

Naranja Lakes CRA Activities Report – August to September 2009

1. Weed and Seed Strategy – FY 2010
 - a. Meeting with FY 2008 PLANT Steering Committee Advisors
 - b. Meeting with MDPD
 - c. Correspondence with the US Attorney General's Office and Dept. of Justice Community Capacity office on clarifications from previous grant denial and current limitations on funding.

Status: Trying to get a determination from DOJ if Naranja Lakes CRA would be eligible to apply for funding FY 2010 or if application would be more viable FY 2011.

2. Residential Rehabilitation Program
 - a. Meetings with Charles McKinnon of Princeton CDC to implement a partnership for residential rehabilitation grants within the CRA
 - b. Facilitating correspondence with CRA District Commission representatives to request endorsement of CDBG Housing FY 2010 application for residential rehabilitation, total award recommended by OCED - \$150,000.00.
 - c. Identification of other CRA initiated and CDC initiated funding sources to expand residential rehabilitation funding and funding for Paint it Up/Clean it Up.

Status: MD OCED recommending funding of Princeton CDC to provide residential rehab in the CRA, final approval by BCC slated for October 2009. The CRA will need to execute an MOU with CDC to assist in project management. Additional grant sources have been identified for these activities, but would require CDC to make application and administer grants, CRA would assist in marketing and project management.

3. Royal Colonial Park - At the request of Mr. Forbes, per Chair Moss, Staff is trying to facilitate a coordination meeting with the Chairman's office, NLCRA, Boys and Girls Club, Rabozza Foundation and the Miami Dade County Parks and Recreation Department .

Status: Chair Moss requested this meeting through Mr. Forbes in order to ensure that all parties are on the same page before supporting the interlocal agreement between Miami Dade County and the Boys and Girls Club for the proposed development of a recreation center and ballfields at Royal Colonial Park.

4. Economic Development –
 - a. Assisting two prospects within the CRA, one a potential production studio, second a land owner on the west side of Dixie Highway.

- b. NLCRA BAG – Working with Worldwide Sensations to update budget request to include capital rather than inventory (conversion to grant). Multiple follow ups with CRA attorney on status.
- c. Identifying grant sources to improve businesses along Dixie Highway.
- d. Conducting a land use/property ownership analysis along the Dixie Highway corridor, waiting for certified 2008 Tax Roll. Follow up with County staff on mapping.

Status: CRA Attorney is developing grant agreements for the NLCRA BAG, Staff needs to discuss procedures for grantees to request funding from County. Staff is also working with potential prospects in the area to identify County and State Economic Development incentives prior to making any requests through the CRA.

5. Law Enforcement

- a. Working with MDPD and MD Neighborhood Compliance to coordinate a targeted code sweep in high crime/poor housing condition neighborhoods. Initial meeting scheduled 9/25.
- b. Working with MDPD to identify potential partners willing to establish a satellite Community Empowerment Team within the CRA to improve access to social services.

6. Miscellaneous

- a. Development of a FY 2009/10 Program Strategy. Need to discuss scheduling of public meetings per the CRA Plan.
- b. Participation in the Chapman Elementary Resource Fair
- c. Fielding calls from residents as a result of newsletter.
- d. Follow up with FDOT, District 6 on scope of work for US 1 improvements. Design and engineering firm to be selected end of September, construction to begin 2011.