

NW 79TH STREET CORRIDOR COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY

2012 - 2013 Annual Report



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Fiscal Year 2012 - 2013

(10-01-12 to 9-30-13)

Introduction

The NW 79th Street Corridor Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) was established by Miami-Dade County on May 5, 2009, when the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) adopted Resolution R-566-09, declaring the area to be slum and blighted, and approving the selection of a consultant to prepare a plan for the redevelopment of the area. Resolution R-604-11 and Ordinance 11-52, adopted by the BCC on July 19, 2011, approved the redevelopment plan and established the Agency's Trust Fund respectively. The CRA completed its first full year of operation in Fiscal Year 2011-12.

This report will address the primary operating aspects of the Agency, and revenue in FY 2012–13.

I. Board

In accordance with Ordinance 11-55, adopted by the BCC on July 19, 2011, the NW 79th Street Corridor Board of Commissioners shall consist of not fewer than five or more than nine commissioners. Seven seats were filled as of September 30, 2013. Commissioners as of that date were:

Oliver Gross (Chairperson)
Doretha Nicholson
Amy Lee
Gabriel Salazar
Ronald E. Frazier
Ronda A. Vangates
Rasha Soray-Cameau

II. Staffing

The NW 79th Street Corridor CRA Board was staffed on a part-time basis by Miami-Dade County professional staff. Mr. Jorge M. Fernandez, Jr. and Mr. Basil A Binns, II. of the County's Office of Management and Budget (OMB) led the County support team. Legal assistance was provided by the County Attorney's office through Assistant County Attorney Terrence A. Smith.

III. Administrative Procedures

The Agency's by-laws establishes the composition, purpose, powers, meetings notice requirements and administrative procedures. The by-laws, that established operating guidelines for the Citizens Board of Commissioners, were adopted by the CRA Board on December 5, 2011.

IV. Interlocal Cooperation Agreement

On October 3, 2011, the CRA adopted an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement (Interlocal) between the County and the CRA which grants the CRA certain redevelopment powers. On January 24, 2012, the BCC adopted Resolution R-95-12, approving the Interlocal and delegating those redevelopment powers the CRA. Some of the terms of the Interlocal are:

- Administrative expenses for the CRA are capped at 20% of each year's budget.
- Funds advanced by the County for CRA creation expenses are to be reimbursed.
- The County is to be reimbursed annually for the cost of staff support, advertising, legal, publications and consultants.
- Approval by the BCC is required for amendments to the CRA Redevelopment Plan
- Approval by the BCC is required for new indebtedness.
- One or more members of the BCC or other Miami-Dade County representative may be appointed to serve on the CRA Board of Commissioners.
- Annual budgets and progress reports must be submitted to the County. Except for debt service payments on existing obligations financed with tax increment revenues, no funds may be spent from the trust fund until the annual budget has been approved by the BCC.
- Community involvement and citizen input shall be obtained in the planning of redevelopment activities.
- An independent audit by a Certified Public Accounting firm is required annually.

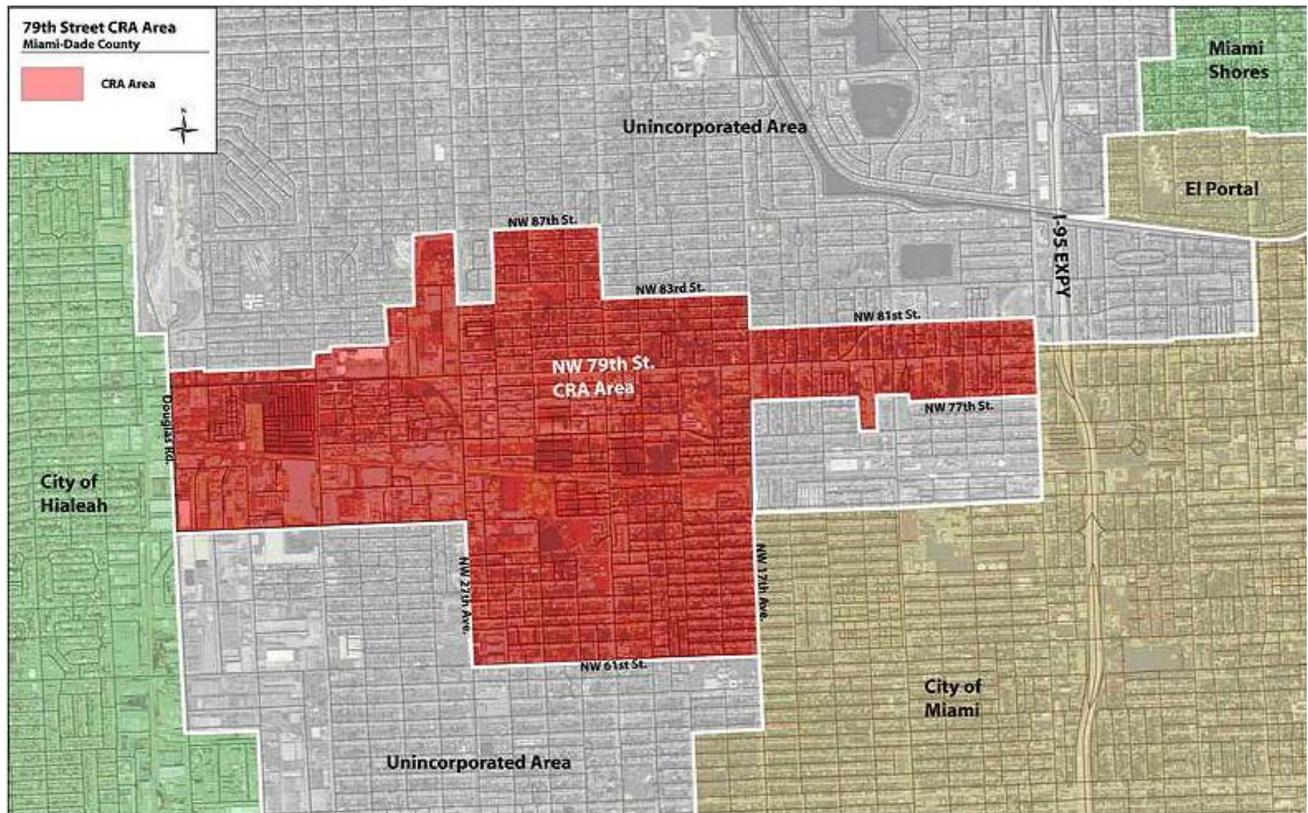
V. Redevelopment Plan

The Redevelopment Plan for the NW 79th Street CRA proposes an outline of programs and strategies to address:

- Infill and Replacement Housing
- Economic Development
- Infrastructure and Neighborhood Improvements
- Grant and Financing Programs
- Land Acquisition
- Planning and Land Use Regulation

Because of the diversity of zoning and land uses throughout the corridor, the CRA must create and employ a variety of strategies to address the conditions of the residents and the needs of the property owners in the Redevelopment Area.

NW 79th Street Corridor CRA Area



In order to assist the CRA with implementation of its Redevelopment Plan, the Agency issued a solicitation for an Economic Development Coordinator. In April, the CRA engaged New Synergies, Inc. to serve in this role. The services to be provided by the Economic Development Coordinator include facilitating intergovernmental matters, identifying and securing sources of income other than tax increment revenues, and performing community outreach and public relations.

VI. Tax Base Growth

The continuing goal of the NW 79th Street Corridor CRA is the expansion of the property value base of the area to the maximum extent possible, consistent with its adopted Redevelopment Plan. FY 2011-12 was the first full fiscal year for the CRA. Because the CRA was created during calendar year 2011, the CRA did not receive any Tax Increment Finance (TIF) revenue during its first year, and due to a decline in taxable property values in the Redevelopment Area, the CRA did not receive any TIF revenue during the 2012-13 fiscal year.

VII. Adopted 2012-13 Budget

During FY 2011-12, Commissioner Jean Monestime, whose district includes a large portion of the CRA Area, made an allocation of \$20,000 from his office funds to the CRA. This allocation has been CRA's sole source of revenue.

For FY 2012-13, the CRA has re-allocated its carryover funds from FY '11-'12 fund an Economic Development Coordinator to assist the CRA with its comprehensive strategic plan, identify additional sources of income available to the CRA, and to administer economic development programs throughout the redevelopment area.

VIII. Financial Reports

N.W. 79th Street Community Redevelopment Agency

Balance Sheet as of September 30, 2013

	Special Revenues	Capital Projects	Total CRA
Assets:			
Cash and cash equivalent	\$11,719	\$0	\$11,719
Total Assets	\$11,719	\$0	\$11,719
Liabilities and Fund Balances:			
Accounts Payable	\$9,000		\$9,000
Retainage payable	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Liabilities	\$9,000	\$0	\$9,000
Fund Balances	\$20,719	\$0	\$20,719
Total Liabilities and Fund Balances	\$29,719	\$0	\$29,719

N. W. 79th Street Corridor Community Redevelopment Agency

Combined Statement of Revenues, Expenditures
and Changes in Fund Balances

Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2013

	Special Revenues	Capital Projects	Total CRA
Revenues			
Intergovernmental			\$0
SS Loan			
Interest	\$40		\$40
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Total Revenues	\$40	\$0	\$40
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Expenditures			
General Government	\$17,321		\$17,321
Debt Service			
Capital Outlay			\$0
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Total Expenditures	\$17,321	\$0	\$17,321
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Excess (deficiency) of Revenues over Expenditures	(\$17,281)	\$0	(\$17,281)
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Other financing Sources (uses)			
Transfers In			
Total Other Financing Sources			
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Fund Balances, beginning	\$20,000	\$0	\$20,000
Fund Balances, ending	\$2,719	\$0	\$2,719

IX. Summary

The NW 79th Street Corridor CRA has the potential to benefit from increases in residential and commercial developments throughout Miami-Dade County, especially in the urban core areas adjacent to the CRA. The CRA will benefit from any development and increases property values throughout the area. The redevelopment of the Corridor will fuel future growth and benefit the CRA and County as a whole.