



TO: CRA Advisory Committee

THRU: Nicholas C. Mimms, P.E., ICMA-CM, City Manager
Shyanne Harnage, Economic Development Manager

FROM: Miriam Garcia, Redevelopment Specialist

RE: **Commercial Façade Grant Recommendations**

DATE: February 24, 2022

The intent of the Commercial Façade Grant Program is to support the revitalization of the commercial corridors in the FPRA district by stimulating private investment in improvements that enhance the appearance of buildings and properties and eliminate blight and non-conforming design standards. This program will complement other revitalization efforts to ensure the maximum leverage of resources and support local businesses.

A total of 30 applications were received and staff evaluated the applications on the following evaluation criteria: visual impact, activation of a vacant building, business type, and goals of the FPRA Plan. The scoring sheet of all applicants is attached.

The top four applicants are listed below:

- **809 Delaware Avenue** owned by Dean Properties LLC scored **300** of 300 points. The property owners intend to open a bistro, bakery, and wine bar at this vacant location. This business will have indoor and outdoor seating. Their request for the grant is \$25,000. Exterior improvements include the addition of a deck and pergola for outdoor seating and exterior painting estimated to be over \$50,000.
- **825 N Indian River Drive** owed by Tyler J Horvath, Trevor G. Horvath and Taryn M Rains scored **293** of 300 points. This is the site of the Captain's Galley Restaurant. They plan to add an outdoor seating deck for 40 people on the South side of the building. The improvements are estimated to be \$80,569 and their grant request is \$25,000.
- **1105 Seaway Drive** owned by Jacobs Holding Midway LLC scored **292** of 300 points. The improvement to this building includes stucco preparations, installation of banding around all windows and doors, and plaster stops to form stucco hardy board with smooth finish they will also apply light texture to all exterior walls. Future building uses include a bagel/coffee shop. The total cost of improvements will be \$54,375 and the grant request is for \$25,000.
- **906 Delaware Ave** owned by Dr. Rhaina A. Smets, PsyD, Inc. scored **250** of 300 points. The improvements for this property include sign, landscaping with irrigation and improved paved parking. The vacant building will soon be a multi-practitioner physician office. The total cost of improvements is \$66,607 and the grant amount requested is \$25,000.



Recommendation

Staff recommends that the CRA Advisory Committee forward a recommendation for approval of the grant awards to the highest ranked applicants to the Fort Pierce Redevelopment Agency Board.

EVALUATION TOTALS-COMMERCIAL FAÇADE APPLICATIONS

APPLICANTS	CRITERIA				
	Visual Impact 150 points	Activation 60 points	Business Type 45 points	FPRA Plan 45 points	TOTAL 300
809 Delaware Ave - Dean Properties LLC	150	60	45	45	300
825 N Indian River Dr - Horvath, Tyler (Captain's Galley)	150	58	45	40	293
1105 Seaway Dr - Jacobs Holding Midway LLC	142	60	45	45	292
906 Delaware Ave - Dr. Rhaina A. Smeds, Psyd, Inc	115	60	35	40	250
500 Orange Ave - 4616 Investment Inc	118	25	45	30	218
616 Atlantic Ave - Dance Ministries, LLC	115	30	40	30	215
510 Orange Ave - Bunwin Inc	100	30	45	30	205
710 Orange Ave - Botanical Sanctuary LLC	95	35	40	30	200
1101 N US Hwy 1 - OC Realty Inc (We Be Poppin')	105	20	45	30	200
200 N US Hwy 1 - Peacock Temple, LLC	120	15	40	25	200
2025 Seaway Dr - Graziano, John	110	15	45	25	195
113/115 Orange Ave - The Galleria at Downtown FP, LLC	95	30	45	25	195
209 Avenue D - Nole, Michael	105	40	25	20	190
526 Avenue A - RAST Properties Inc	105	25	30	25	185
402 S 5th St - Sierra, Ivelisse (Mervis)	87	20	45	30	182
106 Avenue D - Andersen, Amy	90	38	25	25	178
436 N 7th St - NuView IRA - O'Connell, Timothy	100	15	35	25	175
2520 Orange Ave - United Against Poverty Inc	80	5	45	30	160
927 N US Hwy 1 - TTT Utopia Inc	90	5	45	20	160
725 N US Hwy 1 - Whole Family Health Center Inc	95	0	40	15	150
519 Indian River Dr - Botanical Sanctuary LLC	80	35	15	20	150
419 N 2nd St - Theuns, Holly	45	38	30	20	133
411 N 2nd St - Nolli, Jon (Pierced Ciderworks)	45	10	45	30	130
420 N 6th St - Nole, Michael	70	15	30	15	130
108 S 2nd St - South Beach Concierge LLC	65	5	45	15	130
2912 Orange Ave - McCain Sales of FL	70	5	30	20	125
300 S 6th St - Fort Pierce Charter Development LLC	50	15	20	10	95
907 N 13th St - The Love Center Regeneration	50	5	10	15	80
420 N 2nd St - O'Connell, Timpothy & Cynthia	15	0	40	20	75
117 N 2nd St - The Galleria at Downtown FP, LLC	0	0	0	0	0