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Minutes to the PACC meeting on 8/17/11

Committee members present: Karen Paul, Chair, (KP), Paul Decelles (PD), Ed Adrian (EA)
Staff present: Ron Redmond, Mari Steinbach, Doreen Kraft, Kirsten Merriman Shapiro, Larry Kupferman (note taker)
Others: David G. White, White+Burke Real Estate Investment Advisors, Inc.

1 a and b): **Agenda and previous meeting minutes**

- a) agenda: PD asks about the time required for staff to prepare for Councilor Adrian's questions regarding agenda #5: BCA budget questions. EA moves that item #5 be moved to item 2.5; PD seconds and so moved.
- b) Minutes from 7-20-11: PD moves to approve, KP seconds and so move 2-0 (EA abstains).

2) **Public Forum**: there was no one from the public to speak at Public Forum.

2a) **BCA-budget questions per Councilor Adrian**

EA wishes for a thorough preparation for answers to his questions that he sent this afternoon. He thinks a month or 2 may be sufficient time, if needed.

Doreen Kraft stated that because the nature of the questions required responses and preparations from a number of City Departments, she could not comment on the time it will take to respond. The committee decided to keep to its regular schedule in September (9/21/11) given Doreen will be a vacation that week, and there may not be responses available by that time.

3) **Moran Center development update**

David G. White, consultant to the project, presented an outline of development agreements for the Sailing Center and the Ice Factor and walked through the document describing pertinent features, concepts and terminology. While specific details were omitted from the document because they are still being negotiated, the draft agreements consider each aspect of development in depth and is ready to have the finished details provided.

While there was no formal action taken at this time by the Committee, the timetable for discussing and seeking Council approval for the agreements was discussed: 2 working sessions before the Board of Finance in executive session to be able to discuss the financial terms of each agreement, presentation of finished agreements to PACC at the September 21st meeting in executive session with final confidential deliberations at the September 26th Council meeting. If both agreements are not finished in time for the September 26th meeting, then we plan to bring the agreements before Council in October.

4) **Waterfront Vendors per Councilor Decelles**

PD wishes to see more vendors on the waterfront and asks Ron Redmond's advice on doing so. Parks and Recreation Commission members were invited to tonight's meeting but were not able to attend.

Ron Redmond states that foot traffic is an essential factor for a successful vendor and that they need a flexible contract to make their business work. He thinks hearing from current vendors about their market analysis and viability of the waterfront; it is a 12 week season and vendors depend on special events to capture some of the business.

Mari Steinbach stated that there is foot traffic.

Ron Redmond suggested a test period to let vendors try out the waterfront locations.

KP: asks who has the authority to make a policy to allow more vendors on the waterfront –particularly on public lands?

PD: spoke with Steve Allen today who stated that the “Parks Commission does not feel that further commercialization of the waterfront is best for the waterfront.”

PD: also asks for the legal authority about deciding this question.

KP: on another matter, staff is still looking for documents that established the PACC.

PD moves to adjourn at 6:30, EA seconds and so moved.

Notes submitted by Larry Kupferman