

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

Meetings

- ✓ National Level
 - Select USA conference
- ✓ State Level
 - ULI Florida Summit
- ✓ 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
 - Live Oak Point Park Ribbon Cutting
 - Murdock Village CRA Advisory Committee
 - Charlotte County Industrial Development Authority
 - MPO BPAC June 16 meeting. Committee endorsed the Florida Sun Trail grant application
 - Tourism Branding Retreat
 - Kia Job Fair
 - Fair Housing Public Meeting presented by Charlotte County Housing Division

Presentations & Press Releases

- ✓ Press Release – Blue Chip Community Business Award
- ✓ 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.
- ✓ Coordinated the BCC Agenda item for July 26 to sunset the Enterprise Zone Agency.
- ✓ New employee orientation.
- ✓ Impact Data Source training.
- ✓ Updated the Business Assistance Guide and the Disaster Guide.

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 – Ribbon cutting and park dedication held on June 2. Live Oak Point is the new park's name. Final Punch List items being handled by Public Works. Scheduled to be open and fully operational by July 4th celebration.
- ✓ Harbor Walk Phase 1B – 100% Plans final approval received by FDOT. SWFWMD and ACOE and other federal agencies continued to review permit applications. LAP Agreement approved by the BCC on February 23, 2016. Two grant applications were submitted and pending notice of approvals. Contingency plan developed to phase boardwalk if grants are not received. Lease Agreement pending FDOT approval. Coordinating with Public Works and Kimley Horn to continue to move the project forward.
- ✓ Submitted Florida SUN Trail grant application 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 June 6 Charlotte Harbor CRA Advisory Committee meeting during which the final review of Land Development Code changes was completed. Public Hearing process to begin in August.
- ✓ Coordinating with Community Development to complete the architectural services for the Riverwalk development scenario.

Parkside CRA

- ✓ Harbor Boulevard Enhancement Project – coordinating 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.
- ✓ Coordinating 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 foot multi-use path and landscaping along Gertrude and Aaron.
- ✓ Coordinating with Public Works on developing the design plans for West Tarpon/Ambrose. CCU improvements began in January 2016.
- ✓ Coordinating with Public Works on developing design plans for an 8 foot sidewalk and streetlights on Elkcam Boulevard.
- ✓ Providing input to Facilities during the design process for McGuire Park renovations.
- ✓ Attended the June 8 Team Parkside Board meeting to provide updates on projects.

Murdock Village CRA

- ✓ Continued to provide information and facilitate discussions with interested parties regarding Murdock Village.
- ✓ Facilitated the June 14 Murdock Village CRA Advisory Committee meeting.
- ✓ Completed the process to submit agenda items via the Novus process. July 12 Murdock Village CRA meeting will use the process, which allows standard review process by Fiscal, Attorney's Office and Administration.
- ✓ Updated maps and Real Estate Summary documents to reflect the 15.3+/- acres North Charlotte Regional Park expansion approved by the CRA and BCC on May 10.
- ✓ Developed agenda for the July 12 Murdock Village CRA meeting to decide on the offer by Resurrection Pools to purchase two parcels located in the Gateway area of Murdock Village. Notice was published and no additional offers were received.
- ✓ Developed action plan proposal for the Gateway District in Murdock Village. Agenda item on July 12 will seek Murdock Village CRA direction on the future of this corridor.
- ✓ Received notice from DEO that Planning Grant was awarded for drafting amendments to the Redevelopment Plan and Comprehensive Plan. Grant award \$40,000.