

DANIA BEACH COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY BOARD MEETING
DECEMBER 14, 2021 at 5:30 PM
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VIRTUAL REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2021 - 5:30 PM

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1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

2. CITIZEN COMMENTS

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3. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

1. Administrative Reports

4. PRESENTATIONS

1. Presentation on affordable housing by Ralph Stone, Director, Broward County Housing Finance and Community Redevelopment Division - requested by Chair James
2. Presentation FIU Interact
3. PATCH Collaboration with Urban Health Partnerships and Associates on Food System Action and Sustainable Development

5. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Minutes:
Approve Minutes of November 9, 2021 CRA Board Virtual Meeting
2. Travel Requests: None
3. RESOLUTION NO. 2021-CRA-015

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY (“CRA”) OF THE CITY OF DANIA BEACH, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE PROPER CRA OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE THE MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT FOR INSTITUTE FOR RESILIENT AND SUSTAINABLE COASTAL INFRASTRUCTURE, WITH THE FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES, ON BEHALF OF THE INSTITUTE FOR RESILIENT AND SUSTAINABLE COASTAL INFRASTRUCTURE; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; FURTHER, PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

6. PROPOSALS AND BIDS

7. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

1. CRA Executive Director evaluation - Chair James
2. Painted Crosswalk Project

8. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

9. INFORMATION ITEMS

10. ADJOURNMENT

MEMORANDUM

To: Dania Beach Community Redevelopment Agency Chair, Vice Chair, Board Members
From: Michael Chen, Executive Director
Date: December 14, 2021
Re: **Administrative Report**

1. DANIA BEACH INNOVATION ECOSYSTEM

Background

An Innovation Ecosystem is complicated and has many different platforms to support entrepreneurs and early-stage ventures. The specific components that may be appropriate for any given ecosystem will vary, but will generally include:

- Education
- Location & Events
- Mentorship
- Incubation & Acceleration
- Funding
- Talent



Update

In October, the second series of the Dania Beach Business Academy (DBBA) was launched - **ESSENTIAL TOOLS FOR BUSINESS SUCCESS**. These free educational programs were designed by the CRA to set businesses up to succeed.

- Oct 21: Maximize Your Customer Relationships - CRM software
- Oct 28: Your Business Is Great – Tell Your Story With Video
- Nov 4: Build Your Website With PUNCH
- Nov 11: Unleash The Power Of Google Tools

ESSENTIAL TOOLS FOR BUSINESS SUCCESS served a total of 87 businesses and averaged over 33 people for each of the four classes. The 4-week, online series attracted national and international attendees covering 13 states and 3 countries.

We had five (5) graduates (people attending all 4 sessions), including one (1) from Dania Beach. Graduating students will receive their signed certificates and official academy lapel

pins in the mail within the next few weeks. A half page ad was reserved for the month of December in the Dania Beach Press to honor all the graduates and instructors.

We are working with Bishop Gary Scot and the Miami-Dade Housing Foundation to do a series, **“How to Be First-Time Homebuyers”** – target is late-first quarter 2022. We are working on other series such as, **“Success in Global Markets”** and **“Advanced Business Strategies”**.

2. DANIA AFTER DARK

Update: Dania After Dark is back. Considering this was re-launch after months of shutdown, things went amazingly well, but there were a few “hic cups”.

The event was set up on time and the music started early. The set up was a really nice fit, with the vendors around the circle, the food trucks on the east side of the event, with a few additional food tents in front of the library. On the grass adjacent to the garage, the stage framed the south side of the entertainment area and the new 60-foot tent framed the north side, with nice lawn chairs in the open area. We move the CRA tent a few times to get it in the right place. In the end, we put Santa in front of the big Christmas tree for the photo backdrop – perfect.

Santa was busy for about two full hours. Kids of all ages and sizes lined up for photos and it is likely several families will use that photo for their family Christmas cards this year.

I talked with about 20 families. All were glad Dania After Dark was back and all said they were having a great time. The lawn chairs were full and many families brought their own chairs. Kids were running and playing in front of the stage most of the night. I talked with about 12 vendors and they all claimed to have had a good night – they loved the set up.

According to Atlantic Studios, they received rave reviews from food trucks, vendors, and attendees! The crowd kept building – mostly from 7:00pm on – which was pretty much standard for DAD. In all, we estimate about 700 people wandered in and out through the night.

There were mixed reviews from the adjacent businesses. As expected, Hotel Dello had ingress/egress challenges and we will need to work closer with them in the future. We encouraged businesses as far away as Jaxsons to figure out a way to “connect” with the event and we will continue working with them.

3. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES

New Business Resources Webpage: Our CRA Partner Agencies are a wealth of knowledge and resources. Our new webpage will provide a brief description of the various agencies and a link to their websites. Over time, we will expand this section with descriptions of each agency’s programs and a link to the applications.

New Business Additions:

- **Keto Zone Shop, 801 S. Federal Highway:** Diet supplements, *keto* snacks, *low carb*, no carb, electrolytes, drinks, Vitamins/supplements, and nutrition counseling
- **Yoga Trapeze Health, 801 S Federal Hwy.** *Yoga Trapeze* is a therapeutic inversion device that offers group and individual classes, like aerial skills. It builds upper body strength, core flexibility, and relieves back pain.
- **Southpaw Pet Grooming, 811 S. Federal Hwy:** A full-service grooming and Pet salon relocated back to Federal Highway after being on W. Griffin Rd & 35 for the last several years. Southpaw Pet Grooming is a respected provider of grooming services for many years.
- **Gaspard Construction Company, 801 S. Federal Hwy.:** Gaspard has opened an office in Dania Beach. They are the contractor in Hollywood for the site that was recently demolished by the old Hollywood Bread Building. A group known as BTI is building 360 multifamily units with 17,000sf of retail space.
- **South Florida Boat Center Inc., 800 Old Griffin Rd.:** A full-service boat repair and refit facility. They are currently in for permitting and will commence construction soon They are a Mercury outboard dealer and service center. They also do sales and repairs, electronics, audio, electrical circuits, and marine plumbing. Services also include dry and wet storage. They estimate revenues of +\$4 million in 2022 – 2023.
- **Jay Scotts Collection, 410 SW 4th Ter.:** A Dania Beach Business since 2009 is the manufacturer of fiberglass planters *with the most* extensive line of high-quality wholesale fiberglass planters available in the market today. They are undergoing a \$175,000 renovation of their facility, including parking lot paving, exterior stucco painting, a new roof, canvas awnings, and exterior mural with native plant-based themes by well know local artists. <https://jayscotts.com/>
- **Sprouts Farmers Market @ Dania Pointe:** Sprouts held their grand opening on Dec. 1 Sprouts is a supermarket chain headquartered in Phoenix, AZ. The grocer offers a wide selection of natural and organic foods, including fresh produce, bulk foods, natural vitamins and more. We are working with their produce buyer to provide fresh produce from the Patch. The retailer, which operates 362 stores in 23 states, opened 22 new stores in 2021. We have one of their new footprint stores at Dania Pointe with 22,000sf. They have hired approximately 100 new employees and estimate their sales will have an economic impact at +\$2 million.
- **Planet RV Sales and Service, 2051 Griffin Rd.:** RV Sales of Broward first opened its doors in Ft. Lauderdale, FL in 1986, Recently located in Davie, they relocated to Dania beach after a fire in March 2021. They sell small to very large motor homes and rentals for family vacations. They also donate RVs to provide temporary housing to those in need through their Charitable Foundation.

Dania Pointe is hosting a Job Fair: Dec 8 from 11 – 3:00 pm. They are seeking to hire +250 jobs at all levels. We introduced KIMCO to CareerSource to assist.

Pending Façade Grants inquiries: Gasper Arts Center, Gallery of Amazing Things - Part 2, and Shenanigans Eastside. We are working with these applicants.

4. CRA PLAN UPDATE

The RFP for consulting services to update the CRA Plan closed Monday, November 29, at 10:00 a.m. and the proposal opening was conducted at 1:00 p.m. The RFP was very successful, having received five proposals from the firms below. Submissions were reviewed for responsiveness and then distributed to the selection team for review and scoring.

- S&ME, Inc.
- FIU Metropolitan Center
- Redevelopment Management Associates
- Santec Consulting Services, Inc.
- Vanasse Hangen Brustlin, Inc.

We plan to introduce the recommended consultant to you, with a draft contract, at the January CRA Meeting.

5. THE PATCH

Events Update

November

The PATCH held two events in November. The first on November 13th was a Nursery Day along with a composting presentation by Mr. Xavier DeRoos of Renuable who ran continuous one on one sessions on composting. The PATCH has been stepping up its composting projects and creating soil as a cost cutting measure. We also plan to sell soil and compost in the future.

On November 20th we held the Fall Market. Vendors along with Friends of the Library were on hand to welcome back our PATCH regulars and some new customers. Mr. John Coldwell of Urban Beekeepers conducted a workshop on bee keeping. An event photo page is attached.

December

On December 18th we are featuring Holidays at the PATCH. Along with the market we will have a self-guided Kids Craft Corner with appropriate social distancing for safety. The event's promotional flyer is attached.

Launch of PATCH CSA pilot program (PATCH in a Box)

The PATCH Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) pilot program was launched with 10 members, and the first box collection for members was on November 20, 2021. Participants purchase a subscription for a box of fresh produce that they pick up every two weeks. So far feedback has been good. We anticipate more members for our next round of the program which will begin in April 2022.

PATCH Collaboration with the YMCA: I am working with the YMCA to join their list of "Municipal Partners". For 100 years, the YMCA of South Florida has been dedicated to building healthy, confident and secure children, families and communities.

I am working with the Director of Community Affairs & New Business Development for the YMCA of South Florida. The concept under discussion is to place a PATCH herb kiosk in the Health & Wellness section of every YMCA in South Florida. A tour of the PATCH was provided to the "Y" last week.

Vertical Hydroponic Gardening: We have assembled a team to initiate a pilot program to research and document the productivity of using shipping containers, adapted to vertical hydroponic growing environments. The objective of the pilot program will be to determine if these adaptive reuse containers are viable solutions to urban food deserts across the country. Currently our pilot team will be the PATCH, the CRA, and YES WE ARE MAD. We are reaching out to FIU Agriculture School and University of Florida's Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences (UF/IFAS) to join our team.

The Florida Department of Agriculture sent some follow up questions regarding the CRA grant application. The questions were answered and again hand delivered to the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services. Along with the response to their questions, we provided the Dept. of Agriculture with copies of support letters for our pilot program from the Chief Executive Officer and Executive Director for Urban Health Partnerships, Inc. (UHP) and the Co-Director of the Florida International University's Agroecology Program, Department of Earth and Environment.

November 2021 Fall Market



Beekeeping Workshop



Friends of the Library



CSA Sample Box





DANIA BEACH PATCH

PEOPLE'S ACCESS TO COMMUNITY HORTICULTURE

1201 WEST DANIA BEACH BLVD

FARM & MARKET

HOLIDAYS AT THE PATCH

DECEMBER 18 FROM 9-11AM

- Holiday Special at The PATCH
- Self-Guided Kids Craft Corner
- Shop our Local Vendors

SHOP LOCAL • EAT LOCAL

EBT/SNAP RECEIVE 50% OFF
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MEMORANDUM

To: Dania Beach Community Redevelopment Agency Chair, Vice Chair and Board of Directors

From: Michael Chen, Executive Director

Date: December 14, 2021

Re: **Proposed PATCH Collaboration with Urban Health Partnerships**

Background

Urban Health Partnerships (UHP) has been a collaborator with the Dania Beach CRA and the PATCH through various initiatives, including Food For All, and dating back to 2015's Healthy Community Zones, a Centers for Disease Control and Prevention collective impact grant managed by then PATCH partner Broward Regional Health Planning Council, and supported through various organizations.

In March 2021 the CRA entered into an agreement with, Urban Health Partnerships Inc. to receive a non-matching grant in the amount of \$18,500. This grant is a Community Foundation of Broward Approved Grant through UHP for planning and development of a South Broward Community Health Hub (SB-CHH). At that time the CRA informed the Board that the Grant was being disbursed through UHP which was organizing a collaborative project with various agencies throughout South Florida.

This funding was to enhance the PATCH's mobile market program to bring local, fresh produce to underserved, low-income communities in Broward County.

Through the UHP grant, the PATCH received \$13,500 for consulting and technical assistance and \$5,000 to implement the mobile markets throughout Broward County.

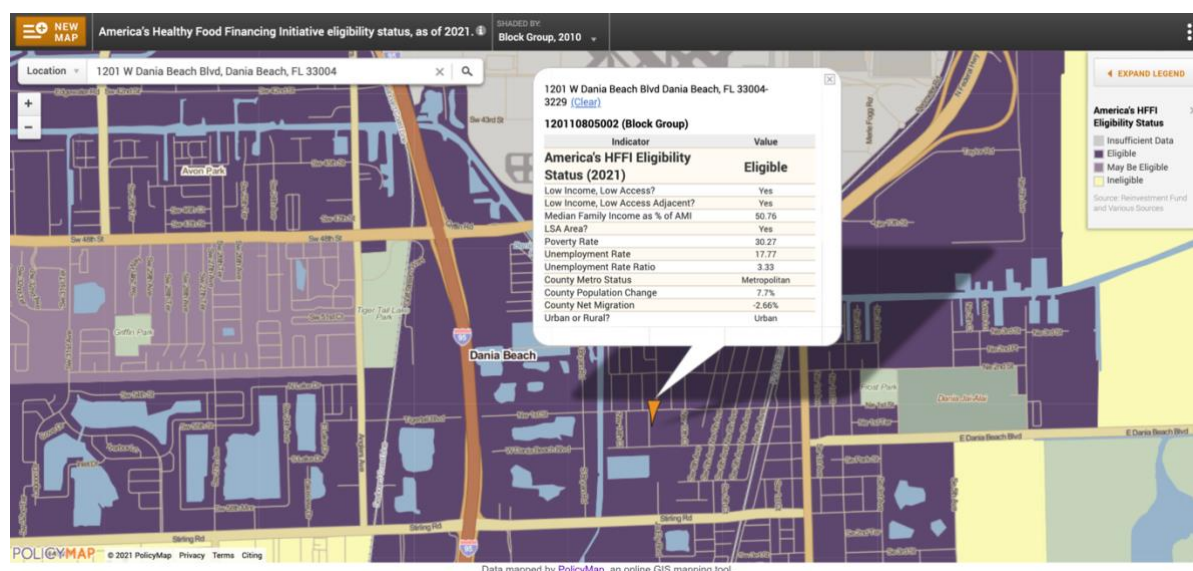
Update

UHP has now approached the CRA to move forward with the implementation of a 'network *through a SBCHH collaboration that would introduce hyper/micro-local food and health hub sites to support and improve community health and wellbeing, invigorate food access and food-system innovation, and facilitate economic opportunities*'. A collaboration of partners which includes the PATCH will be established to provide food access connections to the most vulnerable and underserved communities in South Florida.

PATCH Collaboration with Urban Health Partnerships and Associates on Food System Action and Sustainable Development

The Roots, History and Background

The City of Dania Beach (CODB) is Broward County's first city (est. 1904). It was recognized as the "Tomato Capital of the World" early on, which supported its initial establishment and growth. Over the years, different challenges, including a hurricane, corruption, construction and displacement, and other issues impacted this beautiful city leading to the development of some underserved communities without safe, secure, and consistent access to healthy food/nutrition and other health options.



To help mitigate healthy food/nutrition/health access concerns and support the community, the City of Dania Beach Community Redevelopment Agency (DBCRA) has been making an important and necessary investment into the development, management and coordination, maintenance, and sustainability of the Dania Beach PATCH (People's Access to Community Horticulture) Market and Garden ("The PATCH") since 2014. Over the years, the PATCH and several partners, including Urban Health Partnerships (UHP), have worked with local stakeholders like C.W. Thomas Park, Love our Nation (LON), St. Ruth Missionary Baptist Church ("St. Ruth"), Memorial Hospital, and the local convenience stores, among others to help bring healthy food and better access to health and wellbeing options and opportunities right in the community.

Together, these partners have worked in different capacities to bring healthier food access, more clinic to community connections, education, information and resources, and economic development opportunities to the residents of Dania Beach. Such efforts include the TOUCH Initiative and the Healthy Community Zones program (2014-2017), the Food for All Broward (FFA) Initiative (2018 – 2021), and the South Broward Community Health Hub Collaboration (2020 – 2023), among others. Partners have been developing relationships, building trust with each other and the Dania Beach community members, and building food system innovation and strengthening collaborations around food entrepreneurship, food access, healthy eating options and more.

Growing Partnerships, Networks and Supports

Since the start of this year and through the SBCHH Collaboration, the PATCH received funding (i.e., \$18,500) through partnering with UHP to support local and regional healthy food access as part of these efforts. With UHP serving as the leading/coordinating agency for this collaboration, the PATCH has gotten an opportunity to work more closely with the organization. Working more closely together with partners, community members and the City of Dania Beach CRA, **UHP supports the development and strengthening of local, health and food system connections.**

UHP is a non-profit whose mission is to **invest** in our southeast Florida communities by **co-designing sustainable change** and **promoting equity and well-being across the life span**. Since 2011, UHP has invested in community-driven projects - providing leadership, technical assistance (TA), coordination, capacity building, and training on community-driven change-making and policy, systems, and environmental change (PSE) strategies. UHP leads innovative collective impact efforts to co-create sustainable change and strategically promote justice, equity, diversity, inclusion, and wellbeing. Community integration and power-building is at the forefront of every project through approaches such as the Community Liaison (CL) Framework where employed community leaders co-design and lead PSE changes.



UHP's Areas of Impact

UHP presently coordinates 3 relevant and successful food access, collaborative initiatives: The FFA Broward initiative, in year 3, the SBCHH collaboration, in year 1, and the Go for Healthy Growth Campaign (GFHG), also in year 1. UHP also co-facilitates the emerging and exciting multi-sector innovation, the Southeast Florida Food Systems Action Collaborative (FSAC).

Through our Food Access, Security and Justice (FASJ) work, UHP has helped activate and convene a network of 200+ local, regional, and global partners, and provide TA and support to 9 Broward County municipalities to implement 20+ food access PSE changes related to community/market gardens and farmer's markets, healthy corner stores, comprehensive plans, land use element updates, and more. UHP has also led the co-design and development for the SBCHH Community Action Plan (CAP) in collaboration with 60+ stakeholders, including community members. UHP has also provided TA and coordination support to 14 different partners through the implementation and sustainability planning for 8 SBCHH "blooming solution" mini-



The PATCH Partners and Activities





Collaborations with
positive community impact

grant projects awarded as part of this collaboration. Three of these mini grants have taken place in the City of Dania Beach and have had the PATCH as a key partner (i.e., The Fresh Success Mobile Markets, in collaboration with Community Enhancement Collaboration, and the Food Access and Community Empowerment Solutions project, phase 2 (FACES2), in collaboration with St. Ruth and LON. What is particularly special about these blooming solutions is that these hyper-local efforts can actively impact healthy food access for the community in the short term and help lead to more long-term gains.

Nurturing the PATCH Together

Partners through the SBCHH Collaboration and other similar efforts, like FSAC and others include:

- [City of Dania Beach Parks & Rec](#)
- [Community Enhancement Collaborations, Inc.](#)
- [Do Well, Do Good Corp.](#)
- [Eat Well Exchange](#)
- [Feeding South Florida](#)
- [FLIPANY](#)
- [Florida Impact to End Hunger](#)
- [For the Love of our Nation \(or Love Our Nation\)](#)
- [MAD](#)
- [Memorial Healthcare Systems](#)
- [Renuable](#)
- [St. Ruth Missionary Baptist Church](#)
- [South Florida Hunger Coalition](#)
- [Together We Stand](#)
- [University of Florida's Institute of Food and Agricultural Science](#)
- [Urban Farming Alliance](#)
- [Urban Farming Institute](#)
- [Urban Health Partnerships](#)
- [UTICA College](#)
- [The YMCA of South Florida](#)
- And more.

Working together through existing and new programming, entrepreneurial opportunities, and sustainability efforts, partners recognize the value of The PATCH, its positive impact for the community, and the opportunities that it can help bring to our local food/health system collaborations. Through the SBCHH Collaboration funded by the Community Foundation of Broward, UHP, The PATCH, and the DBCRA have been able to work together to review, improve/update, and establish new systems to support more consistent collaborations, partner and community engagement and activities on site. Also, ways to strengthen and expand the PATCH's Farmers' and Mobile Markets, as these efforts accept benefits under the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) which affords recipients of this benefit, support to purchase fresh, Florida-grown fruits and vegetable for half the regular price, thus ensuring the region's staple and perishable foods are more accessible and affordable.

Now with additional funding secured by UHP for the SBCHH Phase 2 (January 2022 – June 2023) there will be additional opportunities to support The PATCH's community garden, further scale urban agriculture education, practice, and apprenticeship, and invigorate innovative food system engagement and entrepreneurial opportunities for community members and visitors.

MINUTES OF VIRTUAL MEETING
DANIA BEACH COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2021 – 5:30 P.M.

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

Chair James called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Present:

Chair:	Tamara James
Vice-Chair:	Marco A. Salvino, Sr.
Board Members:	Joyce L. Davis
	Lori Lewellen
	Lauren Odman
Executive Director:	K. Michael Chen
City Attorney:	Thomas Ansbrosio
CRA Secretary:	Thomas Schneider

2. Citizen Comments

Reverend Paul R. Wiggins, 321 SE 3rd Street, commented about the CRA Director's report and recommendations, specifically the \$75,000 revenue loss for the At Home Dania Beach program. He is curious regarding the overall program since it seems to move away from the original plans with the list of people waiting. He does not see a creative focus on the CRA, but a lot of things happening on the periphery of the CRA. He has not seen any new projects within the CRA in a year. He would favor a vote of no confidence in this area.

Reverend Jonathan Thomas, 180 E. Dania Beach Boulevard, echoed the comments of Rev. Wiggins regarding the housing for Phase II of the At Home Dania Beach program and not building affordable housing. He understands there would be a loss of revenue and asked if other avenues have been explored such as working with other organizations. He hopes the residents will get some clarity on this.

Bobbie Grace, 110 NW 8th Avenue, commented she has been keeping her eye on what the CRA is doing; she cannot see anything being done in the last year. We must stay focused on affordable housing. There are funds we can reach out to people for to make sure we keep the prices down. She is very concerned about the movement and felt we should be farther along with the building of these homes. She wants to keep the homes affordable and within the CRA; this is what the CRA is about. If leadership cannot move it, we need to find someone who can.

Chair James moved out of the regular order of business to take up item #4.1.

3. Administrative Reports

3.1 Administrative Report

Director Chen reviewed the information included in the agenda packet, consisting of updates on the Dania Beach Innovation Ecosystem (the Dania Beach Business Academy), Dania After Dark, economic development activities (new business openings/events, Back-to-School Book Bag Program, Broward Office of Economic and Small Business Development (OESBD), and Port Everglades Association), and the PATCH (soft reopening, launch of PATCH CSA pilot program (PATCH in a Box), including letters of support for the DOA grant, and the Vertical Hydroponic Gardening pilot program).

4. Presentations

4.1 PATCH Presentations

CRA Director Chen gave a brief introduction.

Chair James recognized and presented awards to Jaime Castoro and Nattaliah Earle, PATCH Consultants, for excelling in their work, their dedication and commitment to go above and beyond the call of duty, and their continuing contributions to the PATCH.

Chair James returned to the regular order of business to take up item #3.1.

5. Consent Agenda

5.1 Minutes:

Approve Minutes of October 12, 2021 CRA Board Virtual Meeting

5.2 Travel Requests: None

5.3 RATIFY RESOLUTION NO. 2021-CRA-013

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY (“CRA”) OF THE CITY OF DANIA BEACH, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A CORRECTIVE DEED FOR 40 NW 14 AVENUE, DANIA BEACH, FLORIDA BY MICHAEL CHEN, THE CRA EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; FURTHER, PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

5.4 RESOLUTION NO. 2021-CRA-014

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY (“CRA”) OF THE CITY OF DANIA BEACH, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE PROPER CRA OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITHOUT COMPETITIVE BIDDING WITH WEECOMMUNICATE, INC. TO PROVIDE CUSTOMER RELATIONSHIP MANAGEMENT (CRM) SOFTWARE TO THE CRA; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; FURTHER, PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Board Member Lewellen motioned to approve the Consent Agenda; seconded by Board Member Davis. The motion carried unanimously.

6. Proposals and Bids

There were no proposals on this agenda.

7. Discussion and Possible Action

7.1 Decorative crosswalks - Chair James

Chair James noted this is the project that she is bringing forward; it has been worked on and approved in the budget. She is sure the CRA has spoken to FDOT and other agencies regarding installation of the crosswalks. Her recommendation is to do decorative crosswalks at Dania Beach Boulevard and Federal highway and at NW 1st Street and Federal Highway.

Board Member Lewellen noted she favors decorative crosswalks but felt this makes more sense putting it under the Art in Public Places fund since it would be citywide.

Chair James said she wants to move forward with the project and let staff determine what funding sources would be used.

Board Member Lewellen felt it should be under the City, not the CRA.

Chair James noted this is an opportunity for the CRA and the City to work together. She does not see a problem with letting Director Chen figure out the funding sources.

Board Member Odman explained the Arts in Public Places fund; it is not a fund that we can keep drawing monies from. Eventually, it will fund the Arts Master Plan projects. She questioned if something is supposed to be done to Federal Highway in the areas where the crosswalks would be.

Board Member Lewellen said she would have to go back and look, but she does not think there is anything planned in the immediate future.

Vice-Chair Salvino felt putting these crosswalks in the downtown area is on track, perhaps on Stirling Road as well. The funding is something the Board can talk about; it does not necessarily need to come from the Arts in Public Places fund.

Chair James questioned if we had quotes for all the crosswalks the Board had decided to be improved.

Vice-Chair Salvino said he agrees with the project; it needs to be defined where the funding would come from.

Board Member Davis commented she is in favor of the crosswalks; she knew there was one on NW 1st Street and NW 5th Street, which is on tonight's Commission agenda. She is not sure and would like clarification. This is a great way to beautify our City. She wants to be sure which crosswalks we are talking about.

City Manager Garcia noted other projects like the one on NW 5th Street have a different funding source. She said the key is to see how we can work together and determine different avenues of funding.

Board Member Lewellen felt we need to get updated estimates since the current estimates are a couple years old, and a lot has changed. She felt the funding should come from somewhere other than the CRA budget.

Chair James requested Director Chen to bring back prices and options so the Board can choose which makes the most sense. She added all the projects need to be ADA compliant.

7.2 At Home Dania Beach Phase II

Director Chen reviewed the memo included in the agenda packet.

Chair James said she is disappointed this was a presentation on why we should do market rate housing instead of being innovative to do affordable housing. She referenced the previous plan and read from it. We already have market rate homes that have not seen any progress or movement on these properties. Affordable housing is a nationwide issue. She asked if Director Chen has spoken with Ralph Stone with the County.

Director Chen responded in the affirmative.

Chair James noted Mr. Stone can give up to \$40,000 for first-time homebuyers. She does not feel comfortable opening this up to all Broward County residents. This should be a tiered approach; the first priority should be CRA residents, then citywide residents. There are many innovative ideas for affordable housing; she wishes there was a better focus on what we are trying to do. We have market rate housing; if desired, she will find a way to do affordable housing.

Vice-Chair Salvino said a meeting or two ago, he mentioned that if there was a way to do this, the Chair should bring it to us. He has a problem with taking the lots and just giving them away. He has brought up ways of making the homes different in the past, like townhomes to make them more affordable. If there are ways it can be done, then we break the lots down. He has an issue with giving lots away. Prices are so high right now; he was told \$205 per square foot is the cost to build. He recommends tabling this for an entire year and re-examine this to see where prices are then. Right now, it is not affordable to build. Perhaps residents want to utilize their infill lots for the program.

Board Member Odman agreed with Vice-Chair Salvino that this needs to wait at least six months if not a year for when the market becomes more predictable.

Chair James agreed and is in favor of tabling this item; in the meantime, we should build a good relationship with the residents through meeting and working with them.

Board Member Lewellen agreed this should wait but is concerned that the costs are not going to go down and home prices will continue to be up. This could be tabled, and she agrees we cannot give away the land, but we should be prepared that the prices may not change.

Board Member Davis echoed the sentiments expressed; she has had meetings with builders and the costs are astronomical. She spoke with a realtor and was told to wait a year and housing costs would come down. We do probably need to step back for this moment so that we are not just giving away the land.

Vice-Chair Salvino said over 20 years, he has seen the market go up and go down. We cannot give the property away and we need to wait maybe a year or even five years. He would like to see things level off as prices are out of control. If we wait, this gives time for Director Chen to investigate funding and outside sources to contribute to the program.

Chair James felt the only thing we would be able to do now is to see how much we could get for the Smith Store property. She asked Director Chen to bring back what other cities are doing for affordable housing and their funding sources. She suggested he sit down with developers and bring the Board options.

Director Chen noted he would follow the direction of the Board. He addressed some of the comments made during this discussion, including there being no County program for moderate housing. He finds it strange that Broward County would find ways to subsidize the affordable housing buyer to buy a house that they will not assist with the construction of. He also addressed discussion at the FRA Conference regarding affordable housing.

The Board consensus was to table the At Home Dania Beach program for a year and for Director Chen to bring back information as discussed.

8. Board Member Comments

Board Member Davis thanked Director Chen for the pin from the Business Academy.

Vice-Chair Salvino said he is looking forward to DAD and the Christmas tree lighting.

Chair James noted the Board needs to discuss the evaluation of Director Chen. She will bring it for discussion and possible action at the next meeting.

9. Information Items

There were no items on this agenda.

10. Adjournment

Chair James adjourned the meeting at 6:47 p.m.

ATTEST:

COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT
AGENCY

THOMAS SCHNEIDER, CMC
CRA SECRETARY

TAMARA JAMES
CHAIR – CRA

CITY OF DANIA BEACH

Agenda Request Item

Type of Request: Consent Agenda

Continued from:

Requested Action (Identify appropriate Action or Motion)

ADOPT RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PROPER CRA OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE THE MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT FOR INSTITUTE FOR RESILIENT AND SUSTAINABLE COASTAL INFRASTRUCTURE, WITH THE FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES, ON BEHALF OF THE INSTITUTE FOR RESILIENT AND SUSTAINABLE COASTAL INFRASTRUCTURE

Purchasing Requests ONLY

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Exhibits Attached

Memo Interact 121421 (002), R-2021-CRA- FIU Interact MOA for Institute for Resilient and Sustainable Coastal Infrastructure

MEMORANDUM

To: Dania Beach Community Redevelopment Agency Chair, Vice Chair and Board of Directors

From: Michael Chen, Executive Director

Date: December 14, 2021

Re: Florida International University - Institute for Resilient and Sustainable Coastal Infrastructure (InteRaCt)

Background: The foundational document when creating a Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) and the designation of a Community Redevelopment Area is a “FINDING OF NECESSITY FOR REDEVELOPMENT.” The Finding of Necessity for Dania Beach is dated May 8, 2001. The Executive Summary section of the Finding of Necessity states:

“This report finds that approximately 25% of the proposed CRA area is exhibiting deteriorated conditions such as damaged structures and declining site conditions; 19% is affected by congested roadways that fail to meet the adopted level of service standard; and 13% is affected by inadequate potable water lines that need to be upgraded in order to support additional development. The taxable value of the proposed CRA area has grown at a significantly lower rate than either the City or County tax base since 1996. Incidence of crime is substantially higher than in the remainder of Dania Beach.”

A second Finding of Necessity was completed in August 2008, for the purpose of expanding the original Community Redevelopment Area. In the 2008 Finding, it was determined:

“The information contained in this study confirms that slum and/or blight still exist within the existing Community Redevelopment Area and are prevalent in areas that lie outside of the existing Community Redevelopment Area. Areas of slum or blight that lie outside the existing Community Redevelopment Area are proposed in this study to be included in an expanded Community Redevelopment Area.”

The subsequent CRA Plans, including our current 2015 CRA Plan update, contain significant sections (+20% - 25%) that attempt to upgrade the deficient infrastructure systems, including strategies for a more sustainable future.

The above descriptions are likely to be found in every CRA and CRA Plan in the State of Florida, if not the Country. Another common condition is that CRA staff does not have the technical expertise to evaluate the deficient infrastructure systems and identify savvy, strategic, and cost effective solutions.

Update: Florida International University (FIU) has developed a multi-discipline “Think Tank” to deal with infrastructure and sustainability issues named the **Institute for Resilient and Sustainable Coastal Infrastructure (InteRaCt)**.

The goals of InteRaCt are to identify engineering solutions to challenges faced by aging infrastructure and to develop innovative and economical technologies for creating resilient and sustainable communities. The economic prosperity of the United States is closely related to the health of the nation’s infrastructure, which includes transportation, communication, sewage, water, and electric systems. InteRaCt serves as an umbrella organization that incorporates the ongoing major activities at FIU related to infrastructure. The primary focus areas of InteRaCT include:

- Engineering and Analysis on Transportation Systems, Structures, and Networks (EATS)
- Corrosion Analysis
- Green Pavement
- Structural Health Monitoring (SHM)
- Resilience Management of Built Environment (RMBE)
- Water Resource Analysis (WRA)
- Advanced Materials
- Energy Systems & Smart Grid

Rather than to just create another academic committee, FIU wants InteRaCT to have a practical, real-world impact by establishing municipal partnerships is to assure the program is grounded in the real challenges and issues facing cities regarding infrastructure and offering their partner cities the benefits of having an institutional “think tank” to help identify solution options, including conducting cost/benefit analyses. More information on InteRaCT can be found at: <https://interact.fiu.edu/index.html>.

FIU has approved the Dania Beach CRA to be their first partner city. This basic relationship is documented by a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA). The MOA is intended to be a stronger commitment for collaboration than a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), but still does not mandate a commitment for fees or resources from either party. Therefore, there are no financial impacts associated with this MOA.

Recommendation: The CRA recommends Board approval of the attached Resolution and MOA with FIU InteRaCT.

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-CRA-015

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY (“CRA”) OF THE CITY OF DANIA BEACH, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE PROPER CRA OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE THE MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT FOR INSTITUTE FOR RESILIENT AND SUSTAINABLE COASTAL INFRASTRUCTURE, WITH THE FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES, ON BEHALF OF THE INSTITUTE FOR RESILIENT AND SUSTAINABLE COASTAL INFRASTRUCTURE; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; FURTHER, PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the May 2001 Finding of Necessity identified approximately 25 percent of the proposed CRA area is exhibiting deteriorated conditions; 19 percent is affected by congested roadways; and 13 percent is affected by inadequate potable water lines; and

WHEREAS, the August 2008 Finding of Necessity, conducted to expand the boundary area of the CRA, confirms that slum and/or blight still exist within the existing Community Redevelopment Area and the study to be included in an expanded Community Redevelopment Area; and

WHEREAS, the CRA does not have staff with the engineering expertise to evaluate and prioritize infrastructure issues, or develop cost effective solutions to correct the issues; and

WHEREAS, Florida International University (FIU) has developed a multi-discipline “Think Tank” to deal with infrastructure and sustainability issues named the Institute for Resilient and Sustainable Coastal Infrastructure (InteRaCt); and

WHEREAS, InteRaCT desires to have a practical, real-world impact by establishing municipal partnerships to assure the program is grounded in the real challenges and issues facing cities and CRAs, regarding infrastructure and by offering their partner cities and CRAs, the benefits of having an institutional “think tank” to help identify solution options, including conducting cost/benefit analyses and identifying funding sources to improve the applicable community’s infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, the CRA desires to authorize the proper CRA officials to execute the Memorandum Of Agreement For Institute For Resilient And Sustainable Coastal Infrastructure, with the Florida International University Board Of Trustees, on behalf of the Institute For Resilient And Sustainable Coastal Infrastructure;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY OF THE CITY OF DANIA BEACH, FLORIDA:

Section 1. That the foregoing “Whereas” clauses are ratified and confirmed to be true and correct, and they are made a part of and are incorporated into this Resolution by reference.

Section 2. That the CRA authorizes the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) to be executed with FIU by the proper CRA officials, a copy of which Memorandum of Agreement is attached as Exhibit “A” and made a part of and incorporated into this Resolution by this reference for such services; provided, however that no agreement will be effective unless and until it has been executed by all parties.

Section 3. That the CRA Executive Director and CRA Attorney are authorized to make minor revisions to the Memorandum of Agreement as are deemed necessary and proper for the best interests of the CRA.

Section 4. That all resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict with this Resolution are repealed to the extent of such conflict.

Section 5. That this Resolution shall be in force and take effect immediately upon its passage and adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED on December 14, 2021.

ATTEST:

THOMAS SCHNEIDER, CMC
CRA CLERK

TAMARA JAMES
BOARD CHAIRPERSON

APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM AND CORRECTNESS:

THOMAS J. ANSBRO
CRA ATTORNEY

EXHIBIT “A”

**Memorandum of Agreement
for
Institute for Resilient and Sustainable Coastal Infrastructure
Between
The Florida International University
Board of Trustees
and
The Dania Beach
Community Redevelopment Agency**

Memorandum of Agreement
Between
The Florida International University Board of Trustees
Modesto A. Maidique Campus
11200 S.W. 8 Street, MARC 430
Miami, FL 33199-0001 U.S.A

And

The Dania Beach Community Redevelopment Agency
100 W Dania Beach Boulevard
Dania Beach, FL 33004 U.S.A.

MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT

THIS MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT (“MOA”), made and entered into this _____ day of _____, 2021, by and between The Florida International University Board of Trustees for the benefit of its Institute for Resilient and Sustainable Coastal Infrastructure (“FIU”) and the Dania Beach Community Redevelopment Agency (“CRA”) establishes the basis for mutual understanding and cooperation between the parties and declares the parties’ mutual interest in exploring the potential for the establishment of cooperative activities as set forth herein. FIU and CRA may be referred to hereinafter collectively as the “Parties” and individually as a “Party.”

WHEREAS, FIU and CRA have carefully assessed their mutual capabilities and interests and have concluded that it is desirable to enter into this MOA; and

WHEREAS, the parties have determined that this MOA will enable them to complement their unique capabilities and offer the best combination of capabilities to further the goals of this MOA that are of benefit to both parties as well as to the community at large.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the premises and the mutual covenants contained herein, the sufficiency of said consideration being hereby acknowledged, the parties hereby do agree as follows:

1. FIU and CRA are joined by a common mission: **To build sustainable and resilient infrastructure in Florida communities.** The Parties will work together in the spirit of cooperation and open communications, consistent with law, with the primary goal of meeting the infrastructure needs of government, business, and civilian community members.

The purpose of this MOA is to assist CRA in planning and developing a more resilient and sustainable infrastructure, where the Parties can develop and foster mutual understanding and a working relationship per the goals of FIU.

CRA Objectives

The CRA exists to serve its customers in the manner described in its **Mission Statement**: *“To provide the expertise and strategic investments needed to implement inclusive strategies that enhance financial security; expand opportunities for business; stimulate private investment; foster revitalization; and improve the quality of life for our diverse community.”*

The CRA strives to achieve the goals described in its **Vision Statement**: *“To be a sustainable city of the future with expanded economic opportunities for our stakeholders.”*

CRA seeks to transform its urban community and surrounding City into vibrant, thriving commercial areas and neighborhoods through the implementation of the CRA Plan. The CRA will foster dynamic and vibrant commercial and residential environments and expand economic opportunities in our community. When possible, it is the CRA's responsibility to leverage resources by partnering with outside organizations whose activities contribute to the overarching mission and goals of the CRA. To effect positive redevelopment, the CRA:

- A. Orchestrates orderly and progressive business development initiatives;
- B. Encourages the production of affordable housing;
- C. Invests in critical public improvements and infrastructure;
- D. Implements savvy sustainable measures to assure long-term resiliency and quality of life; and
- E. Provides community building activities such as but not limited to events, meetings and seminars for the advancement of business and economic development.

FIU Objectives

The goals of the Preeminent Institute for Resilient and Sustainable Coastal Infrastructure (InteRaCt) are to identify engineering solutions to challenges faced by aging infrastructure and to develop innovative and economical technologies for creating resilient and sustainable communities. The economic prosperity of the United States is closely related to the health of the nation's infrastructure, which includes transportation, communication, sewage, water, and electric systems. InteRaCt serves as an umbrella organization that incorporates the ongoing major activities related to infrastructure. Key goal areas include the following:

- A. **Engineering and Analysis on Transportation Systems, Structures, and Networks (EATS):** EATS objective is to advance the frontier of Civil Engineering by transferring knowledge to the profession and developing the next-generation of transportation and civil engineering workforce.
- B. **Corrosion Analysis:** The Corrosion and Infrastructure Materials Durability research laboratory addresses durability concerns of civil infrastructure based on applied electrochemistry in corrosion science and engineering, electrochemical diagnostic techniques, and structural materials and design.
- C. **Green Pavement:** Green Paving encompasses a number of practices that lower the industry's carbon footprint while producing quality roads.

- D. **Structural Health Monitoring (SHM):** SHM team focuses its research activities in the areas of Non-Destructive Testing (NDT) application to bridges and buildings, non-destructive evaluation of cables in cable-supported and post-tensioned structures, development of novel approaches to Structural Health Monitoring and the next generation of low-cost, self-powered, wireless sensors, and risk-based inspection planning/decision-making support systems.
- E. **Resilience Management of Built Environment (RMBE):** The RMBE program focuses on smart construction and resilience management of the built environment. The program also analyzes the functionalities of interdependent networks and integrates human-centered perspectives into infrastructure resilience management
- F. **Water Resource Analysis (WRA):** The WRA translate research into practice related to integrated water resources management, flood control, geyser eruption control in urban systems, smart-green infrastructure and ground water remediation.

To further the goals of this MOA, Parties agrees to:

- a. Support Infrastructure Planning activities of CRA.
- b. Coordinate Federal, State, and County government advocacy efforts for infrastructure funding, policies, and resources.
- c. Enter into a separate Technical Assistance agreement based upon each party's policies and procedures and availability of resources.
- d. To establish a formal, but flexible system of communication with each other so that the parties are each informed of each other's needs and viewpoints.
- e. To measure the success of this MOA and to correct areas in need of improvement.

2. FIU and CRA also agree to the following:

- a. Within the limits of its available and/or appropriated resources, FIU will:
 - 1) Provide CRA technical assistance relevant to InteRaCt programs and initiatives.
 - 2) Work with CRA to jointly develop proposals for funding opportunities germane to the CRA corporate objectives.
 - 3) Work with CRA to develop specific joint outreach activities, workshops, conferences, seminars, courses, and convenings to further InteRaCt goals.
 - 4) Provide speakers, consistent with FIU rules and policy, to participate in CRA events and other activities to discuss the InteRaCt program.

- b. Within the limits of its available resources, CRA will:
 - 1) Coordinate technical assistance with FIU related to infrastructure planning and projects.
 - 2) Upon request, provide speakers for FIU-sponsored events as appropriate.
 - 3) Inform FIU of CRA activities that are relevant to the common mission of the Parties.
 - 4) Work with FIU to develop specific joint outreach activities, workshops, conferences, seminars, courses, and convenings to further InteRaCt goals.
- 3. If the parties agree, based on each party's policies and procedures, that they desire to collaborate on any particular project, the parties shall negotiate in good faith to enter into a separate written agreement for each such project, which agreement shall contain appropriate terms, including but not limited to, as applicable, intellectual property and funding terms, standard of care and liability, confidentiality, publication rights, delegation/exchange of staff and scope of work. Neither party is obligated to enter into an agreement to which it does not accept the terms.
- 4. During the term of this MOA, the parties may exchange proprietary information. When proprietary information is disclosed by one party to the other in writing and clearly identified as proprietary, the receiving party agrees that such information shall be maintained in confidence for a period of three (3) years after termination of this MOA, notwithstanding any termination dates expressed elsewhere in this MOA.

The parties shall not be liable for disclosures made inadvertently or by mistake, providing that parties exercise the same standard of care to protect the information received as they do to protect their own proprietary information. Disclosure of such information shall be restricted to the parties' employees who are directly participating in this MOA. The obligation with respect to handling proprietary information, as set forth in this MOA, is not applicable to the following:

- a. The parties acknowledge the CRA is a government entity and is bound by Chapter 119, *F.S.*: Every **person who has custody of a public record must allow the record to be inspected and examined by any person requesting to**, under reasonable conditions.
- b. Information that is now in, or hereafter enters, the public domain through no fault of the receiving party;
 - b. Information that was previously known to the receiving party independently of the disclosing party;
 - c. Information that is independently developed by the receiving party;

- d. Information that is disclosed with the written approval of the other party;
- e. Information that is received from other sources provided such other source did not receive it due to a breach for this MOA.

If a legal right to disclose cannot be limited or if information is required to be disclosed under a court/authority order or government funding arrangement or legal requirement, this disclosure is not considered a breach of the above-mentioned confidentiality obligation. The confidentiality obligation with regard to the thus disclosed information remains unaffected towards third parties. The party concerned will undertake to notify the other promptly when the party becomes aware of the potential or actual disclosure.

No license to the other party, under any trademark, patent or copyright is either granted or implied by the conveying of information to that party. None of the information which may be submitted or exchanged by the respective parties shall constitute any representation, warranty, assurance, guarantee or inducement by any party to any other party with respect to the infringement of trademarks, patents, copyrights or any right of privacy, or other rights of third persons.

Each party's Coordinator set forth in this MOA shall be the only point(s) of contact for receiving all confidential information exchanged between the parties pursuant to this MOA. Any change of the individual will be communicated to the other parties in writing. Oral disclosures of proprietary information must be identified as proprietary at the time of disclosure, followed by written confirmation within ten (10) days. Any proprietary information given to anyone other than to the Coordinators will not fall under the protection of this MOA. All proprietary information and all copies thereof shall be returned to the disclosing party upon written request.

- 5. Dr. J. Chris Ford, Business Development Manager, will serve as the Coordinator for this MOA on behalf of FIU. K. Michael Chen, Executive Director, will serve as the Coordinator of this MOA on behalf of CRA. The Coordinators will be responsible for coordinating the discussions between the parties relative to this MOA on behalf of their respective entities.
- 6. This MOA becomes effective on the last date signed by the parties and shall remain in effect for three (3) years unless earlier terminated by either party upon giving thirty (30) days prior notice of termination or upon the mutual agreement of the parties. The parties may discontinue or extend this MOA at any time by mutual consent in writing.
- 7. This MOA expresses the basic understanding and present intentions of the parties but does not attempt to either specify or otherwise limit the collaborative efforts between the parties.

It merely serves as evidence of the parties' good faith intentions with regard to these activities.

8. This MOA in no way restricts the parties from working with other organizations on any research or other projects.
9. This MOA does not constitute a joint venture, partnership, consortium, or any other form of business arrangement or organization. Each party is and shall act as an independent contractor and not as an agent or partner of the other for any purpose whatsoever, and no party shall act or represent itself, directly or by implication, in any such capacity in respect of any other party or in any manner which seeks to assume or create any obligation on behalf of, or in the name of, any other party without that party's prior express written agreement. The employees of one party shall not be deemed the employees of the other party.
10. This MOA is neither a fiscal nor a funds obligation document. Nothing in this MOA authorizes or is intended to obligate the Parties to expend, exchange, or reimburse funds, services, or supplies, or transfer or receive anything of value. The parties' obligations hereunder are subject to and contingent upon the availability of funds.
11. This MOA is subject to, and will be carried out in compliance with, all applicable laws, regulations and other legal requirements.

(Intentionally left blank.)

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this MOA is executed by duly authorized representatives of each Party as set forth below.

Read and approved by
**FIU Office of Research and Economic
Development**
Robert Gutierrez

Read and approved by
Dania Beach City Attorney
Thomas J. Ansbro

**The Florida International University
Board of Trustees**

**Dania Beach Community
Redevelopment Agency**

By: _____
Name: Robert Gutierrez
Title: Assistant Vice President Research
Date: _____

By: _____
Name: K. Michael Chen
Title: Executive Director
Date: _____

Read and acknowledged by
FIU InteRaCt

Dr. Atorod Azizinamini
Director

Read and acknowledged by
FIU Applied Research Center

Dr. Ines Triay
Executive Director

Dr. J. Chris Ford
Business Development Manager

MEMORANDUM

To: Dania Beach Community Redevelopment Agency Chair, Vice Chair and Board of Directors

From: Michael Chen, Executive Director

Date: December 14, 2021

Re: Painted Crosswalk Project

Background: On June 11, 2019, The CRA Board approved Resolution No. 2019-CRA-011, which pre-approved issuing an RFP for the Painted Crosswalk Project (Project). The Painted Crosswalk Project was a concept to incorporate public art into decorative intersections and crosswalks.

At the November 9, 2021, CRA Meeting, Chair James requested a follow up on the Project, with the interest on installing decorative crosswalks at W. Dania Beach Blvd. at City Hall and Federal Highway at NW 1st Street.

Update: Upon researching CRA files, CRA staff was unable to find a draft RFP or any responses to an RFP on this subject. We were able to find Resolution No. 2019-CRA-011 that authorized the RFP. It was determined that an RFP for painted crosswalks was not issued because there was no funding to support the project (see below):

According to Section 3 of Attachment A Resolution No. 2019-CRA-011 funding for the painted crosswalks were to be appropriated in the Professional Services Redevelopment Initiatives Account pending approval of the fiscal year 2019-2020 CRA Budget. The Scope of Services for the RFP was prepared in advance and attached to the Resolution. The CRA proposed 2019-2020 Budget included the painted crosswalks project at a cost of \$45,000, however, at the CRA Board meeting held to approve the 2019-2020 budget the painted crosswalks project was one of the items removed from the CRA Budget in the interest of facilitating a balanced budget.

It was confirmed with Purchasing that there are no records in DemandStar regarding an RFP on this subject.

If the Board is interested in pursuing the Project at this time, The CRA staff will be happy to reopen and explore the subject.

Attachments: Attachment A: Resolution No. 2019-CRA-011

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-CRA-011

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE DANIA BEACH COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY ("CRA"), OF THE CITY OF DANIA BEACH, FLORIDA, PERTAINING TO ADVANCE APPROVAL TO PROCEED WITH A BID ADVERTISEMENT FOR A PAINTED CROSSWALK PROJECT; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; FURTHER, PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, at the May 14, 2019 CRA Board meeting, the CRA Board discussed the potential for decorative intersections and crosswalks in the Redevelopment Area to provide for public art and to enhance the rebranding initiative; and

WHEREAS, the CRA Board, by consensus, determined that from a budgetary standpoint, a single painted crosswalk project (the "Project") may be more ideal as a pilot program prior to painting the entire intersection or multiple intersections and that this should be explored by CRA staff; and

WHEREAS, CRA staff finds it necessary to competitively bid for the Project to be located at Federal Highway and Dania Beach Boulevard; and

WHEREAS, CRA staff is seeking approval from the CRA Board to advertise for the Project;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY OF THE CITY OF DANIA BEACH, FLORIDA:

Section 1. That the foregoing "WHEREAS" clauses are ratified and confirmed as being true and correct and they are made a specific part of this Resolution.

Section 2. That the Community Redevelopment Agency is authorized to proceed with bidding of a painted crosswalk project (the "Project").

Section 3. That funding is anticipated to be appropriated in the Professional Services Redevelopment Initiatives Account pending approval of the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 CRA Budget, and as such, any successful proposal and subsequent contract will be negotiated and brought forward to the CRA Board for award and approval.

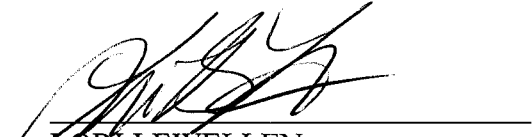
Section 4. That all resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict with this Resolution are repealed to the extent of such conflict.

Section 5. That this Resolution shall be in full force and take effect immediately upon its passage and adoption.

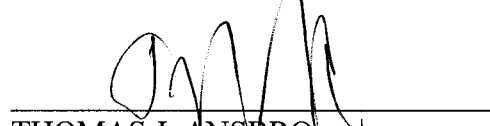
PASSED AND ADOPTED on June 11, 2019.

ATTEST:


THOMAS SCHNEIDER, CMC
BOARD SECRETARY


LORI LEWELLEN
BOARD CHAIRPERSON

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND CORRECTNESS:


THOMAS J. ANSBURO
CRA ATTORNEY



Scope of Services

The Dania Beach Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) is soliciting proposals to design and perform the work associated with a Painted Crosswalk Pilot Program project at the intersection of Federal Highway (US1) and Dania Beach Boulevard in the City of Dania Beach.

Streets are designed and operated to enable safe access for all users, including pedestrians, bicyclists, motorists, and transit riders of all ages and abilities. The goal of this Pilot Program is to make the major streets within the City more walkable and to slow vehicular traffic along high pedestrian traffic corridors while providing a visual public art display.

A painted crosswalk is a crosswalk in intersection with an artistic design that is painted on the pavement at the intersection and incorporates pedestrian crossings to safely cross the street. Through the use of painted crosswalks, the CRA aims to assist in the City's rebranding efforts to redefine the community's sense of place through design that reflects the character of the area, while providing traffic calming and a colorful visual art display. Typical painted crosswalks have a useful life of three to five years.

Below are the art design specifications for the CRA's Painted Crosswalk Pilot Program:

1. art design concepts should be reflective of the City of Dania Beach and the character of the area;
2. the design should provide for safe movement of transit, vehicles, bicycles, and pedestrians (this includes the use of colors and materials);
3. the design should incorporate artwork for the pedestrian crossings;
4. the painted design shall minimize the use of white and yellow colors, but if used, white or yellow stripes or bars between 2.0 inches and 36.0 inches wide shall not be permitted so as not to be mistaken as traffic lane lines or stop bars;
5. the painted design shall not include elements that could erroneously channel or direct traffic into opposing streams of traffic or obstructions, or onto sidewalks or private property;
6. the painted design shall not include elements that could be misinterpreted as traffic control markings (such as arrows, bike logos or shapes normally used for traffic control signs);
7. the painted design shall not include word messages; and
8. the contractor shall provide the CRA with color renditions of the proposed artwork, all designs will need to be approved by the CRA Board prior to installation.

Below are the design and installation specifications for the CRA's Painted Crosswalk Pilot Program:

1. contractor will need to provide the necessary detailed plans for construction and permit approval from Florida Department of Transportation, Broward County, and the City of Dania Beach;

2. contractor will select materials that would be durable enough to last a minimum of 3 years at the project site and meet the requirements of the latest edition of the Florida Department of Transportation Design Standards;
3. contractor will need to include the costs associated with upgrading the curb ramps at all crosswalks within the project intersection with the appropriate materials that meet the minimum standards under the American Disability Act;
4. contractor will need to provide an estimated project completion timeframe; and
5. contractor is permitted to subcontract the art design work; however, the selected contractor will serve as the lead prime contractor for the project.

INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

If selected your company will enter an Agreement with the CRA. The CRA and the City of Dania Beach requires the following insurance from the sound service provider as follows:

Insurance. Contractor shall provide, pay for and maintain in force at all times during the term of this Agreement, such insurance, including General Liability insurance, Workers' Compensation insurance and Automobile Liability insurance as stated below:

5.1 **Certificates of Insurance must be delivered to the CRA Manager who will provide it to the Risk Manager of the City. All Certificates of Insurance must clearly identify the contract to which they pertain, including a brief description of the subject matter of the contract.** If coverage is not provided, then Contractor is responsible for prompt notice to the CRA Executive Director and the City. Insurance policies for required coverages shall be issued by companies authorized to do business under the laws of the State of Florida and any such companies' financial ratings must be no less than A-VII in the latest edition of the "BEST'S KEY RATING GUIDE", published by A.M. Best Guide. In the event that the insurance carrier's rating shall drop, the insurance carrier shall immediately notify the City in writing.

5.2 Coverages shall be in force while all services required to be performed under the terms of this Agreement are being performed. In the event insurance certificates provided to the CRA and the City indicate that the insurance shall terminate and lapse during the Event period, then in that event, the Contractor shall immediately furnish a renewed Certificate of Insurance as proof that equal and like coverages for the period of the Agreement, is in effect. **THE CONTRACTOR AND ANY SUBCONTRACTOR OF THE CONTRACTOR SHALL NOT PERFORM OR CONTINUE ANY SERVICES PURSUANT TO THE AGREEMENT, UNLESS ALL COVERAGES REMAIN IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT. ANY DELAY IN THE SERVICES CAUSED BY A LAPSE IN COVERAGE SHALL BE NON-EXCUSABLE, SHALL NOT BE GROUNDS FOR A TIME EXTENSION, AND WILL BE SUBJECT TO ANY OTHER APPLICABLE PROVISIONS DESCRIBED IN THIS AGREEMENT, CONCERNING CONTRACTOR OR ITS CONTACTOR OR SUBCONTRACTOR'S DELAY.**

5.3 Insurance Requirements. The below coverages are minimum limit requirements. Umbrella or Excess Liability policies are acceptable to provide the total required liability limits, as long as the Risk Manager of the City reviews and approves in writing the

insurance limits on each of the policies. The City must approve any changes to these specifications and has the right to review and amend coverage requirements. The Contractor shall be held responsible for any modifications, deviations, or omissions in these insurance requirements. Contractor shall be responsible for any deductible

5.3.1. General Liability Insurance to include bodily injury, broad form property damage, blanket contractual liability, and personal injury with limits of no less than One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) per occurrence, combined single limit for bodily injury liability and property damage liability.

SPECIAL PROVISIONS AS TO GENERAL LIABILITY INSURANCE:

(to be confirmed on or attached to the Certificate of Insurance)

- The CRA and CITY are to be added as Additional Named Insureds;
- Additional named insured coverage shall be no more restrictive than Insurance Services Office (ISO) form CG 2037 (07 04);
- Contractor's insurance shall be primary and non-contributory;
- Waiver of Subrogation in favor of the CRA and City;
- Copy of Additional Named Insured Endorsement or other endorsements may be attached to the Certificate.

5.3.2 Workers' Compensation insurance to apply for all employees in compliance with the "Workers' Compensation Law" of the State of Florida and all applicable federal laws, for the benefit of the Contractor and its employees.

Employers' Liability Part B with minimum limits of no less than One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00), each accident.

5.3.3 Automobile Liability with minimum limit of One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) combined single limit.

5.3.4 The Contractor shall provide the Risk Manager of the City Certificates of Insurance for coverage and policies required by this Agreement. Such policies and coverage shall not be affected by any other policy of insurance which the City or the CRA may carry in their own names.