

## Public Meeting Summary

**Date and Time:** January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 7:00 pm

**Location:** Cutler Bay Town Hall. 10720 Caribbean Blvd. #105. Cutler Bay, Fl. 33189

**Subject:** Town Center Plaza project – 7th Public Meeting

**Attendees:** Peggy R. Bell – Mayor; Sue Loyzelle – Vice Mayor; Michael Callahan – Council Member; Roger Coriat – Council Member; Mary Ann Mixon – Council Member; Rafael Casals –Town Manager; Sandra Wong -Resident; Autumn Joy Wong -Resident; Susana Wong - Resident; Wendy Muguercia - Resident; Tatiana Castro - Resident; Christine Coats - Resident; Lenard Coats - Resident; Gregg Guilford - Resident; Bruce Ford - Resident; Coral Paul - Resident; Ray Martin - Resident; William Bell - Resident; Rhonda Burolock - Resident; Ginny Velard - Resident; Carlos Flores - Resident; Tyler Rapaport - Resident; Terry Long-Resident; Teresa Schuslter - Resident; Dora Olsen-Resident; Paul Herosman - Resident; Stephen Beltbol - Resident; Joyce Huck - Resident; Jim and Alice Ryss - Resident; Athony Belthanena - Resident; Jodan Arutt -Resident; Linda Hardenburgh - Resident; Rachel Trainor - Resident; Edwardo de Oragon - Resident; Karen Brodhead - Resident; Bobby Hartwell - Resident; Alfie Sergio - Resident; Stefano Fanfani - Resident; Ed Wolmers -Resident; Julienne Marshall - Resident; Tom Condon - Resident; Susan Myers-Resident; Jose Rodriguez - Resident; Valarie Rodriguez - Resident; Monica Carballo - Resident; Jailene Gauria-Resident; Wendy Lawsan -Resident; Michelle Latte - Kimley-Horn; George Puig – Kimley-Horn.

The seventh public meeting for the Town Center Plaza project took place at Cutler Bay Town Hall on January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 7:00 pm.

The purpose of this public meeting was to present and receive community input on the Town Center Plaza Project. Kimley-Horn and Associates started the meeting by presenting an overview of the project and the items discussed during the previous public meetings and how the proposed conceptual plan evolved based on the previously acquired community feedback. The summary of all previous public workshops and meetings were explained to the public.

Following are comments provided by the meeting attendees:

- Resident concerned about the maintenance of the plaza.
- Resident asked about who owns the property.

- Various residents concerned with the cost of the project.
- Resident asked if the Town is working on any grants to fund this project.
- Resident concerned about the liability that the skate park component brings to the project.
- Resident asked if certain elements are eliminated, will cost decrease?
- A couple of residents stated that Plaza has too much concrete and need more green space. Feels too urban.
- Resident concerned about the exercise equipment maintenance, being vandalized, and how to use equipment.
- Resident stated that more walkways are needed.
- Resident is in favor of the exercise equipment. Bike racks should be added.
- Various residents concerned about the cost of the project and said that thirteen million dollars is too expensive.
- Resident pointed out that the soft costs are close to the actual Plaza amenity costs.
- A couple of residents think there is not enough space for exercise equipment; skate park and amphitheater.
- Resident would like the design to be simplified such as having smaller water features with seating and lights. Add game tables.
- Resident in favor for the permeant stage but no to restrooms and no to custom shelters.
- Resident asked if the Plaza cost will affect resident's taxes.
- Various residents would like to increase the green space.
- Various residents liked the water features.
- Various residents in favor of the skate park.
- Resident stated that the skate park will be a great amenity since young people can skate board while the parents have a range of activities to do simultaneously in the plaza.
- Various residents think there is no need for the skate park.
- Various residents think there is no need for this plaza at this location.
- Resident thinks there is a need for a more natural park instead of a plaza.
- Resident thinks that the design is beautiful.
- Resident would like to make the building and surrounding areas more beautiful with less cost.
- Resident stated that other projects may be more valuable to do at this location than the Plaza.
- Resident asked if location is already defined and a done deal.
- Resident likes the FPL solar panels.
- Resident is concerned that the Plaza is isolated from residences.
- Resident worried about the placement of the skate park and the noise to the Town Center building.
- Various residents stated that location is not ideal for plaza use due to lack of police presence and being near the turnpike.
- Resident thinks the money for this project should be spent on improving the Town's existing parks.
- Resident would like a monthly farmer's market with local art shows and local bands.

- Resident concerned about the lack of parking spaces and wants to make sure that there is ADA accessibility.
- Resident likes the whole project as it is, with all elements included but reducing cost significantly. Maintenance costs shown are too low. Wanted to know how to get the community more involved in the process.
- Resident likes the skate park and thinks it will be used a lot. Kids can take public transportation to get to the site.
- Resident stated that the Cultural Arts Center is not free to use and not available for some of the uses the Town needs.
- Resident likes location of Plaza.
- Resident stated that the costs can be reduced to get a price that everyone can work with.
- Resident asked who is this Plaza project for, the tenants or the community?
- Resident asked what is the return on investment for this project?
- Resident likes the uses of the Plaza since they are not directly related to sports.
- Resident thinks project needs to be toned down- 5 to 6 million.
- Resident doesn't see the vision for the plaza, and is concerned about property being damaged and vandalized. Feels the water features are very expensive.
- Resident thinks project costs can be reduced to 6-8 million.
- Resident likes interactive water feature since there are not many opportunities like what the Plaza offers to middle class residents with kids.
- Resident stated that all Plaza features should be passive in nature.
- Resident stated that custom shelters should be replaced with sail structures which would reduce costs.
- Resident would like to remove the exercise equipment.
- Resident asked to reconsider orientation and location of some of the plaza features such as the stage and parking.
- Resident concerned that if the Plaza project is not done, redevelopment of the area surrounding the site would be affected.
- Resident asked about stage/venue loading and unloading area.
- Resident concerned about the maintenance of the water features and does not think they should be part of the project.
- Resident does not like the idea of the project being built in phases.

**END OF MEETING MINUTES**