

SENIOR CAMPUS REDEVELOPMENT

Community Engagement Session 03: Public Safety

Robert King High Community Room: 1407 NW 7th Street, Miami, FL 33215

April 26, 2017 | 6:00 – 8:00pm

SUMMARY

The meeting focused on strategies for crime prevention through environmental design [CPTED], as well as on various programs for community and police collaboration that will contribute to greater public safety within the Little Havana Senior Campus Community and surrounding areas. Presenters included representatives from Florida International University as well as the redevelopment design team. All responded to questions and comments from the community [See Meeting 3 Agenda]. Attendees were informed that a summary of the proceedings, accompanied by the full visual presentation, would be posted after the meeting at:

<http://seniorcampus.fiu.edu>.

PROJECT UPDATE

Mr. Ralph Rosado, Meeting Manager, Florida International University began by reviewing the scheduled dates for the Community Engagement Sessions and the agenda for Meeting #4. He then proceeded to give a brief introduction regarding the importance of implementing CPTED principles to the proposed Little Havana Senior Center Redevelopment project.

PUBLIC SAFETY PRESENTATION

Mr. Ralph Rosado, Florida International University, presented:

CPTED [Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design]

Strategies for the Little Havana Senior Campus: [pdf. pp 5-6]

NATURAL SURVEILLANCE STRATEGIES: Community Eyes on the Street

- **Orienting buildings towards the pedestrian walkways, public sidewalks and parking areas:** Views of street from every direction; units face sidewalks and streets; large windows, porches, good pedestrian lighting. [pdf p. 7]
- **Creating clear sight lines to all public areas:** Wide open, easy to see areas – clear access points [pdf. p.8]
- **Large/ wide sidewalks and pedestrian walkways connecting residential buildings:** Wider sidewalks to accommodate bicycles and residents with disabilities [pdf p. 9]
- **Eliminate small and hidden alleyways:** [pdf p. 10]
- **Open community spaces within all blocks:** Include sculptures and vegetation – This allows residents to gather within the communal areas of the Senior Campus and brings the community together. [pdf p. 11]
- **Natural Surveillance:** Create landscaping with designated seating / observation areas – Elements include benches, low walls, manicured landscape [pdf p. 12-13]
- **Traffic-calming devices:** Control traffic and speed (for safety) – Elements include circles, rotundas, medians (possibly increase width of existing streets within the Senior Campus) [pdf p. 14]
- **Promote pedestrian activities:** Community/family parks; exterior recreation spaces; walking paths [pdf pp. 15-16]
- **Natural Access Control ELEMENTS:** [pdf pp. 17]
- **Physical Elements:** To keep out unauthorized guests [pdf p. 11]
- **Aluminum fencing:** Between buildings [6'] and enclosing parking areas [pdf p. 17-19]
- **Pedestrian and Driveway Gates** (key fob access) [pdf p. 19]
- **Adequate lighting** (security, sidewalks, streets, parks) [pdf p. 20]
- **Security cameras:** Strategically located to promote safety [pdf p. 21]
- **Windows will have impact glass:** For safety and weather [hurricane] protection. No bars on windows. [pdf p. 22]

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EMERGENCY COMMUNICATION AND ALERT ELEMENTS: [PDF PP. 23-28]

- **Fire sirens and gate controls**
- **Knock Boxes for emergency access**
- **Smoke alarms, sprinklers, detectors in all units and public areas**
- **24-hour nurse call system for elderly units**
- **Active Surveillance:** Residents partner with the police department to keep things safe
Residents watch over their community
Citizens Crime Watch programs, education [pdf pp. 28]

CITY OF MIAMI POLICE DEPARTMENT I 'CITIZENS' Crime Watch PROGRAM

Over the past two years, The City of Miami Police Department has added uniformed officers and additional shifts to the Little Havana Senior Campus.

COMMUNITY QUESTIONS | COMMENTS | RESPONSES:

Comment. Resident: When I moved to this campus, we had a meeting regarding our concerns about visitor access and security. We think people should not be denied access after 6:30 p.m. The gates need to be opened later so people can come and visit us.

Q. Resident: I would like to clarify that visitors are allowed to visit after 6:30 p.m., but they have to park outside the complex.

R. Mr. Ralph Rosado: The department's policy states that guests are allowed to visit after 6:30 p.m., yet they have to park outside after the mentioned hour. This seems like it needs to be resolved in a separate meeting. Unfortunately, today, we are focusing on safety and health issues.

Comment. Resident: Currently, we have a major problem with parking during the Marlins games.

Q. Resident: I would like to suggest a study be conducted for the application of solar panels or any type of energy saving devices and features. If we are incrementing the use of light, I think we should try to save the residents some money and ultimately the government.

R. Mr. Ralph Rosado: We have shown proposals that include solar panels. It is one of the ideas that we have suggested in order to economize electricity expenses.

Q. Resident: Also, the trees and gardens are dying. We try to maintain them (some people pay for items out of their own pocket) but there is limited control over the use of water in the complex. I would like to know if there are going to be any proposals and solutions for this problem?

R. Mr. Ralph Rosado: The idea for the gardens and trees is to use local native landscape, meaning that we will use plants that don't require much water to survive because we are aware of the shortage of potable water.

Comment. Resident: Thank you (to PHCD, F.I.U., Related Urban, and all the people involved in the redevelopment) for trying to make our home more beautiful! Not everyone has the luxury of having a home; I'm grateful for this new opportunity you are giving us. I would also like to give thanks to the City of Miami Police Department for taking good care of all of us and for always being present and quick to respond.

Comment. Resident: I would like to see a beautiful and safe riverwalk with flowers and lighting. Some of the residents are very active and like to walk. I personally would like to take a stroll at night before going to bed.

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Comment. Resident: If we haven't complained or voiced concern regarding the images, it is because we want everything we've seen on the presentations. I'm sure Mr. Liu (PHCD) and Related will provide us with all of those features and benefits.

Comment. Resident: Currently, we have an alarm system in every apartment. We have two (2) communication devices in each one-bedroom apartment and one (1) in each studio apartment. We need to have the communication devices placed into other locations within our units as well. This request should be implemented into in the new design.

R. Mr. Jorge Cibran: We are designing new or rehabilitated buildings that will be up to today's building code, including the safety and emergency features. The codes have changed over the past 30 years, so we will update and comply with the requirements stated in the new codes. We are open to suggestions but be aware that all the systems will be new.

Q. Resident: Are you going to change the lobbies and hallways in the new design.

R. Mr. Ralph Rosado: Yes, we have discussed this issue in previous meetings.

Ralph Rosado: On Saturday, May 06, 2017 we will be handing the pens over to all of you. We will bring print outs of the previous four (4) meetings so you can review the information before sketching out your ideas. We want to see your thoughts and what your desires for the site are.

NOTE:

This document, drafted by FIU and finalized in consultation with Miami Dade County PHCD and Related Urban, was prepared as a brief summary of the topics discussed on 04.26.17. It does not constitute full minutes of the meeting.