



***KINGSOUTEL CROSSING CRA (KSC/CRA) ADVISORY BOARD
HYBRID VIRTUAL AND IN-PERSON MEETING
CITY HALL, OED SUITE 250, LARGE CONFERENCE ROOM
THURSDAY, JUNE 27, 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: Chair Russell Jackson, Vanessa Cullins Hopkins, Palecia Crawford-Maddox, and Tony Robbins

KSC/CRA Advisory Board Members Absent: Vice Chair Bill Price and Advisory Board Member Kemal Gasper,

Staff Present: Karen Nasrallah, Redevelopment Manager; Wendy Khan, Director of Operations; and Casey Peyton, Recording Secretary

Representing the Office of General Counsel: Carla Lopera

Others Present: Jacquelyn Williams, City Planner Department; Alan Tablada and Nikita Reed, Public Works; and Tom Fallin, Acon Construction Co., Inc

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

Due to time constraints, the Advisory Board took up the Updates on New Kings Road Capital Improvements Project before the action items.

UPDATE ON THE NEW KINGS ROAD CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

Ms. Nasrallah reminded the Board of the importance of this project. She highlighted that the most significant developments will be to enhance the existing residential community, to calm down traffic to ensure safety and simultaneously encourage economic growth, and to create pedestrian-friendly corridors.

Mr. Tablada then provided a large-scale map showing potential New Kings Road improvement projects to the Advisory Board. Mr. Tablada noted to be aware of sidewalk improvements through the 295 interchanges on both sides of the roadway (approx. 4500 LF) and constructed sidewalks connecting along the South Side of Martin Luther King Dr. to the West Side of New Kings Rd (approx. 500 LF).

Advisory Board Member Vanessa Cullins Hopkins expressed her concern for traffic on US1 to Prichard off New Kings Road. Advisory Board Member Palecia Crawford-Maddox agreed and said that Moncrief Road needs turning lanes to allow turning into businesses safe and easy.

Mr. Tablada continued to show pedestrian crossing improvements, landscape medians, public transit improvements, and roundabout opportunities throughout KingSoutel. The Advisory Board expressed their gratitude and look forward to the improvements.

Ms. Nasrallah recapped with the Board the intent of creating bus transit stops, landscaping, crosswalks, and overhead beacons. Ms. Nasrallah then announced FDOT's interest in cleaning up driveways for businesses. This will help with aesthetics and safety. She commented that these added projects would add money to the account, but the results will be successful. Ms. Nasrallah proclaimed that they intend to reroute the truck traffic away to help present and future residents.

ACTION ITEMS

APPROVAL OF THE APRIL 25, 2024, KINGSOUTEL CROSSING CRA ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

A MOTION WAS MADE BY ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER VANESSA CULLINS HOPKINS AND SECONDED BY ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER TONY ROBBINS APPROVING THE APRIL 25, 2024, KINGSOUTEL CROSSING ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES, AS AMENDED. THE MOTION PASSED 3-0-1. ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER PALECIA ABSTAINED.

CONSIDERATION OF REALLOCATION OF \$1,299,949 IN FUNDING TO NEW KINGS ROAD CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

Ms. Nasrallah provided maps for the Advisory Board and announced that JEA discovered that they could not run around I-295 and have no other routes to work through. Since the project became out of boundary, Ms. Nasrallah said they must cut the New Kings Road Water Funding and reallocate the money and advised they put the money towards the New Kings Road Capital Improvements Project.

Advisory Board Member Vanessa Cullins expressed her enthusiasm for progress and the Board agreed to relocate the funds to the New Kings Road Capital Improvements.

Chair Jackson opened the floor for public comments. There were no speakers.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER VANESSA CULLINS HOPKINS AND SECONDED BY ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER TONY ROBBINS APPROVING THE RECOMMENDATION OF REALLOCATING THE \$1,299,949 IN FUNDING THE NEW KINGS ROAD CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY 4-0-0.

CONSIDERATION OF ALLOCATION OF \$2,842,820 IN FUNDING FOR FY 23/24

Ms. Nasrallah announced that the \$2,842,820 needs to be assigned to a project or program by the end of the fiscal year or the funding could be placed elsewhere by the Agency Board Meeting in July.

Advisory Board Member Vanessa Cullins motioned to allocate the money into the FY23/24 Budget for the New Kings Road Capital Improvements Project. Advisory Board Member Tony Robbins agreed with her motion but asked if the Board could allocate this money to other projects in the future. Ms. Nasrallah agreed that they could. Ms. Nasrallah said KSC/CRA will have around \$8,000,000 in their funding account if this motion passes and they can continue to allocate money to the New Kings Road Capital Improvements while working on other projects.

Chair Jackson opened the floor for public comments. There were no speakers.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER VANESSA CULLINS HOPKINS AND SECONDED BY ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER TONY ROBBINS APPROVING RECOMMENDATION TO THE CONSIDERATION OF ALLOCATION OF \$2,842,820 IN FUNDING FOR FY 23/24. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY 4-0-0.

III. GENERAL INFORMATION

IV. NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Nasrallah alerted the Board that an upcoming applicant will ask to construct a truck stop in the middle of the KSC/CRA and will not be in compliance. Ms. Nasrallah announced that she opposes this application because the area of interest is intended for future residential and retail opportunities. The Advisory Board agreed with her suggestion.

V. OLD BUSINESS

Advisory Board Vanessa Cullins stated her worry about incorrect total expenditures in past budgets and asked for them to be made public. Ms. Nasrallah replied that everyone can view the Annual CRAs on the City's webpage and reassured her that all was correct.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no comments from the public.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chair Jackson adjourned the KingSoutel Crossing Advisory Board meeting at approximately 4:43 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.