

**APPENDIX C. COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS
RECEIVED AT THE TOWN HALL MEETING
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CRA MEETING 9/14/05 - Responses and comments

	How did you hear	% of total	Meeting Informative	% of total	Location acceptable	% of total	Status	% of total
Newspaper	13	17.1%						
Posted Notice	4	5.3%						
Word of Mouth	22	28.9%						
Public TV	2	2.6%						
Sign board	4	5.3%						
Water Bill	2	2.6%						
Web Site	7	9.2%						
Other	22	28.9%						
Very			38	73.1%	47	88.7%		
Somewhat			10	19.2%	6	11.3%		
Not at all			4	7.7%				
Resident							34	45.9%
Business Owner							6	8.1%
Property Owner							25	33.8%
Other							9	12.2%

Total cards returned 57

NOTE: Some questions have more than one response, while others where not answered; therefore the total number of answers does not match the total number of cards.

Comments/suggestions

Alternate location of meetings between east and west sides
Neighborhood signs and plenty of them
Display a model of downtown area instead of maps
Will the steel fabrication business on Prospect Rd. and 4th Ave be replaced? They operate all night long and create noise for residents just north of that block!
More definitive material
Attach microphone to speakers rather than hand-held or static
More advertisement for a bigger Oakland Park input
Ask people to go outside when talking on cell phones and business conversations
It was very good and I appreciated excellent sound system
Improve Floranada Road with landscape and sidewalks
Taxes on low-income property? How can they be made manageable?
Ask participants to be quiet so that everyone can hear.
Move forward! Great Job!
Advertise in water bill the month before!
Better visuals. Perhaps more in print. Power point difficult to see unless in front rows.
Get to the point and tell us how it affects the people
Tell details of plans and contacts for each phase with phone numbers
Let the residents be informed of proposed improvements before deciding for them. You always have to find money for what residents want.
Explain the costs of this project - where will the money come from
Have all the persons involved sit up front - not behind the residents who attend the meeting. Parking is a problem.
The refreshments were great. Do it again.
Listing of detailed agenda.
Good forum, possibly have a written agenda. Chairs were not too comfy.
Good job!
Better maps - something you can read!! Especially the handout!
I think you did a great job.
Please include all areas of Oakland Park. Even though you stated areas of slum and blight, we, too, in the Rock Island area need many of the same improvements.

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QUESTIONS FROM THE RESIDENTS

FINANCIAL
How much and where is the money coming from for this ambitious project?
Sounds like someone is going to make a lot of money. How can I get in on this?
What a pipe dream. Where is the money? Do this within the current budget and no future tax increase in the future. Where is the money coming from?
How much of our taxes will you be using for redevelopment of <u>your vision</u> ?
Does the CRA provide a way to fund some of these projects?
What portion of residential property taxes fund the CRA and LAC. County, state and City?
Was CRA or LAC funds used to fund the improvements on NE 38 St. East of NE 13 Ave.?
A tiny number of people who do not like any change call developers greedy. Explain how developers contribute to the City financially with their projects.
RELOCATION ASSISTANCE
Are there any planned incentives for the residents affected by this?
What is going to happen to the people in the homes where you want to redevelop?
How will you plan to relocate the business to one district?
Where would the industrial area be relocated?
If I own W. Hooper and it is change residential, how are you handling the existing W. H.?
ZONING
How will the industrial property be acquired? If those who don't want to sell, how will it be acquired?
Why high density north of 38 th east of Dixie?
Will Hardy Junk yard and Rays be "out"?
What will happen to the existing residential areas? Will they be converted to town homes?
Why is the density 4/ac at the Watts Estate?
SCHEDULE
What is the time frame of these projects?

What is the timetable for sewers and sidewalks on NE 5 th Ave. off 46 th St.? (south of

Commercial Blvd.)
Why does it take so long? What can be done to expedite the redevelopment? Can we spark redevelopment?
When 38 St will be finished. When 37 St be re-done. Why only <u>dead end</u> ½ block 40 St is being done. What happens to the rest? My driveway is “been path” in 2 or 3 places etc. Work very poor in 38 St. No new projects. Finish the one that is not yet done.
EMINENT DOMAIN
Will eminent domain come into play?
What property do you have pinpointed for Eminent Domain?
Will the CRA use eminent domain? If so, where and for what?
There is major concern about eminent domain. How will the City deal with and explain this issue?
APPEARANCE
Cleanup, fix-up program – how will the City help homeowners who can’t afford to fix up their property either because of fixed income or low income?
I strongly urge the City to REQUIRE FPL to underground electricals, or STANDARDIZE and raise the height of power poles to allow for tree canopy and uninterrupted power and better visuals.
Code enforcement is a concern since in the past there has been a definite adversarial relationship between the City and home property owners.
Will there be underground utilities on the 34 th Ct. streetscape
What are you going to do about the sod farm and other dilapidated building and properties (i.e. the taxi junkyard etc.)? What is the timeframe?
OTHER NEIGHBORHOODS
Why are you staring out your windows and looking past the majority of O.P.?
Why not start on the outlying areas and bring it into a finish at City Hall?
How about the exit off Commercial Blvd. when you talk about beauty?
Decorative wall. Re-zone the Labor Agencies proliferating on Commercial. Bringing an undesirable element to a residential area.
What is the east boundary of the City between Oakland Park Blvd. and NE 38 St., and what are the plans along this boundary?
O.P. exit off I95 is no pretty site. Why start at Andrews?
I see your plans for improvement, but how does it affect or improve my area if monies are allocated for Oakland Park. My address is 2780 S. Oakland Forest Dr.
Why does LAC stop at Oakland Park Blvd.? Would stretching LAC south of

Oakland Park Blvd. strengthen the entry of City?
Can the CRA area be expanded? The ENTIRE NANA AREA is not addressed. NANA brought O.P. nearly 10,000 voters and 4,000 residential tax properties. Why are we invited to CRA meeting? As the paying stepchild who will pay 25% of the funding needed and not even get one of our streets included.
From the presentation, it appears that much consideration was given to improved community development. However, I did not hear of any of these improvements mentioned for the Rock Island Community. When will the Rock Island Community be considered?
What type of development is being planned for the newly annexed area of North Andrews Garden area?
How can other neighborhoods not in the CRA adopt these changes (e.g. the Powerline Road corridor)?
PARKS
How much park space will you actually add? What is your current level of service standard for parks?
Will Harlem McBride Park have bathrooms?
43 RD ST
What type of improvement will be made on 43 St. area?
What specific improvements are being considered for the Harlem-McBride area? How much input will the residents have on these improvements? How will the residents who reside near 43 St. be affected on the City's plan concerning downtown renovations?
WATTS
Re WATTS: Harlem-McBride 5-acre parcel – I've read about developments where homes surround a common green space and cars are restricted to perimeter. Is this the sort of development you would consider?
What small part of residential will be changed to commercial or industrial? Why not build townhouses in the area for low income vs. 20 homes?

WINN-DIXIE
NE 39 Ct. connecting to Andrews Ave.? Traffic is bad as it is now through residential areas. Won't that create more traffic? Also what about Winn Dixie – are there going to be 6-story condos along Dixie Hwy? How will this affect residents and their homes west of Dixie Hwy. and East of 10 th Ave.? If parking was looked into and resolved first a lot of redevelopment would follow. If not, then a lot of good plans will go by the waste side.
If/when Winn Dixie closes, what could be done to improve the character and shopping at that complex?
PARKING
LAC needs parking structure first. W & E of Dixie. It will allow progressive development faster without as much eminent domain claims.
NE 34 Court west of Dixie Hwy. is not a parking lot for downtown. This is a residential street and needs to remain one.
BIKEWAYS
New connecting roads should have bike paths.
I strongly urge bike lanes be adopted across the City and tie-in with the county bike lanes. N.E. 38 th St. is conspicuously lacking this.
STREETS
Would you consider improving Floranada Road through the proposed design district to connect it to the residential neighborhood to the East?
ADMINISTRATIVE
Who is on the CRA committee and how did they get there?
Why are all the people you introduced standing in the back and not visible?
How can we get minutes of these meetings?
How can I get involved?
Have you considered a property for property trade as a displacement alternative?
What are you guys smoking? Can I be on the “art in public places” committee?
Renaissance Center?
Ft. Lauderdale, Wilton Manors and Dania Beach are embracing redevelopment. Are there any downsides to improving Oakland Park?
Do businesses that are interested in bidding on the upcoming projects have to be registered MBE's or WMBE's?

During the street renovations, what can handicapped persons do to access their homes

if your car cannot be parked in your driveway?
Will RV's / boat trailers and motorcycles be allowed on driveways?
Improving recycling to make mandatory recycling to all business because all businesses make a lot of trash all kind much to be recycled!

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