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Dr. Timothy Parsons
Division of Historical Resources
R. A. Gray Building, 4th Floor
500 South Borough Street
Tallahassee, Florida 32399

Dear Dr. Parsons:

The City of Fort Pierce is pleased to support the efforts of Lincoln Park Main Street, Inc. (LPMS) in its application for funding to the Division of Historical Resources for its programming, which includes historic preservation, cultural enrichment, educational and economic vitality activities.

The City of Fort Pierce is committed to continuing the revitalization and restoration efforts in the Historic Lincoln Park District which began more than 20 years ago. Our 2015 Outstanding Public Involvement Award from the Secretary of State for Historic Lincoln Park and the Avenue D corridor is evident of our commitment to support programming efforts of Lincoln Park Main Street. Investments included infrastructure improvements as follows: Highwaymen Obelisk 15th Street and Avenue D; R. Duke Nelson Human Resource Center; Indian River State College North Campus; Percy S. Peek Gym Boys & Girls Club; Moore's Creek Linear Park; facade improvements; inter-modal transit transfer facility; Avenue D streetscape project US Highway 1 – 25th Street: curb and gutter, water mains, sewer lines, sidewalks and drainage, road resurfacing, and street lights. Rehabilitation projects included: Willie B. Ellis Police Substation, Jackie L. Caynon, Sr. Building, and Granny's Kitchen. The City also embarked the Oaks at Moore's Creek development which included 12 finished homes.

The City is excited about the conceptual plans its revitalization and preservation partner LPMS has in the continuation and expansion of its programming in support of historic preservation. These programs include a Center for African American Studies, a Highwaymen Museum, an expansion of a Lincoln Park Black Archives; the Zora Neale Hurston Exhibit; the enrichment of cultural activities through Jazz on Moore's Creek, a free outdoor concert; Emancipation Proclamation Celebration; Lincoln Park Historic Guided Tours; The Lincoln Park Showcase Newsletter, a monthly publication highlighting community events and showcasing the local history of this community.

The programming LPMS has proposed for the upcoming year and beyond will undoubtedly educate, inform and enrich the community of Fort Pierce and the Treasure Coast.

Sincerely,

Linda Hudson, Mayor