



Porter's Neighborhood

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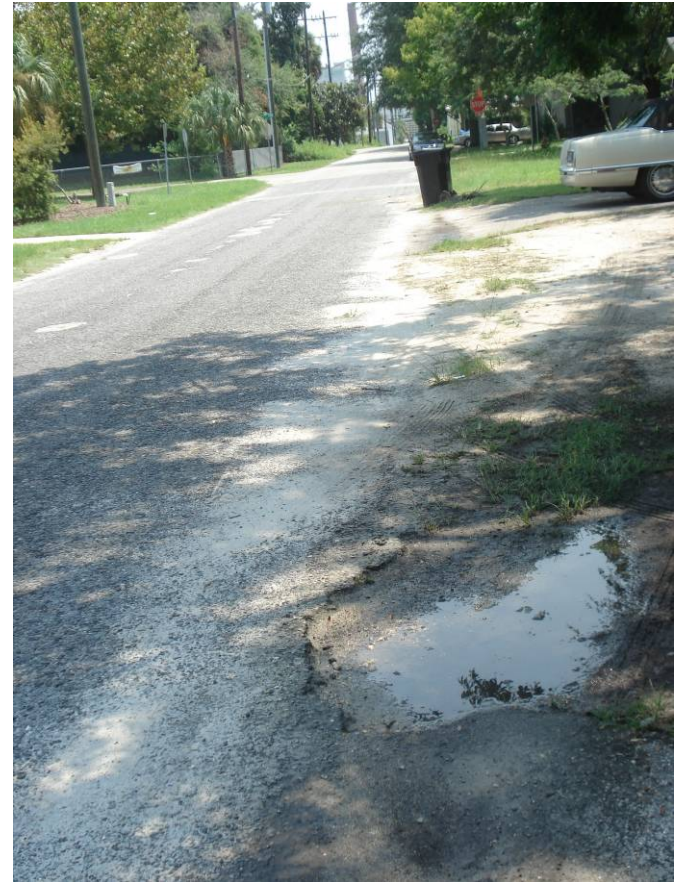
Background

- The neighborhood has been in the CRA since 2001 and is located adjacent to the Downtown business district
 - Within walking distance of:
 - Library
 - Parks
 - Downtown shops, restaurants
 - Hippodrome
 - City, County, State, and Federal offices
- Neighborhood is largely single-family residential; includes Porter's Oaks condominiums
- Industrial and commercial uses abut the neighborhood on to the south, west, and north

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- CRA Staff is leading a multi-department effort to implement improvements in the neighborhood
 - Our group includes: GRU, Public Works, Codes Enforcement, Planning, GPD, Housing
- Team has targeted SW 5th Street, SW 3rd Street, SW 4th Avenue, SW 5th Avenue for improvements
 - The roadways help physically define the neighborhood
 - Improvements will achieve maximum visibility and impact
 - Team aims to brighten neighborhood and provide a sense of hope and pride to the community



Goals

- Improve the quality of life through improved physical surroundings
 - Provide similar amenities in Porters as in other parts of Downtown
 - Enhance neighborhood's assets, improve shortcomings
 - Provide both long and short term upgrades to housing stock
 - Staff is exploring the potential for innovative assistance to non-commercial properties
- Provide Large Scale infrastructure improvements
- Provide short-term small scale improvements



Potential Improvements

- Large Scale/Long Term:
 - Lighting
 - Street Repair/Resurfacing
 - Curb/Gutter
 - Sidewalks
 - Drainage
 - Utility Undergrounding

Potential Improvements

- Surveys will be conducted along the neighborhood's target corridors
 - Base information to support improvements
 - Achieved through partnership with Public Works, GRU
- Survey's to be followed by engineering feasibility studies
 - Will produce concrete details regarding costs, timelines, technical issues associated with the proposed improvements
 - Will allow Staff to prioritize, schedule, coordinate, and budget for projects in an effective manner



Potential Improvements

- Small Scale/Short Term:
 - Roadway striping
 - Traffic sign repair
 - Neighborhood beautification
 - Code Enforcement
 - Crosswalk striping
 - Fence repair/removal
 - Reopening of walled-off streets

Potential Improvements

- CRA and Public Works staff are actively pursuing “immediate” improvements
- A work order has been issued to address routine repair and maintenance of traffic signage in Porter’s
 - Work should be completed within the month
- Painting/Striping of roadway center lines, stop lines, curbs, and crosswalks has been scheduled for October
- Staff is coordinating the removal of a wall blocking access to SW 2nd Street. This will return public activity to an area that is dangerously isolated, alleviate dumping activity

Fiscal Note

- Porters Neighborhood improvements were approved in the 2007 budget in the amount of \$80,000
- In order to fund the needed improvements, Staff anticipates budgeting additional funds to the neighborhood each year moving forward