



### **Meeting Summary**

**TYPE OF MEETING:** Initial Meeting – Introduction to the Project

**DATE:** May 28, 2015

**TIME:** 5:30 PM

**NAME:** Lotus Boss, Independence Bay Civic Association

**OTHER MEETING PARTICIPANTS:** Patty Donovan, Independence Bay Master Board and Syl Melone, Independence Bay Master Board

**LOCATION:** Independence Bay Club House Office, 1776 Independence Bay Drive, Deerfield Beach FL

**PROJECT TEAM MEMBER PARTICIPATION:** Pamela Adams, Adams Consulting Group and Jeff Weidner, Marlin Engineering

**PRIMARY CONTACT FOR FOLLOW-UP:** Lotus Boss 954-725-4143

#### **1. Do you have any concerns about existing conditions along the SW 10<sup>th</sup> Street Corridor?**

- a. Existing access from SW 10<sup>th</sup> Street is limited in that the guard house is close to the roadway and the eastbound right turn lane entering the community and the westbound left turn lane get backed up. This is especially bad during the holidays.
- b. Exiting the property is not that difficult but the left turn to westbound takes a long time.
- c. Concern over projects and/or any improvement to resolve the congestion may have a negative impact on property values and quality of life in the community
- d. Flow of traffic and speed is a concern in off-peak hours
- e. Improvements are needed but at what cost to the community
- f. Construction noise can be a health concern. Long term health implications of construction on community residents (The attached was provided by Mr. Melone and is not endorsed by the Broward MPO)

#### **2. What is your vision for SW 10<sup>th</sup> Street?**

1. The group did not have a clear vision of how to address their concerns related to SW 10<sup>th</sup> Street; it was clear that a “flyover” was not an option. (Jeff clarified the commonly confusing terms of flyover, elevated highway, over passes, etc for the group.)
2. Various opportunities to improve the existing SW 10<sup>th</sup> Street conditions were shared and discussed:
  - i. Noise mitigation could include a noise wall or a residential sound barrier
  - ii. To improve traffic flow, a depressed roadway was discussed.

- iii. Landscape enhancements would improve aesthetics along the roadway particularly between Military Trail and Powerline Road on the north side of SW 10<sup>th</sup> Street.
- iv. Improved traffic signalization to more efficiently move traffic.

**3. Our approach includes establishing a community committee to provide the SW 10th Street Project Team with various perspectives on the proposed project and to act as a channel to disseminate project information to the community and to receive feedback from the community.**

**1. Do you have any ideas about the committee?**

- i. They would like to see options so that they could assist in sharing with the community.

**2. What are your thoughts about the make-up and size of the committee?**

- i. The representatives agreed that it is difficult to develop options with many people involved. They would like to be represented on a smaller group that develops options.

**3. Would you recommend any citizens to participate on the committee? If yes, who?**

- i. Lotus will explore a community participant for the committee, perhaps someone with engineering or planning experience.

**4. Do you have any additional comments or thoughts that you wish to share?**

- 1. Ms. Boss provided a profile of the Independence Bay community; the community has evolved from the majority retirement/seasonal residential community. It includes 821 residences, 99% working full time.
- 2. The community structure includes a Master Board and 11 sub-associations.
- 3. There is fear of the unknown in the community - "what is coming?".
- 4. Ms. Donovan strongly suggests that they be provided with visual examples/illustrations of what has been accomplished in other places to address similar concerns. With this information it would be easier to educate and engage the community.
- 5. Independence has a monthly newsletter. It is available for articles for the project.
- 6. The next Master Board meeting will be in September 2015, the team should be prepared to discuss opportunities at that time.

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