

Community Response Divisions

Code Enforcement & Animal Control

Strategic Plan

April 25, 2014

- Negotiate contract with the Humane Society
 - FY 2012, the City entered into a flat rate contract with the Humane Society for \$125,000 per year.
 - That rate has remained consistent for FY 2013 and FY 2014. It is expected to continue into FY 2015.
- Review Code Enforcement Process and Fines
 - Reaffirmed the ability of Code Enforcement Officers to issue citations.
 - Updated the amount of fines to be consistent with the Animal Control fines and updated the list of violations that could be addressed by citations.

Completed Action Items

- Updated Nuisance Ordinance
 - 1st Reading at April 21st Commission Meeting.
 - New definition of graffiti and new definition for landscape maintenance.
 - Amended definition prohibits unregistered vehicles from parking within 15 feet of the road's edge. (Addresses parking problems along US 1)
- Proposed Vendor Ordinance
 - Proposed ordinance forwarded to the City Attorney's office for review on September 6, 2013 and again on January 27, 2014.

Completed Action Items



- Lot Clearing Sweep

- Initiated in August 2014 using CDBG funds - \$60,000 budget.
- Over 670 violations notices sent and we achieved approx. 50% voluntary compliance.
- Project completed within budget. All lot clearing work totaled \$55,306 with the remaining budget used to cover administrative costs (mailing and posting).
- Project area expanded from Orange Avenue to the canal. We will continue to expand the project area as funds become available.

Completed Action Items




- Maintain / Retain staffing levels

- 3 full-time animal control officers with combined 31 years of service.
 - Animal Control Officers provide service 24 / 7.
- 3 full-time code officers with combined 32 years of service.
 - Staff level at 1/3 the level in 2009.
- 1 full-time and 1 part-time code officer, funded by CDBG grant funds.
 - Need to bring under General Fund to guarantee upgraded staffing level.
- 1 administrative staff employee to support those 8 employees, the code manager, plus 2 special magistrates and the code enforcement board. Also acts as front desk / receptionist.

Pending Actions

- Adopt CPTED guidelines
 - Improve the safety and welfare of residents in areas identified by the FPPD as experiencing high crime by requiring trees to be trimmed and grass to be cut providing clear vision areas.
- Amend the sign ordinance
 - Require all pole mounted signs to be replaced with monument signs if any structural changes or other improvements are made to the sign (other than sign face).
 - Provide businesses the ability to place one A-frame sign in front of their business.
 - Provide for approved temporary signs – similar to Port St. Lucie’s sign code.

Pending Actions

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- Update Animal Control Procedures
 - Start-up of PetData – the new licensing software.
 - We are waiting for a “go live” date.
 - Start-up of Shelter Pro software – the new records software.
 - We are waiting for a “go live” date.

Pending Actions
