr. Dennis Mele and David Blount both introduced themselves as representatives of the development team. Mr. Mele began the presentation explaining that the project called Project Lion is proposed as an Amazon fulfillment center and is located at the property bordered by Hiatus Rd to the east, NW 50 St to the north, NW 44 St to the south, and a canal to the west. He explained that the project is currently going through the development application review process with the City of Sunrise. Mr. Mele requested that all questions be held to the end and mentioned that the meeting was being recorded and a copy of the recording will be provided to the City of Sunrise. The presentation included a PowerPoint presentation showing various aspects of the project with topics such as drainage and surface water system enhancements, offsite roadway improvements associated with the intended commercial truck route including a proposed traffic signal and other intersection improvements, signage, the onsite parking lot design, the location size/height of building, landscaping berms and fences, the addition of a linear park on the south side of the site along NW 44<sup>th</sup> St, a proposed pump station to be maintained by the City of Sunrise, Amazon employment and staffing shifts, as well as property taxes.

Once the presentation ended, the Board members and members of the public had several questions requesting clarification of various items shown within the presentation. Some of the concerns brought up were related to overall traffic impact, the proposed truck route, the feasibility of a new ramp onto the Sawgrass Expressway, pedestrian and bicyclist safety when utilizing the bike lane and sidewalks within the surrounding area, impacts to schools in the area, and the view from surrounding residential neighborhoods. The development team responded to the questions and made notes of concerns, and stated that the project is under review with the City. Mrs. Resta then explained to the Board members and the Public that their presentation and responses are based off of their current proposed design. She explained that development applications for the project were submitted and that the project design and referenced studies are evaluated during the

City's review process. Mrs. Resta further explained that the project has not yet been approved by the City.

After all questions were addressed, the development team thanked the Board members for their time and mentioned to reach out to Mrs. Resta if the Board members had further questions.

## **H. OLD BUSINESS**

The Board members had no old business to discuss.

## **I. NEW BUSINESS**

### **1. FDOT "CORE" Award**

Mrs. Resta informed the Board members that the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Board received a "CORE" award from FDOT. Ms. Arboleda presented the award to all the members as Mrs. Resta read the letter from FDOT Traffic Safety office recognizing the City's efforts as a Bicycle Friendly City. She also mentioned that the Board was instrumental in the City receiving this status.

### **2. AARP Community Challenge Grant – Bike Racks and Fix-it Stations**

Mrs. Resta informed the Board that the City of Sunrise received a grant to support the installation of bike repair stations, artistic bike racks and vibrant sidewalk art. She added that the grant was a team effort from various departments within the City including Finance, Grants, Leisure Services, and Utilities. Mrs. Resta mentioned that the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Board was involved in coming up with the "Fix It" stations concept.

### **3. CSLIP Cycle 5 Grant Application Update**

Mrs. Resta informed the Board that on behalf of Mr. Dashnaw representing the Board, a letter expressing the BPAB's support was included in the package submitted for the City of Sunrise Cycle 5 CSLIP grant application.

### **4. Board meetings Update**

Mrs. Resta informed the members that all future Board meetings remain cancelled until further notice due to the pandemic.

### **5. Development Updates**

- **City Projects**

Mrs. Resta provided construction updates for various City projects such as City Park, Sunset Strip Bike Lanes, Veteran's Memorial Park, Welleby Park Expansion, Senior Center, Roarke Hall, Beach Club, Sunrise Athletic Complex, Village Art Plaza, and City Hall.

- **Private Development**

Mrs. Resta provided updates for various private development projects such as Metropica, T-Mobile, Aldis, O'Reilly and the Sawgrass Mills AC Marriott hotel.

**J. BOARD FORUM**

The Board members discussed their concerns related to the earlier presentation for Project Lion. Mr. Dashnaw expressed his concerns to traffic and that a ramp to the Sawgrass Expressway should be considered to reduce the truck traffic. Mr. Barnett expressed his concern with the proposed truck route and how it will negatively affect traffic. He explained that he has a career with tractor trailers and feels very strongly that the proposed route will not be followed and that ticketing trucks using the wrong route (as the presentation stated) will not be sufficient. Ms. Nina Kelly was concerned about the safety of children during construction activities, especially those utilizing the sidewalks to get to school in the area.

Having no more items to discuss, the Board confirmed that the next meeting would be postponed until further notice.

**K. ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Marcus Griffin motioned to adjourn. Seconded by Mr. James Thomas. All were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 8:24 PM.

Transcribed by:

\_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Ashley Resta, City Engineer of CDD

**NOTE TO READER:**

- If these minutes do not bear the date of approval, this indicates that they are not the final approved minutes and will become the official minutes when approved by the Board.
- Approved at the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Board meeting of \_\_\_\_\_
- If a person decides to appeal any decision made by the board, agency or commission with respect to any matter considered at such meeting or hearing, he will need a record of the proceedings, and that, for such purpose, he may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based. F.S.S. 286.0105.
- Policy of non-discrimination on the basis of handicapped status; equal opportunity employer.
- Any person who believes he or she has a disability requiring the use of auxiliary aids and services at this meeting may call the Board Secretary, at (954) 236-2116 at least two (2) business days prior to the meeting to advise of his/her special requirements.