



Programs & Activities Summary

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FISHERMAN'S WHARF



The City Commission approved the third amendment on March 6, 2023, extending the deadline for the City to cure the title and survey objections to September 12, 2023. The City is working diligently to resolve the state reversionary rights which will require a commitment of \$1,980,000 to move forward. This item is slated to be discussed at the July 17, 2023 City Commission Meeting. An update will be provided to the FPRA Board at the June 13, 2023 meeting.

In addition, Pierce 1 Marina submitted a Development and Design Review package on December 29, 2022. The project went before the Technical Review Committee on January 19, 2023. Each department had a number of comments that will need to be addressed by the developer before the project will move forward to the Planning Board for review.

KINGS LANDING

- Audubon Development has completed ten month excavation project removing remaining debris (1500 tons) from the site. Clean concrete / rock debris donated to St Lucie County Coastal Conservation for artificial reef.
- Audubon Development has commenced a ninety-day groundwater sampling program as required by Florida Department of Environmental Protection.
- Construction plans, landscape plans, and irrigation plans for both the Phase I main site and Villas have been prepared, and submitted to all regulatory agencies for site work construction approvals. Villa Plans were altered to accommodate Edgartown Citizens concerns of a wall of garage doors facing AE Backus Ave. Enclave now features small lane entry with rear-load garage. Two units have been proposed to be added for a total of ten to accommodate redesign.
- Site construction commencement is tentatively scheduled for August 2023.
- Final hotel plans are currently being coordinated Mainsail Development. This task should be completed by the 4th Quarter of 2023.
- Audubon Development has been actively coordinating with the City of Fort Pierce Engineering Dept and FPUA on divisions of responsibility for DEO Grant Funding for improvements to utilities, infrastructure, and roadways.

INFILL LIEN REDUCTION PROGRAM

The first two properties to take advantage of the Infill Lien Reduction Program (803 Avenue B and 201 North 8th Street) have successfully completed construction and received their Certificate of Occupancy. Since this milestone was achieved within the required timeframe, the property owner is now eligible to receive a 50% refund of the hard costs paid. Without this program, these parcels might still be sitting vacant. We look forward to the continued success of this program.

"The program helped us immensely by removing previous liens which gave us more money to build in low-income areas and improve the community overall. Our main goal is to beautify the City."

BEATRIZ PEREIRA

President of DDR Graphics & Marketing

803 AVE B



201 N 8TH STREET



DOWNTOWN MASTER PLAN



With a rich history in agriculture and deep-sea fishing, fueled by the City's proximity to the Atlantic Ocean, Fort Pierce has maintained its small-town character for years. With recent rapid and dense population growth, the City identified the need to develop a Downtown Master Plan that would promote high-quality redevelopment that aligns with the City's history, charm, and high standard of living. The result is an implementation-focused, community-driven Plan, informed by the voices of the vibrant community. The Plan seeks to leverage an abundance of City-owned waterfront property, to promote a vibrant and walkable mixed-use district. Since the Plan was formally accepted by the FPRA Board in November 2022, it has been presented to various community groups like the Fort Pierce Yacht Club and Ocean Village HOA.

In addition, several of the Phase 1 projects identified in the Plan have been included in the FPRA Capital Improvement Plan and staff is exploring funding opportunities to make the vision a reality. The Downtown Master Plan is also planned to be submitted for a Florida Redevelopment Agency Best Book Award.

HIGHWAYMEN MUSEUM

The project has received all the needed approvals paving the way for work to begin on renovating the Jackie Caynon Building to create the museum. Staff will be meeting with the contractor to establish a schedule within the next several weeks.



OAKS AT MOORE'S CREEK

The installation of the infrastructure is ongoing, and crews are working to complete this segment of the 15 single-family affordable workforce housing development by the end of August 2023



MEANS COURT CENTER

Representatives of the Incubate Neighborhood Center met with the Building Department to discuss the status of the change of use application and were provided with feedback to assist INC in its resubmission of the application and revised plans for the proposed improvements.

THE ROOT

Lincoln Park Young Professionals continue efforts to rejuvenate their attempts to complete The Root, a highly anticipated outdoor community entertainment venue. The organization has submitted a formal request to extend the lease for an additional 5 years.

WAYFINDING

A comprehensive wayfinding program is considered key to a broad strategy that will accentuate the aesthetic qualities of Fort Pierce to attract visitors, support business owners, develop a sense of community pride, and increase connectivity within the city. The goal of a well-crafted wayfinding and signage program is to orient users and visitors to important landmark experiences, parking, business, recreational opportunities, and other public points of interest such as beaches, parks, museums, historical landmarks, etc. It fosters a brand and thereby communicates a sense of being within a special area. Wayfinding signage systems may be made up of a series of standards, each addressing specific audiences: pedestrians, motorized visitors, and those passing-through. These systems may be designed in a manner where minor customization for localized branding appeals to certain areas like the districts within the Redevelopment Area, such as Downtown, South Beach, Fisherman's Wharf, Lincoln Park, Peacock Arts District, or other districts, while still conforming to a consistent city-wide standard.



Presently, there is a variety of competing signage styles throughout the city. The variety of styles reduces the potential for a unified identity in the area. The overall visual quality of the city may be significantly improved by the adoption of a cohesive wayfinding program. A well-planned graphic identity will contribute to creating a cohesive sense of place and improving the use of the various destinations and businesses within the area by both daily users and visitors.

The City of Fort Pierce and Fort Pierce Redevelopment Agency issued a Request for Proposals for the design, permitting, production, and installation of wayfinding, gateway and district brand signs throughout the city on December 28, 2022. 10 proposals were received by the due date of February 21, 2023. Proposals were reviewed by the staff evaluation committee and subsequently the CRA Advisory Committee before making a recommendation to the FPRA Board for award on May 9th.

The FPRA Board approved staff's recommendation to enter negotiations with the highest ranked respondent, Don Bell Signs, Inc. Negotiations are underway and staff expected to bring the agreement before the board at the July 11th meeting.



PAINT PROGRAM

The FPRA Paint Program has proven to be highly successful in enhancing the appearance of the FPRA District. We are pleased to announce the relaunch of the program and are eager to see the further positive impact it will have.

312 N 16TH STREET



BEFORE



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616 ATLANTIC AVE



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1502 FABER COURT



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OLD ST. ANASTASIA

The Old St. Anastasia RFP received one response during the last cycle. Staff is working with the Purchasing Division to determine reasons for the low response and will attempt a new strategy for the next RFP. More information will be forthcoming.

SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

The small business recommendation action plan will be presented at the next FPRA meeting in July. It will focus on a plan to implement a small business development program and how to do business with the city.

DOWNTOWN DETAIL

Off-Duty Officers of the Fort Pierce Police Department continued to patrol the downtown area, via foot patrols, Segway, and bicycles throughout the months of April and May 2023. Officers continued to check with our local businesses within the downtown area and are providing positive feedback from the owners and staff as well as the visiting public. Officers responded to several calls for service to include misdemeanor traffic issues, parking concerns, and minor disturbances. Several field interviews and trespass warnings were documented during this time frame.

SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS

Officer Stephens continues to be a positive role model for the student body through her Leadership Mentoring Program. She continues to be the check in person for the previous student mentioned who has recently become homeless. Officer Stephens worked with school administration to strengthen relationships by being part of a Staff Vs. Students Basketball game. Officer Stephens has also completed 3 threat assessments during this month. They were all found to be transient in nature. Dan McCarty staff and Officer Stephens participated in monthly code red/ ire drills as required by the Marjory Stoneman Douglas Act.

Officer Goz continues to be a major role model as a mentor for the student body of C.A. Moore Elementary as a School Safety Patrol Leader. Officer Goz continues to manage the "Food Pantry Service" which provides meals for approximately 50 students during off-school days. Due to the addition of bicycles in the schools Officer Goz has been utilizing his to patrol the school grounds and has used them during school arrival and school dismissal. Officer Goz completed 2 threat assessments during this month that were found transient in nature. Chester A Moore staff and Officer Goz participated in the monthly code red/ fire drills as required by the Marjory Stoneman Douglas Act.

Officer Smith continues to Support the SRO Unit by covering when needed during the month of April she covered both schools and completed 1 threat assessment during this month that was found transient in nature.

Officer Goz attended web-based training through NTAC: Averting Targeted School Violence

