



AGENDA
COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY MEETING
JANUARY 17, 2023
5:00 PM
CITY HALL COMMISSION CHAMBERS
204 ASH STREET
FERNANDINA BEACH, FL 32034

- 1. CALL TO ORDER**
- 2. ROLL CALL**
- 3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- 4. PRESENTATION**
- 5. DISCUSSION - DIRECTION - ACTION ITEMS**
 - 5.1 CRAAB Amelia River Waterfront Recommendations**
- 6. ADJOURNMENT**

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CITY COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM

City of Fernandina Beach



SUBJECT: Parking and park space recommendations along the Amelia River Waterfront.

ITEM TYPE: Discussion

REQUESTED ACTION:

SYNOPSIS: The Community Redevelopment Area Advisory Board (CRAAB) formed a subcommittee at its November 2 regular meeting. The primary focus of the subcommittee was to provide a recommendation related to parking along the Amelia River Waterfront. Objective 7 in the CRA Plan states, "The Finding of Necessity Study identifies unimproved parking areas as a contributing factor to blight within the study area. Parking Facilities consume prime waterfront property on public lands. As part of efforts to redesign the marina and park areas, the City shall evaluate the reconfiguration of existing parking facilities and the relocation of parking to the lands east of the railroad tracks."

The subcommittee held two public meetings, on November 29 and December 6, before the CRAAB voted unanimously at its December 7 regular meeting to make the recommendations to the Community Redevelopment Agency for its consideration.

Additional drawings were added to the recommendations at the January 4 CRAAB regular meeting to illustrate the potential for additional parking spaces east of the railroad tracks.

FISCAL IMPACT:

CITY ATTORNEY COMMENTS:

CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDATION(S):

Dale Martin, City Manager 1/10/2023

Dale Martin, City Manager

Date: January 10, 2023

Submitted By: Jacob Platt, Assistant Project Manager

COMMISSION ACTION:

Community Redevelopment Area Advisory Board Recommendations

Regarding Riverfront Development
Unanimously Adopted by CRAAB January 4, 2023

- Objective 7, “Parking” of the 2004 Waterfront Area of the Community Redevelopment Plan should be modified to provide: Parking West of the RR should be minimized. Retained parking West of RR should prioritize waterfront vendors and boat launching over general downtown parking.
- There should be no parking on the East side of Front Street immediately adjacent to RR tracks.
- Sidewalks should be installed adjacent to the entire West side of Front Street.
- Interconnected sidewalks should be installed throughout park adjacent to the river’s edge.
- Effort should be made to replace lost parking West of RR into areas East of the RR.
- Parking which remains West of RR should be relocated away from waterfront and clustered along West right-of-way of Front Street.
- City should continue process of acquiring Simmons property or an easement thereon and completion of the seawall and contiguous sidewalk on West side of Front Street.

Drawings 1-6 are attached. These are for illustration purposes only and do not represent recommendations for any specific design or implementation recommendation.

- Drawings labeled “Lot A, Version 1”, “Lot B, Version 1”, “Lot C”, and “Lot D”, illustrate the effects of reconfiguring waterfront to implement expansion of green space and movement of parking to the West side of Front Street and away from waterfront.
- Drawings Labeled “Lot E” and “S. 2nd Street” illustrate potential parking east of the railroad tracks that should be considered.
- Planning for public space should take into account:
 - Sustainability in the 100-year floodplain.
 - Sidewalk implementation on both river side and street side of improvements.
 - Entirety of Front Street should accommodate two-way traffic.
 - Front Street minimum width should be 20 feet.
 - Adequate pedestrian seating and lighting should be included.
 - Alachua Street, Ash Streets and other existing view corridors should remain unobstructed.
 - Boat trailer parking should be pull-thru.
 - Parking Lot D should include ability to turn-around Tour Buses, vehicles with large boat trailers, semi-trucks and Fire Trucks.
 - Trash Collection and servicing for waterfront businesses.
 - Loading and unloading zone(s) for patrons of marina vendors.
 - Consolidated common signage for marina businesses and vendors.
 - Bike parking and security.
 - All parking should be brought into compliance with current LDC standards.
 - Tour bus and trolley pick-up and discharge area should be included.
 - Large live oak in Lot C and other mature trees should be protected.
 - Additional parking may be developed on City right-of-way on Front Street, South of Lot D.



LOT A

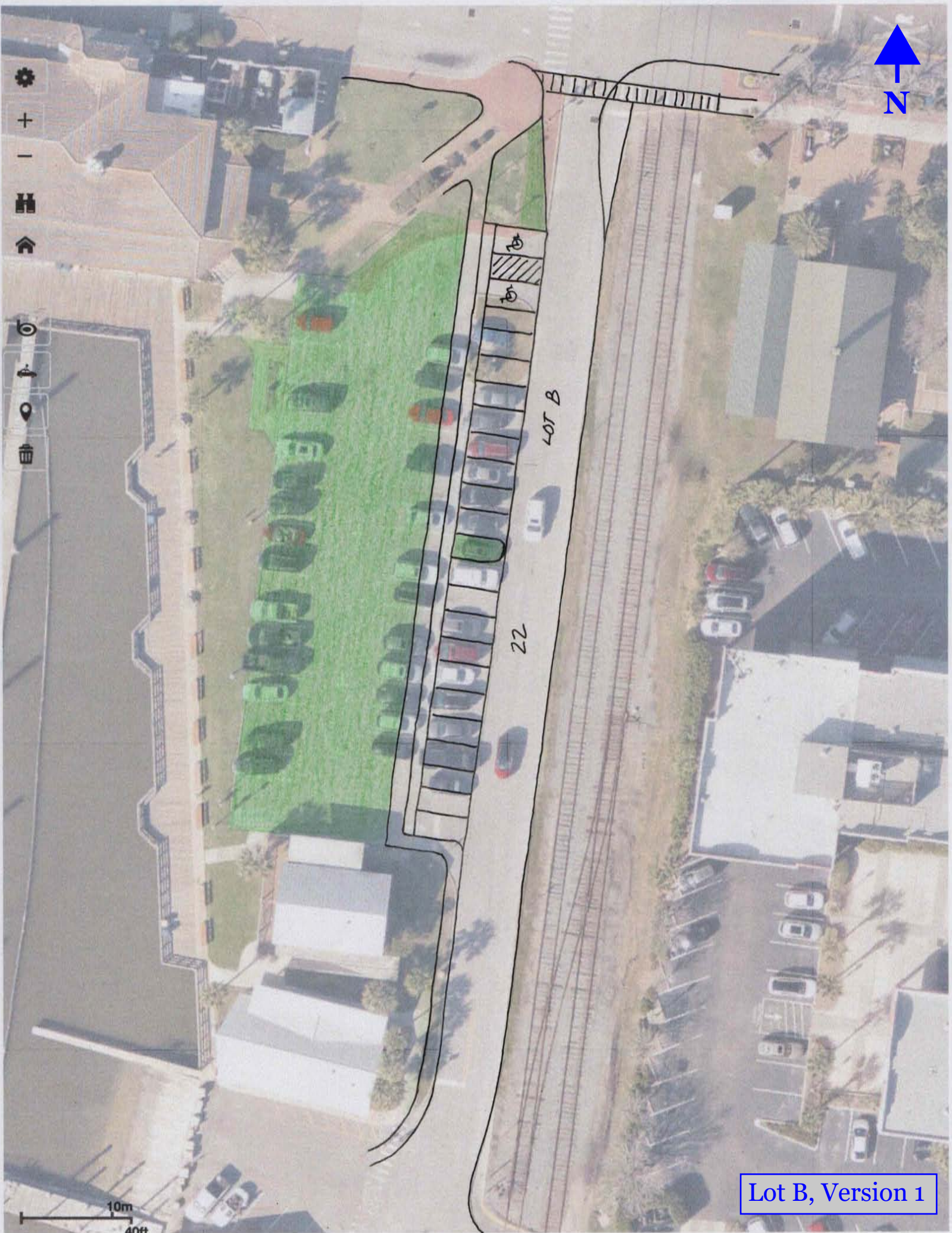
Lot A

PLAZA

Lot A, Version 1

10m

40ft



LOT B

22

Lot B, Version 1

10m
40ft



Lot C

PARK
ENTRY

LOTS C & D

18 MAX.

10m
40ft



Lot D



Lot E Parking

18 Spaces Added

 New Parking Spaces



City Hall

47 ORIGINAL

100ft
30m

— EXISTING

→ NEW

37

CONNECTING
WALKWAY

12

S. 2nd Street

