

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT  
ACTIVITIES FOR THE MONTH OF  
May, 2016**

**Meetings**

- ✓ State Level
  - Florida Economic Development Council
  - Enterprise Florida
- ✓ Regional Level
  - Southwest Florida Workforce Development
- ✓ Local Level
  - Directors' Meetings, Staff Meeting
  - BCC Meetings, Workshops & PreAgenda Meetings
  - Meetings with Commissioners, Administration and the Attorney's Office
  - Charlotte County Airport Authority
  - Budget
  - Purchasing
  - Public Works/Engineering
  - Real Estate Services
  - Charlotte County Community Development
  - Charlotte County Community Services
  - City of Punta Gorda
  - Charlotte County Schools
  - Florida SouthWestern State College
  - Charlotte Harbor CRA Advisory Committee
  - Charlotte Harbor Community Meeting
  - Murdock Village CRA Advisory Committee
  - TAC
  - Wellness@Work Committee

**Presentations & Press Releases**

- ✓ Press Release – Live Oak Point Ribbon Cutting Notice
- ✓ EDO Weekly Newsletter

**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. Updated the Charlotte Harbor CRA, Murdock Village and Parkside CRA.
- ✓ Reviewed newspaper and posted articles relevant to the EDO on its website.
- ✓ Research assistance for business recruitment efforts and general demographics.
- ✓ Continued to work with marketing firm to fine-tune and distribute marketing materials.
- ✓ Reviewed LeadCaster Weekly reports.
- ✓ Reviewed website analytics.
- ✓ QuickCast Faster Data Analysis with Excel Webinar.
- ✓ EOC training.
- ✓ Coordinated the final county-wide study on Multi-Family demand.
- ✓ Finalized the system with IT to setup Novus Agenda process for all three CRAs.
- ✓ EOC Mock Hurricane Training.
- ✓ First Aid and CPR Training.

**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 Phase 1A – Substantial Completion received on May 27, 2016. Ribbon cutting and park name dedication scheduled for June 2. Final Punch List items to be completed.
- ✓ Harbor Walk Phase 1B – 100% Plans final approval received by FDOT. SWFWMD and ACOE and other federal agencies continue to review permit applications. LAP Agreement approved by the BCC on February 23, 2016. Coordinating with Administration regarding funding opportunities to complete the project. Lease Agreement pending FDOT approval. Coordinating with Public Works and Kimley Horn to continue to move the project forward.
- ✓ Continued to look for additional funding opportunities for Phase 1B. Additional information was requested on the FDEP Recreational Trail Program grant submitted in April to assist with funding the Harbor Walk Phase 1B - Boardwalk.
- ✓ Coordinating efforts for the 9th Annual Hands Across the Harbor event. Registration is open and sponsorship drive is underway. The event is scheduled for January 28, 2017.
- ✓ Facilitated the May 9 Charlotte Harbor CRA Advisory Committee meeting and the May 11 Community Meeting to review and complete the final review of Land Development Code changes. Public Hearing process to begin in August.

### **Parkside CRA**

- ✓ Harbor Boulevard Enhancement Project – coordinated with Public Works and Real Estate Services to finalize the design plans and obtain easements for Harbor Boulevard that will include undergrounding of utilities. Final easement agreement approved by BCC on May 24. Final design plans are being completed. FPL underground plans are pending.
- ✓ Attended the May 11 Team Parkside Board Meeting and provided an update on projects.
- ✓ Attended the May 5 Zone 5 Neighborhood Watch meeting to provide project updates.
- ✓ Coordinated with CCU to implement the CDBG grant award. The grant award is for \$750,000. Parkside CRA will receive \$375,000 to complete a 10 ft. multi-use path and landscaping along Gertrude and Aaron.
- ✓ Coordinated with Public Works on developing the design plans for West Tarpon/Ambrose. CCU improvements began in January 2016.
- ✓ Coordinated with Public Works on developing design plans for an 8 foot sidewalk and streetlights on Elkcam Boulevard.

### **Murdock Village CRA**

- ✓ Continued to provide information and facilitate discussions with interested parties regarding Murdock Village.
- ✓ Facilitated the May 9th Murdock Village CRA Advisory Committee meeting.
- ✓ BCC approved the transfer of approximately 15.3 acres of land from the CRA to the BCC to be used for the North Charlotte Regional Park expansion on May 10.
- ✓ The Agency approved the 30 day notice process to consider the offer by Resurrection Pools to purchase two parcels located in the Gateway area of Murdock Village. Notice was published and any additional offers are due June 14, 2016. Offers are scheduled to be presented to the CRA on June 28.
- ✓ Submitted planning grant to DEO for drafting amendments to the Redevelopment Plan and Comprehensive Plan. Grant request \$40,000.