

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT
ACTIVITIES FOR THE MONTH OF
April, 2014**

Meetings

- ✓ International Level
 - RETIS International – French Delegation
- ✓ National Level
 - Industrial Asset Management Council
 - Southern Economic Development Council
- ✓ State Level
 - Enterprise Florida Training Workshop
- ✓ Regional Level
 - GrowFL Teleconference
 - Regional Economic Development Partnership
 - Regional Planning Council
 - Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) Quarterly Committee
 - Southwest Florida Workforce Development
 - Made in SW Florida Trade Show
- ✓ Local Level
 - Directors' Meetings, Staff Meetings
 - Meetings with Commissioners, Administration and the Attorney's Office
 - BCC Board Meetings, Workshop and PreAgenda Meetings
 - Charlotte Harbor CRA Advisory Committee
 - Enterprise Zone Development Agency
 - Enterprise Charlotte Economic Council
 - Charlotte County Industrial Development Authority
 - Charlotte County Airport Authority
 - Charlotte County Chamber – Government Affairs
 - Punta Gorda Economic Development Task Force
 - Entrepreneurial Support Organizations Quarterly Meeting
 - Purchasing
 - Budget
 - Public Works/Engineering
 - Charlotte County Community Development
 - Charlotte County Community Services
 - City of Punta Gorda
 - Human Services/Housing
 - City of North Port

Presentations/Newspapers/Magazines

- ✓ Press Releases/Email Blasts: Sales and Use Tax Exemption for Purchases of Industrial Machinery and Equipment
- ✓ Speaker at Englewood Chamber

Office Activities

- ✓ Website updates: Data collection included residential and commercial building permits, median home prices, vacancy rates, employment, lease information, regional economic indicator report, climate updates, and property maintenance. Updated calendar events, and social media sites. Updates to Charlotte Harbor CRA, Murdock Village CRA, Parkside CRA and Enterprise Zone webpages.
- ✓ Reviewed newspaper and posted articles relevant to the EDO on its website.
- ✓ Research assistance for business recruitment efforts and general demographics.
- ✓ Took photographs at various CRA business signs and projects.
- ✓ Updated office photos of equipment and furniture.
- ✓ Prepared Agenda, Minutes and coordinated meetings for the Charlotte Harbor CRA Advisory Committee, Enterprise Zone Development Agency and the Charlotte County Industrial Development Authority.

- ✓ Reviewed and updated Charlotte County property listing profiles for on-line commercial property database.
- ✓ Continued to work with marketing firm to fine-tune and distribute marketing materials.
- ✓ Reviewed LeadCaster Weekly reports.
- ✓ Facilitated the submittal of the TIGER grant application for Piper Road North project. Grant request was for \$10.1 million.
- ✓ Participated in the quarterly Cost of Living survey.

Research and Policy Initiatives

- ✓ Continued to work on EDO policies, strategic plan and marketing.
- ✓ Continued working with local commercial land developers regarding certified sites.

Charlotte Harbor CRA

- ✓ Harbor Walk Project – Coordinating the submittals to FDOT regarding construction documents for Phase 1A, working with Public Works and consulting firm to complete tasks to prepare project for construction in 2014. Phase 1A is ready for construction once FDOT provides approval – expected in July 2014. Consultant has received comments on updated bid specifications from FDOT and will be processing revisions back to FDOT. Draft Local Area Plan Agreement has been received from FDOT; County staff is reviewing it for approval by BCC and FDOT. Phase 1B is being further designed and 60% Plans are expected in August 2014.
- ✓ Facilitated the Hands Across the Harbor presentation at the April 8 BCC meeting.
- ✓ Facilitated the April 7 meeting of Charlotte Harbor CRA Advisory Committee meeting which included an update on Whidden Park and the 2014 Charlotte Harbor CRA Business Directory.
- ✓ Facilitated the April 30 Whidden Industrial Park property owners meeting. Shared information received from staff investigation and review. Follow up meeting will be scheduled for July.
- ✓ Design Plans for Parmely Street are at 30% and Johnson Engineering will present plans to CRA Advisory Committee at May meeting. Continued to oversee the Johnson Engineering contract to develop the design plans for Parmely Street project.
- ✓ Presented an overview of two sales tax projects for Charlotte Harbor CRA. The projects have been approved by the Sales Tax Focus Group and were reviewed by the BCC and remain on the list. Harbor Walk is on Tier 1 of the project list and Trails and Wayfinding is listed on Tier 2. The BCC is scheduled to confirm the list at the May 13 BCC meeting.

Murdock Village CRA

- ✓ Continued to provide information to interested parties regarding Murdock Village and updated website to help market the area.

Parkside CRA

- ✓ Organized and attended various meetings both internally and at the community level including meeting with staff from Community Development; Housing; Engineering and Team Parkside Committees. Provided County updates on various projects at the Team Parkside meetings.
- ✓ Worked with Public Works on the presentation to the BCC at the April 15 Workshop regarding Harbor Boulevard improvements. Attended the April 9 Stakeholders meeting regarding Harbor Boulevard Access Management.
- ✓ Attended the pre-bid meeting for the Elkcam Project. Bid opening is scheduled for May 14.
- ✓ Attended the Sunshine Lake Public Meeting on April 22.
- ✓ Continued to track activities being managed by various departments to provide a monthly overview to administration and the community.
- ✓ Parkside Land Use Advisory Committee was approved by the BCC on April 8. EDO is responsible for receiving and processing applications for the 5 positions on the committee.
- ✓ Facilitated the drafting of the “developed” lot ordinance revision to be taken to the BCC in June.

Enterprise Zone

- ✓ Prepared and submitted the 3rd Quarter Enterprise Zone Report to the Department of Economic Opportunity.