

**Meeting Minutes**  
**International Drive Community**  
**Redevelopment Area (CRA) Advisory Committee**  
**August 6, 2020**

Members Present:     Melanie Becker - Vice Chairman  
                              Robert Haywood – IDMTID  
                              Marc Reicher – Mayor’s At Large Representative  
                              Joelle Konze – At-Large Representative  
                              Sam Butler – Tangelo Park Civic Association

County Staff Present: Raymond Williams – Public Works Engineering Division  
                              Colleen Lutz – Public Works Engineering Division  
                              Irma Connelly – Public Works Engineering Division  
                              Jay Wallace – Office of Management and Budget  
                              Frank Yokiel – Public Works Traffic Engineering Division  
                              Renzo Nastasi – Transportation Planning Division  
                              Carla Bell Johnson – Orange County Convention Center  
                              Krista Barber – Orange County Convention Center  
                              Natalia Garcia - Orange County Convention Center  
                              Jason Reynolds – Neighborhood Services Division  
                              Lila McHenry – Orange County Attorney’s Office

Others Present:       Luann Brooks  
                              Laura Smith  
                              Tom Kohler

**I.     Call to Order**

Vice Chairman Melanie Becker called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

**II.    Public Comments**

There were no public comments.

**III.   Administrative Items**

Ms. Carla Bell Johnson notified the CRA Board of Chairman Kevin Kennedy’s resignation.

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Melanie Becker and seconded by Mr. Robert Haywood to appoint Mr. Marc Reicher as Chairman of the Committee. The motion was passed by a unanimous vote of all members virtually present.

A motion was made by Chairman Marc Reicher and seconded by Mr. Robert Haywood to approve the February 6, 2020 meeting minutes. The motion was passed by a unanimous vote of all members virtually present.

**IV.   Financial Overview**

Mr. Jay Wallace reviewed the current financial status and projection sheet.

## **V. Proposed Budget FY-21 Approval**

Mr. Raymond Williams discussed the I-Drive CRA proposed FY-21 budget of \$6,600,000.

There was a motion by Chairman Marc Reicher and seconded by Vice Chairman Melanie Becker to approve the budget recommendation. The motion was passed by a unanimous vote of all members virtually present.

## **VI. CIP Progress Report**

Mr. Raymond Williams reviewed the International Drive District Transportation Projects and gave update as follows;

John Young Parkway/Sand Lake Road Interchange is a FDOT partnership project, which is under construction scheduled for estimated completion in December 2020. The overpass bridge was open to traffic January 2020.

Kirkman Road Extension is from Carrier Drive to Universal Blvd South. County jurisdiction, Segments 1 and 2 is from Universal Blvd to the Southern Interchange Ramps with Sand Lake Rd. FDOT jurisdiction, Segment 3 is from the Southern Interchange Ramps to Carrier Drive. Includes the reconfiguration of the Interchange. Roadway Infrastructure Agreement was approved December 2019. Universal is completing the design and will construct all segments.

Sand Lake Road (Apopka Vineland Road to Turkey Lake Road) design began in July 2020. Includes a 10' wide shared use path on south side, continuous eastbound and westbound lanes for right turning vehicles between Rialto Dr and Dr. Phillips Blvd, and a traffic signal warrant study at the Fountain and Plaza Venezia. Construction estimated to be completed in 2022.

I-Drive Transit Lanes is from Destination Parkway to Sand Lake Road, design plans are at 90%. Project will relieve Convention Center congestion, accommodates I-Ride Trolley and Charter Buses, connector to future Convention Center Circulator. Landscaping package is to be included to address impact. Construction is estimated to be a two years project estimated to start in 2022.

## **VII. Pedestrian Enhancement Updates**

Mr. Frank Yokiell gave update for Pedestrian Safety Enhancements – Crosswalk area study, looked at un-signalized crossings. Austrian Court, Walgreens/International Drive and Hilton Las Palmeras/Universal Blvd are under design for full traffic signals. Construction is estimated to start in 2021.

## **VIII. I-Drive Premium Transit Feasibility Study**

Mr. Renzo Nastasi gave updates – I-Drive/Sand Lake Road Pedestrian Bridge study includes, public involvement/project advisory group, data collection, feasibility analysis, architectural renderings and Right-of-Way evaluation. Currently in the Procurement process. This will be a partnership project.

I-Drive Premium Transit Study replicates transit lanes, International Dr – Sea Harbor Dr to Sand Lake Rd, Via Mercado – International Dr to Universal Blvd, Destination Pkwy – International Dr to Tradeshow Blvd, Tradeshow Blvd – Destination Pkwy to Universal Blvd, Universal Blvd – Tradeshow Blvd to Sand Lake Rd are the study limits. Results will incorporate the Kirkman Road Extension project, Universal Blvd to Carrier Dr. Several group meetings have been completed. The Project Advisory Committee will continue to reach out to stakeholders. This project will include the widening of Tradeshow Blvd from Universal Blvd to Destination Pkwy. Study is estimated to be completed Fall 2020. Recommendation will be presented to Board of County Commissioners to proceed with design of Ultimate Transit Lanes and the Premium Bus system which will operate curb side. Project is estimated follow Transit Lane anticipated to open in 2024. New transit stations will be constructed.

I-4/Sand Lake Road is a new interchange that FDOT will be undertaking. We are taking the opportunity to partner with FDOT to enhance the interchange as a gateway feature. Conceptual plans are completed. Construction is estimated to start 2023.

I-4/Daryl Carter Pkwy Interchange from Osceola Pkwy to Central Florida Pkwy. Right-of-Way acquisition is underway. Construction is estimated to start 2022.

Ms. Joelle Konze inquired if as part of Kirkman Extension are there any discussions to add an exit off the Turnpike and Sand Lake Rd. Mr. Renzo Nastasi responded, no discussion of plans in the future for exit.

## **IX. I-Drive CRA Redevelopment Plan Update**

Ms. Carla Johnson gave update of efforts to update the I-Drive Community Redevelopment Plan created in 1998. A directive was given by Mayor Demings and the Board of County Commissioners to look at the plan to update with current data and analysis. Also to re-evaluate the sunset date as part of this effort. The County engaged GAI Community Solutions Group as a consultant to evaluate the Redevelopment Plan for opportunities to expand the scope of programs that could be funded. The evaluation will also address the boundaries of the CRA. The effort will keep stakeholder engagement ongoing with the Tangelo Park Community and use of the I-Drive 2040 Vision Steering Review Group as an organized entity to facilitate some of that engagement.

Mr. Tom Kohler from GAI Community Solutions group gave an overview of the parameters that could be considered going forward for updating the recommendations.

**X. Other Business**

No Other Business.

**XI. Adjournment**

With no further business, Vice Chairman Melanie Becker adjourned the meeting at 10:41 a.m.