

**Lincoln Theater Restoration Committee**  
***Facilitation Meeting***  
**Tuesday, September 24, 2019**

**Summary**

LPMS under the direction of the City of Fort Pierce proposed to partner with the MLK Commemorative Committee and the Lincoln Theater Restoration subcommittee to facilitate activities and events in the redevelopment/rehabilitation of the Lincoln Theater. LPMS will provide technical assistance and grant writing to various funding sources. LPMS will also serve as the project/program manager on the project and contract administrator. The facilitation workshop outcomes were for the development of a new vision and mission for the theater; a concept for a design that includes a multi-use venue; fundraising and seeking grant applications with multiple funding sources. LPMS will not only work to secure funding but to market and promote the Lincoln Theater as the new gathering place on the Avenue D corridor.

Below are the discussion and ideas generated from the facilitation meeting:

- I. Vision & Mission Statement
- II. Design
- III. Multi-Use Venue
- IV. Funding/Contract

**I. Vision & Mission Statements**

**Vision:** Lincoln Theater will be a regional multi-use performing arts center.

**Mission:** To provide regional performances, entertainment, cultural and educational programming to the Lincoln Park Community, the Treasure Coast and surrounding areas.

**II. Design**

The Lincoln Theater has an outdated plan that was developed in 2008 by REG, Inc. The design and the budget require updating to reflect the new vision and mission as well as the proposed new concept of the building. Therefore, three design/architectural firms will be solicited with the help of the City of Fort Pierce. Elements of the new concept include:

1. Consider parcels east of the building for potential long term use.
  - Outdoor eating/dining
  - Columns & Rot Iron fencing
2. Parking = overlay & non-parking restrictions
3. Landscaping

**III. Multi-Use**

The current layout of the building is not sufficient for today's basic standards and certainly not American with Disabilities Act compliance. It is proposed to expand the facility in order to create a multi-use building that will generate revenue via other sources such as poetry night, jazz

concerts, banquets, receptions, dinner parties, and etc. To accommodate this new concept, below are ideas generated:

1. Expanding the footprint of the existing building;
2. 2-story structure both existing building and build an extension
3. Erect a 2-story structure
4. Administrative offices,
5. Sound Box
6. Dressing rooms, load-in/load-out area, storage

## **V. Funding/Contracts**

There are funding sources available for construction/rehabilitation and technical assistance. Below are areas and sources of

1. City of Fort Pierce ( Design Updates, Rendering and New Budget)
2. State Level
  - Building Construction
  - Land Acquisition
  - Programming
  - Lighting, Sound, etc.
3. Federal Grants
4. Foundations
5. Black Theaters ( League of Historic American Theaters)