

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

Meetings

- ✓ State Level
 - Florida Association of Property Appraisers
 - Florida Economic Development Council
- ✓ Regional Level
 - Southwest Florida Workforce Development
- ✓ Local Level
 - Directors' Meetings, Staff Meeting
 - 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
 - Fire/EMS
 - Tourism
 - City of Punta Gorda
 - Charlotte County Schools
 - Florida SouthWestern State College
 - Charlotte County Industrial Development Authority
 - Murdock Village CRA Advisory Committee
 - Charlotte Harbor CRA Advisory Committee
 - Together Charlotte Strategic Planning Session
 - United Way Community Plan

Presentations & Press Releases

- ✓ Press Release – WMU Roundtable
- ✓ EDO Weekly Newsletters

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 web pages for Charlotte Harbor CRA, Murdock Village CRA 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.
- ✓ Ygene was approved by BCC as an additional PACE provider.
- ✓ Economic Development Finance 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 – Live Oak Point - Four banners were designed and purchased to identify park.

- ✓ Harbor Walk Phase 1B – 100% Plans final approval received by FDOT. SWFWMD permit was issued. Federal permits still pending on hold until NMFW issue letter. LAP Agreement approved by the BCC on February 23, 2016. Airspace/Lease Agreement with FDOT approved by BCC approval on September 13, 2016. Coordinating with Public Works and Kimley Horn to continue to move the project forward.
- ✓ Harbor Walk Phase 1B Funding - Florida SUN Trail grant was awarded pending governor's signature. FDOT will amend the LAP agreement to include the additional \$1.1 million in funding. DEP \$200,000 grant awarded. Continued to provide information for RESTORE funding. Total funding approved \$3.4 million.
- ✓ Harbor Walk Phase 2 – Land acquisition completed on the two parcels - 5000 and 5054 Tamiami Trail to expand the access and use of Harbor Walk Phase 1. Public Works is developing costs and timeframe to improve access. Conceptual site plan being completed to highlight additional development opportunity on the site. Investigating submerged land lease on existing docks. Funding is available through the 2015 Sales Tax program.
- ✓ Coordinating efforts for the 9th Annual Hands Across the Harbor event. Registration is open and the sponsorship drive is underway. The event is scheduled for January 28, 2017.
- ✓ Charlotte Harbor CRA LDR language and map changes public hearing process was to begin in August but due to schedule conflicts, the public hearings on the amendments will be in October and November.
- ✓ 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 the undergrounding of utilities. Final easement regarding FPL underground is being drafted.
- ✓ 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 along Gertrude and Aaron. Limited landscaping will be installed due to limited right of way. SWFWMD permit was received on July 29th.
- ✓ Final plans and cost estimates have been completed for West Tarpon/Ambrose. Coordinating with Public Works on implementation. Construction change order to CCU contract approved by BCC on September 27, 2016 to install sidewalks and conduit in coordination with CCU improvements. CCU improvements began in January 2016.
- ✓ Coordinating with Public Works on developing design plans for an 8-foot sidewalk and streetlights on Elkcam Boulevard. 30% design plans are completed.
- ✓ Providing input to Facilities during the design process for McGuire Park renovations. On July 26, the BCC approved design plans to include both Phase 1 and Phase 2 of the splash pad. Park designs are at 90%.

Murdock Village CRA

- ✓ Continued to provide and facilitate discussions with interested parties regarding Murdock Village.
- ✓ Coordinated the information on the 60 scattered lots within the Murdock Village CRA Gateway District to sale. Contact has been made with the private sector owners regarding potential interest. Website information will be posted and sites will be promoted at various shows such as ICSC.
- ✓ Coordinated meetings and postings related to the Letter of Intent received from Private Equity Group, LLC.
- ✓ Participated in team meetings related to private sector interest in Murdock Village.
- ✓ Awaiting DEO agreement to initiate the Planning Grant award to draft amendments to the Redevelopment Plan and Comprehensive Plan. Grant award \$40,000.