



## The Holistic Planning Group

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At its July 27, 2009 meeting the CRA Board requested a workshop to discuss the creation of subcommittees or Board Liaisons that would work directly with Staff on implementing and funding CRA priorities. Previous committees that have worked with current Economic Development Staff include the Action Plan Subcommittee and Grant Review Subcommittee.

In order to better work with the Board in identifying priority projects and funding Staff recommends establishing subcommittees based on issue area, primarily **Economics, Education and Outreach (Economic); Housing and Crime (Social);** and **Capital Improvements (Environment)**. These issue areas correlate specifically to the CRA Action Plan recommendations and the priorities adopted by the CRA Board at its April 27, 2009 meeting, in priority order were, 1) Economic Development Programs (CDBG Grant), 2) Housing Programs and 3) Education.

The proposed committees or Board Liaison(s) would work directly with Staff developing project related recommendations to bring forward to the full CRA Board and evaluate progress, similar to the Action Plan Subcommittee. The success of the Action Plan subcommittees specific project recommendations are (see attached memo for back up):

1. The creation and distribution of the NLCRA's first newsletter (July 2009)
2. The issuing of a Business Assistance Grant Program (June 2009)

3. Partnerships with Miami Dade County and the Naranja Princeton CDC to leverage additional Neighborhood Stabilization Program funds for property acquisition and CDBG Residential Rehabilitation funds to be spent in the Redevelopment area.

### RECOMMENDATION

Discuss the creation of three (or more) subcommittees and/or designation of a Boardmember as Staff liaison in the issue areas of **Economics, Education and Outreach (Economic); Housing and Crime (Social);** and **Capitail Improvements**. The specific purpose of these committees and/or liaisons is to do the following:

- 1) To periodically review and update recommendations in the Action and CRA Plans;
- 2) To identify priority programs and projects for implementation in each issue area;
- 3) To identify CRA and other technical and financial resources for priority programs and projects, including grants, partnerships with other organizations and CRA budgeting;
- 4) Make recommendations to the CRA board on projects, action plan steps and financing.
- 5) Periodically update CRA Board on progress.

One member or liaison from each committee should also serve as the representative on the 2010 Budget committee.