

**FINAL MINUTES AND AGENDA
TOWN OF JUPITER
COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY MEETING
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2022**

Chair Kuretski called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

Roll Call: Chair Jim Kuretski; Commissioner Cameron May; Commissioner Malise Sundstrom; Acting Executive Director Kate Moretto; Commission Attorney Thomas J. Baird and Board Clerk Laura Cahill. Vice-Chair Ron Delaney arrived at 6:04 P.M. and Commissioner Cheryl Schneider was absent.

MINUTES

1. September 6, 2022 Community Redevelopment Agency Meeting Minutes.

Commissioner Sundstrom moved to approve the April 19, 2022 Community Redevelopment Agency Meeting Minutes; seconded by Commissioner May; motion passed.

Kuretski
Yes

Delaney
Yes

May
Yes

Sundstrom
Yes

ROUNDTABLE

2. Jupiter Beach Road and A1A intersection improvements update.

Mr. Thomas Hernandez, Engineering Director, gave a presentation that included the history of the project, final design of the roundabout, project status update, revised CIP budget and a three-way stop control option.

Mr. Hernandez stated due to the recommendation from the CRA Commissioners, Staff advertised for additional bids and received a bid approximately \$86,000 less than the first bid. He noted that the CRA had a current unencumbered balance of about 759,000. In order to move forward with the project Staff would require additional funding from the CRA.

Mr. Hernandez also offered the three-way stop as a second option due to being more cost-effective, however, it would not suffice as a long-term solution. He stated the three-way stop was not expected to exceed \$65,000, but Staff would recommend an additional \$75,000 for enhancements such as landscaping. He said that Staff was seeking direction to pursue the roundabout or three-way stop option.

Mr. Guy Bulkeley, resident of North Highway A1A, had concerns regarding bringing mobile units in and out of Jupiter River Park through the roundabout.

Mr. Richard Thompson, resident of Ocean Trail Way, discussed traffic concerns and believed the Town should paint the roads instead of putting in a roundabout.

Mr. Larry Henschel, resident of North Highway A1A, spoke regarding the roundabout; the possibility of using Parkway Street; using a Town parking lot; and placing speed bumps to slow down traffic.

ROUNDTABLE

2. Jupiter Beach Road and A1A intersection improvements update.

Mr. Frank Murray, resident of North Highway A1A, stated bike safety was a concern on A1A and within roundabouts. He provided the Town Clerk with a handout for Council and felt the roundabout was a waste of money and would reduce bike rider safety.

Mr. Joe Aldrich, resident of North Highway A1A, had concerns with the roundabout and believed using Parkway Street was a better option for controlling traffic. He felt the Town should install more calming strips and address noise at the Inlet Park.

Mr. Edward Houstoun, resident of North Highway A1A, read a letter from Mr. and Mrs. Paul and Rosemary Buell, residents of Jupiter River Park. The letter spoke of their concern for the traffic circle causing a hazard and being destructive to the area.

Ms. Joanne Pisani, resident of Ocean Trail Way, presented the traffic management plan from 2013 when the Town took over A1A. She appreciated the accommodations the Town had made to get mobile homes in and out but stated the traffic backup to turn left onto Ocean Trail took longer than it ever had in the past.

Commissioner Sundstrom asked about previous comments from Mr. C.J. Lan, Traffic Engineer. She asked if a one lane roundabout was as safe as the current intersection was now. Mr. Lan said yes. Commissioner Sundstrom noted the three-way and four-way stops and the traffic count study done in 2019. She referred to an email she had received earlier in the day stating since 2019, two new restaurants, a banquet hall, a tapa's bar, and a 33-townhome community had been added, creating more traffic.

Commissioner Sundstrom asked what the waiting period was, to get a right of way (ROW) from Palm Beach County. Mr. Lan said it was a short waiting time.

Commissioner Sundstrom asked about the timeline of the roundabout construction conflicting with U.S. 1 bridge construction. Mr. Hernandez said it was difficult to estimate when the roundabout could start based on materials availability but the earliest start time would be mid-December. She asked if the scope of work for the U.S 1 bridge included the right turn on to A1A to remain accessible. Mr. Hernandez said he believed so.

Commissioner Sundstrom asked who would be responsible for traffic maintenance. Mr. Hernandez said the contractor would submit a plan and the Town would approve it. He confirmed the intersection would be accessible through all construction.

Commissioner May said the timing of the project always bothered him and he felt the roundabout would be cumbersome for people leaving Jupiter Beach Park. He felt timeline wise, having Parkway Street open to alleviate traffic should be considered.

Commissioner Sundstrom noted landscaping improvements were mentioned with the three way stop. She said if it was a temporary solution why would it be needed. Mr. Hernandez said the improvements would be temporary as well.

ROUNDTABLE

2. Jupiter Beach Road and A1A intersection improvements update.

Chair Kuretski noted Mr. Lan's presentation from February 12, 2020 stating that the westbound turn lane was the main service issue. Mr. Lan confirmed yes, that turning left off Parkway Street was the major issue. Mayor Kuretski asked Staff if mobile homes would be able to move in and out of the park. Mr. Lan said yes.

Vice-Chair Delaney asked if the mobile home deliveries could still be made the same way they were now. Mr. Lan said yes, if they used the south entrance. He also noted a lower profile curb could be used.

Vice-Chair Delaney and Mr. Lan discussed the three-way stop versus a roundabout for efficiency and safety. Mr. Lan confirmed they were both safe. They also discussed gridlocks with roundabouts and line of sight.

Commissioner Sundstrom and Mr. Hernandez discussed the difference in safety of the three-way stop and the roundabout when using the north and south entrances of Jupiter River Park.

Vice-Chair Delaney stated he was hesitant to spend about a million dollars and have five months of construction.

Chair Kuretski asked if there would potentially be a level of service issue with the all-way stops. Mr. Hernandez said yes it would eventually become a failing condition if the traffic increased.

Chair Kuretski stated he was supportive of the roundabout and the budget adjustment of the CRA.

Commissioner Sundstrom mentioned her safety and timing concerns but was supportive of the roundabout.

Commissioner May mentioned the cons of the roundabout and wasn't sure if the three-way stop or the roundabout resolved the issue.

Commissioner Sundstrom stated the roundabout was the better solution.

Vice-Chair Delaney stated to help with the level of service, he was supportive of the roundabout but still had concerns about the cost.

REPORTS

COMMISSION ATTORNEY

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS

CHAIR KURETSKI

- Inlet Village holiday decorations – Chair Kuretski stated he questioned if the Inlet Village holiday decorations would be from the CRA instead of the Town Operating Funds. There was a consensus from the Commission funds would be taken from the CRA budget (JK, RD, CM, MS).

ADJOURNMENT - 6:45 P.M.

Laura Cahill, Board Clerk