




COMMITTEE MEMORANDUM

TO: Members of the Land Use and Development Committee

FROM: Kathie G. Brooks, Interim City Manager  for KGB

DATE: September 19, 2012

SUBJECT: **DISCUSSION ON THE EUCLID AVENUE STREET END PROJECT**

Euclid Avenue at Lincoln Road is a dead-end street that is currently primarily used for deliveries and back-of-house activities for the adjacent restaurant on the West side of the street. (see Attachment) Mr. Mel Schlessler, owner of 670 Lincoln Road (the building located on the East side of the street) is proposing to enter into an agreement with the City to close Euclid Avenue to pedestrian-only traffic between Lincoln Road and Lincoln Lane South. In addition, café tables and chairs would be prohibited in this new improved area. The project would extend the pedestrian corridor, allowing people to enjoy Lincoln Road without having to sit at an outdoor seating area of a café or restaurant. Also, the project will enhance and beautify the entrance to Lincoln Road from Euclid Avenue, as well as serve as an attractive connector to the Flamingo Park neighborhood.

Mr. Schlessler proposes to pay for the soft costs and provide the construction management for the project, while the City would be responsible for the hard costs for the necessary improvements. As part of preliminary work for the project, the Administration convened Mr. Schlessler and various City departments (including Planning, CIP, Public Works, Parks & Recreation, and Parking) to work through related issues. The hard costs for the project are estimated at \$416,820. This is the amount included in the proposed Capital Projects budget to be funded by the City Center RDA.

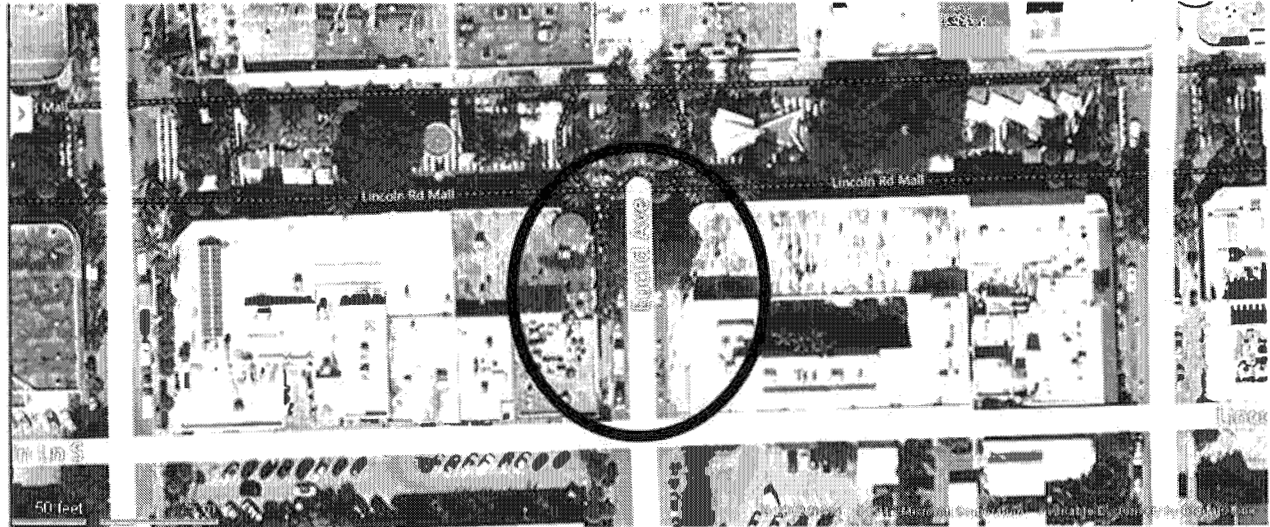
At the July 10, 2012 Finance and Citywide Projects Committee meeting (continued from the July 9 FCWPC Meeting), the Administration presented the Euclid Avenue Improvements Project as part of the 2012-2013 Capital Projects Discussion. The Committee recommended that the project be included in the budget as a placeholder and referred the item to the Land Use & Development Committee for further discussion. Meanwhile, the Administration reached out to the immediate neighborhood. Mr. Schlessler and Staff presented the proposed project to the Flamingo Park Neighborhood Association (FPNA) at their monthly meeting on September 5, 2012. Some of the comments made by the association members for further consideration include opening up the entrance more by perhaps moving some of the sidewalk café tables and chairs currently occupying the width of Euclid Avenue, and relocating them to the outer edge of the street, as well as review of the design and landscaping plan to better integrate with Lincoln Road. The group unanimously supported the proposed project.

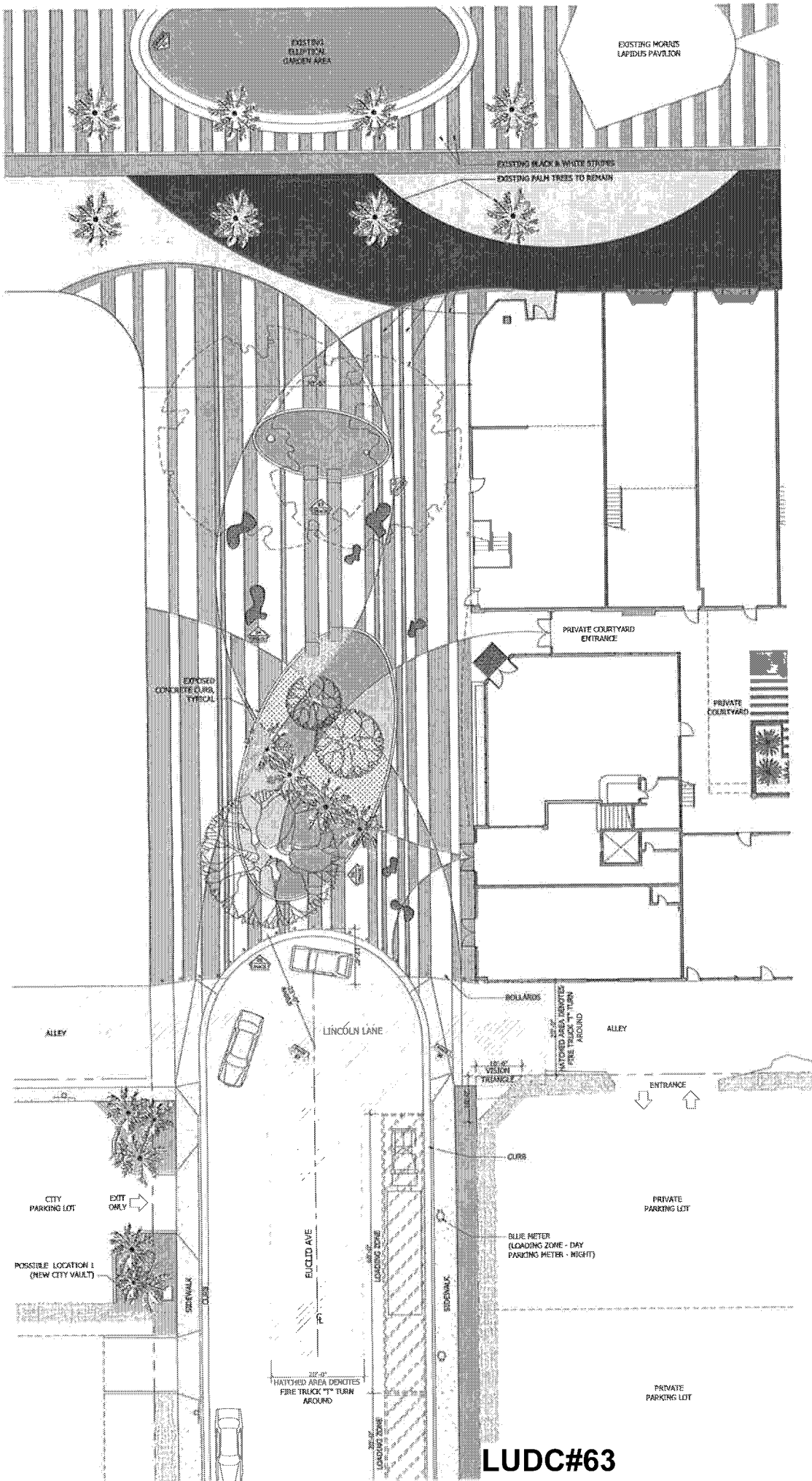
The Administration is seeking direction from the Land Use and Development Committee, and we will report the Committee's actions to the full Commission prior to the September 27, 2012 budget hearing.

Attachments

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8. Discussion: FY 2012/13 Capital Projects Prioritization

ACTION

The Committee:

- requested the Bass Museum Phase II Expansion project name be changed to Bass Museum Phase II Expansion – Interior Exhibit Space and that the item be discussed further at the July 25, 2012 Finance & Citywide Projects Committee Meeting
- * • recommended that the funding for Euclid Avenue Improvements at Lincoln Road be put in as a placeholder, that community outreach be conducted for the item and refer the item to the Land Use & Development Committee
- referred the discussion of the width of sidewalk café and the encroachment of them into the pedestrian walkway to the Neighborhood/Community Affairs Committee
- requested the name of CC-Misc. Projects be changed to Contingency Items and provide a reconciliation of what was spent in fiscal year 2011/12
- asked that the drawings for the Surface Lot 22X N Shore Youth Center project be provided and that the surface lot projects be brought back to the July 25, 2012 Finance & Citywide Projects Committee meeting
- asked that Law Enforcement Trust Fund be included next year when the Capital Budget is being discussed
- asked that the Miami Beach Transportation Improvement and Implementation Plan include falling intersections as part of the scope

Interim City Manager Kathie G. Brooks continued with the item and presented the City Center Projects. The Committee asked that the Bass Museum Phase II Expansion project name be changed to Bass Museum Phase II Expansion – Interior Exhibit Space and that the item be discussed further at the July 25, 2012 Finance & Citywide Projects Committee Meeting.

Chairperson Deede Weithorn asked if community outreach had been done for the Euclid Avenue Improvements at the Lincoln Road project. Assistant City Manager Jorge Gomez stated that some preliminary outreach had been done and suggested that funding be put in as a placeholder and that Staff reach out to the neighborhood. The Committee recommended that the funding for Euclid Avenue Improvements at Lincoln Road be put in as a placeholder and referred the item to the Land Use & Development Committee. Commissioner Jorge Exposito asked that the issue of the width of sidewalk café and the encroachment of them into the pedestrian walkway be readdressed. Discussion ensued. The Committee referred the discussion of the width of sidewalk café and the encroachment of them into the pedestrian walkway to the Neighborhood/Community Affairs Committee.

The Committee tentatively approved the proposed Anchor Garage/Shops projects. Commissioner Ed Tobin asked if there was interest in police monitored cameras located in tourist areas. Police Chief Ray Martinez stated that an item regarding surveillance cameras has been placed on the Neighborhood/Community Affairs Committee July agenda. Ms. Brooks suggested that the funding for the pilot program come from the Law Enforcement Trust Fund.

The Committee asked that the name of CC-Misc. Projects be changed to Contingency Items and provide a reconciliation of what was spent in fiscal year 2011/12. Chairperson Weithorn asked if the projects listed in fiscal year 2013/14 – fiscal year 2016/17 should