

Porters Community Project



03.16.2015 CRA Advisory Board Meeting



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Project History

PROJECT	DISTRICT
GTEC Area	Eastside
Kennedy Homes	Eastside
Seminary Lane Redevelopment	Fifth Avenue / Pleasant Street
A. Quinn Jones Museum	Fifth Avenue / Pleasant Street
Sidewalks	Fifth Avenue / Pleasant Street
Depot Park	Downtown
Power District	Downtown
Downtown Plaza	Downtown
Porter's Neighborhood	Downtown
Innovation District	College Park/University Heights
South Main Street	College Park/University Heights
NW 1st Avenue	College Park/University Heights
NW 5th Avenue	College Park/University Heights

September 2013:

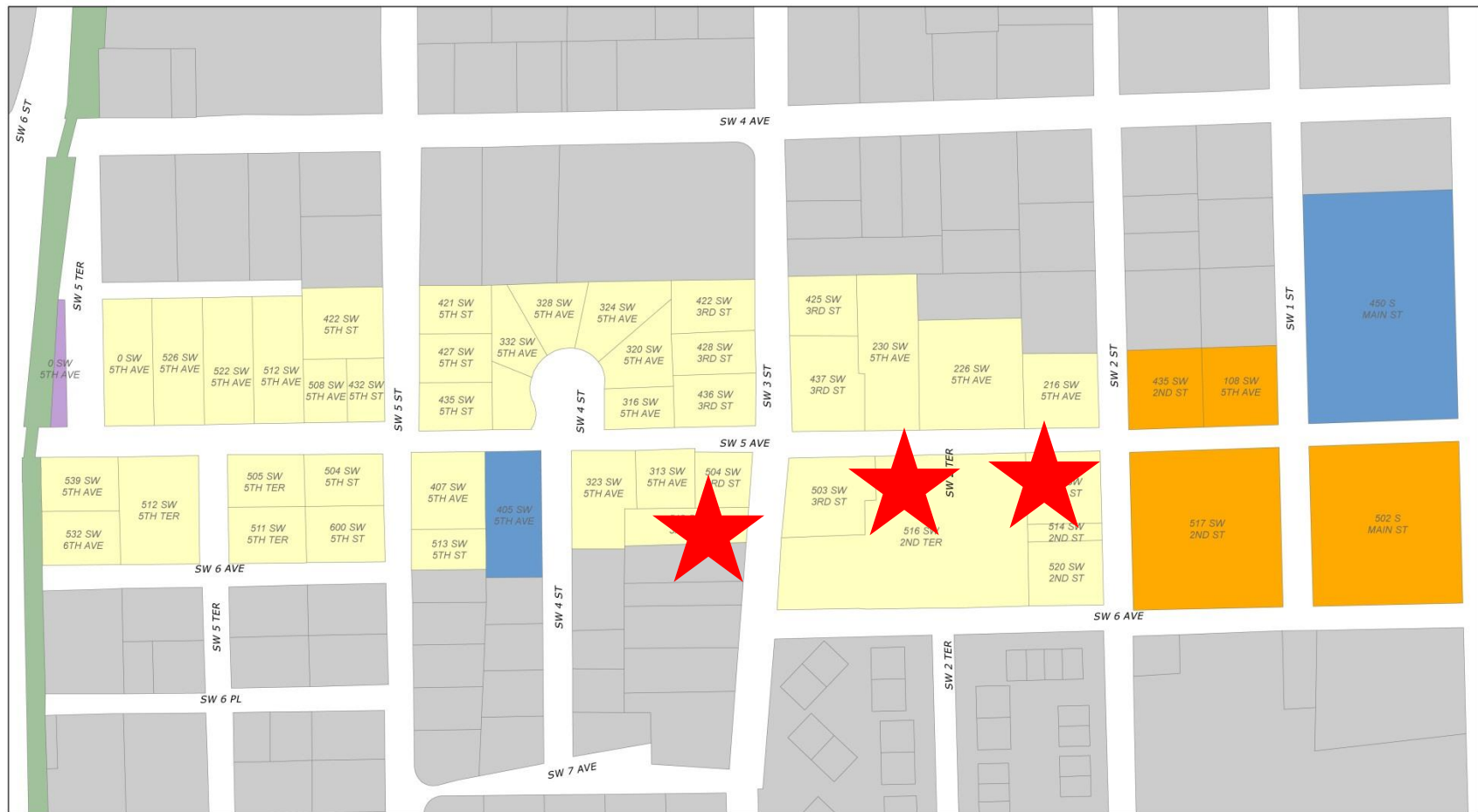
- The CRA consists of a staff of 9 with a growing project list.
- In order to focus our efforts, the CRA underwent a strategic planning process where specific initiatives were presented to and approved by the CRA Board as priorities.
- 4 initiatives were identified for the Downtown CRA District:
 - 1) Depot Park
 - 2) Power District
 - 3) Downtown Plaza
 - 4) Porter's Neighborhood

Project Limits



SW 5th Avenue

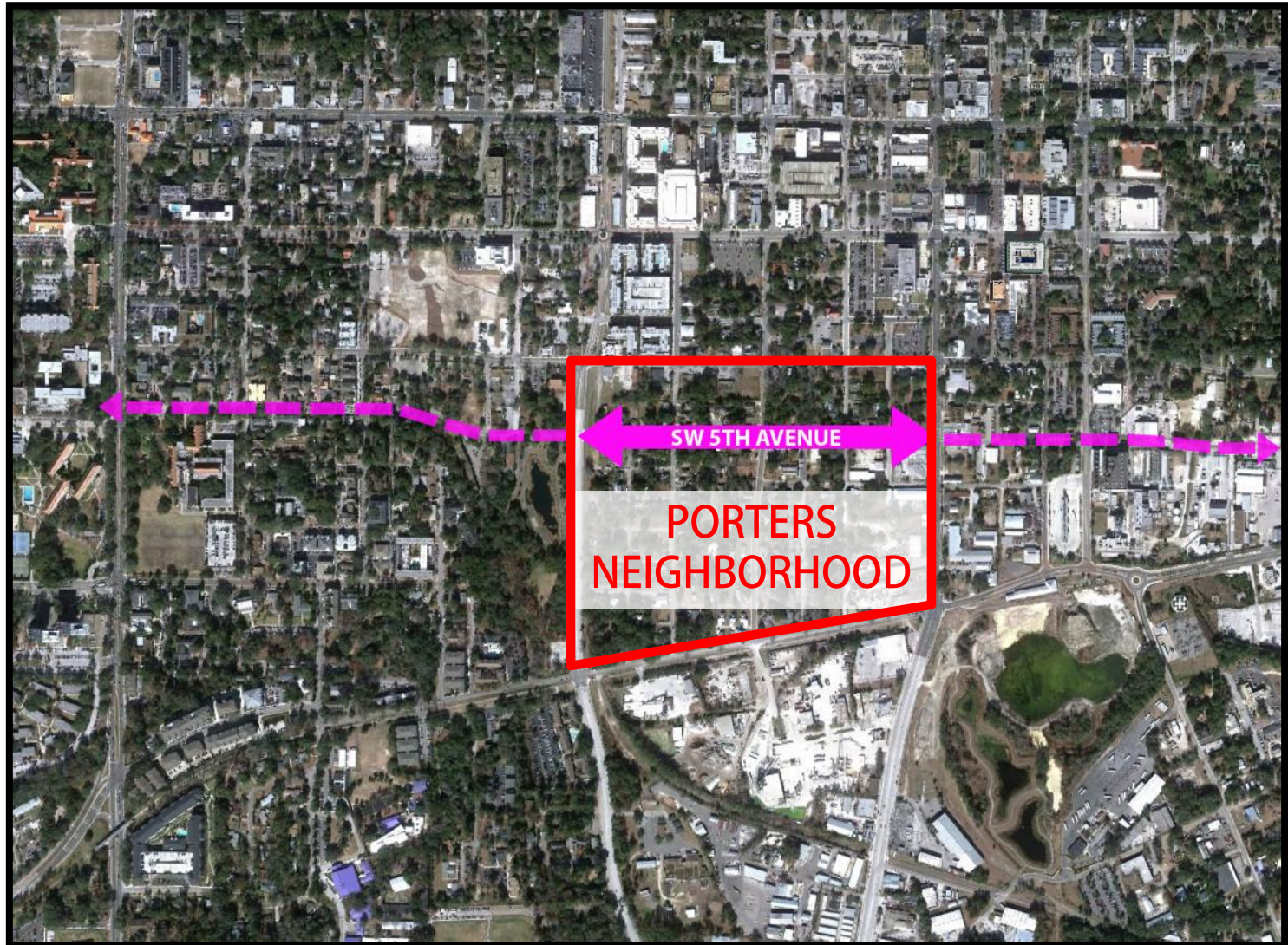
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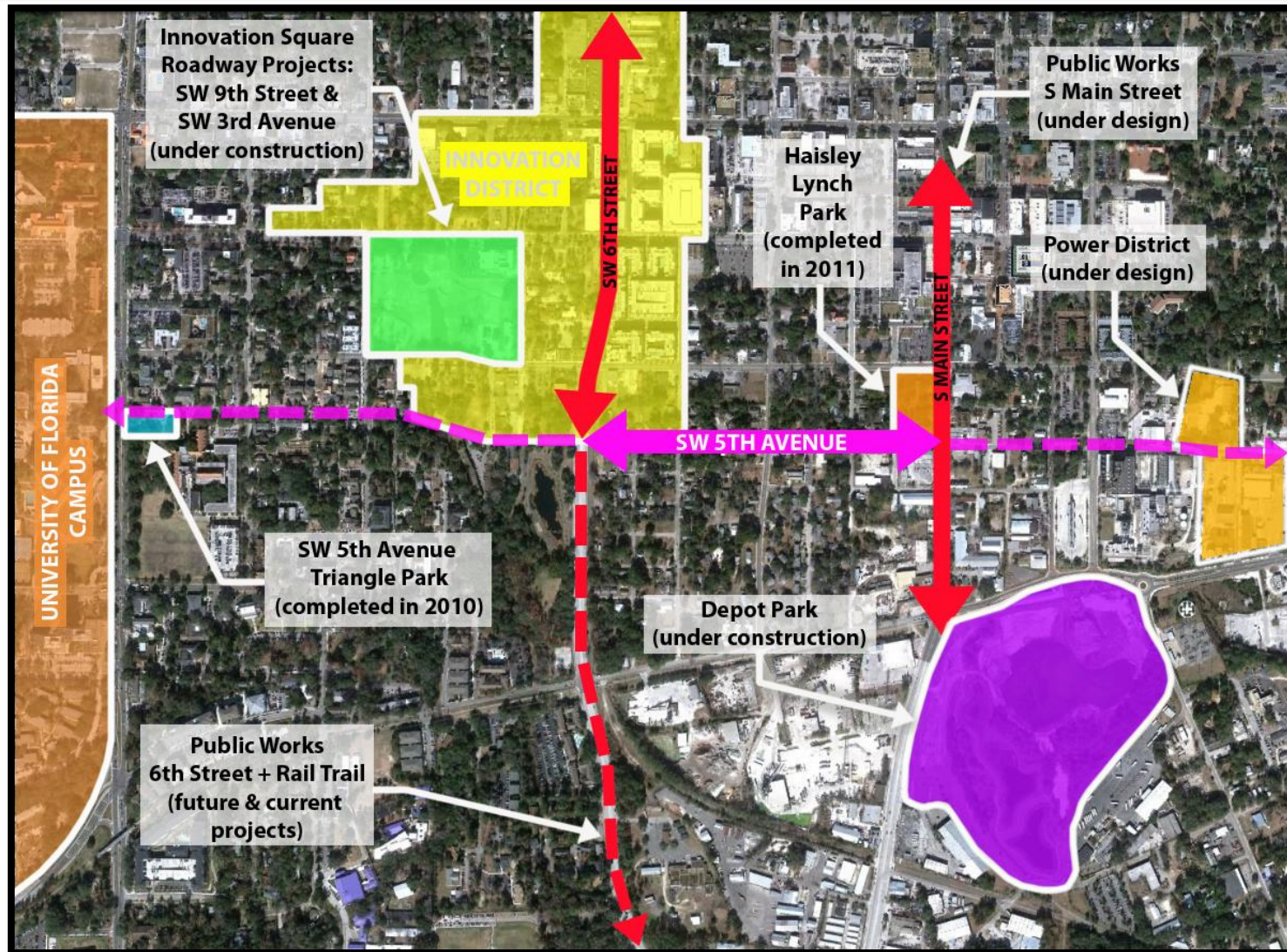
- Mixed Use
- Shared Use Path
- General Office
- Public Services and Operations
- Single Family / Multiple Family Residential

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Adjacent Amenities



Access to Amenities



Project Milestones

Sept. 2013

Nov. 2013

Dec. 2013

Feb. 2014

June 2014

July 2014

Sept. 2014

Oct. 2014

Jan. 2015

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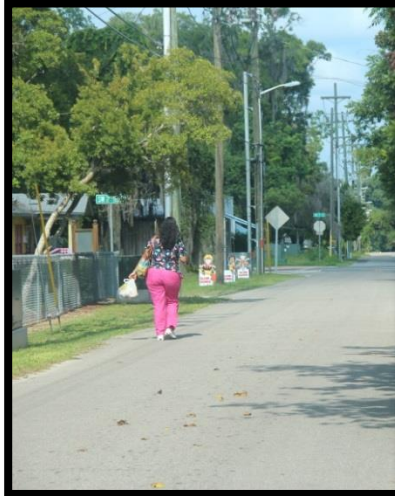
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- **September 2013**: CRA Staff was granted approval by the CRA Board to move forward with the Porters Community initiative.
- **November 2013**: CRA Staff conducted an internal analysis of the opportunities existing along the SW 5th Avenue corridor.
- **December 2013**: The CRA hired Daren Land Surveyors, Inc. to conduct a survey of the SW 5th Avenue corridor (from SW 6th Street to S Main Street) to gauge project potential.
- **February 2014**: The CRA hosted a community meeting to gather feedback from members of the Porters Community regarding the SW 5th Avenue corridor and the Porters Neighborhood.

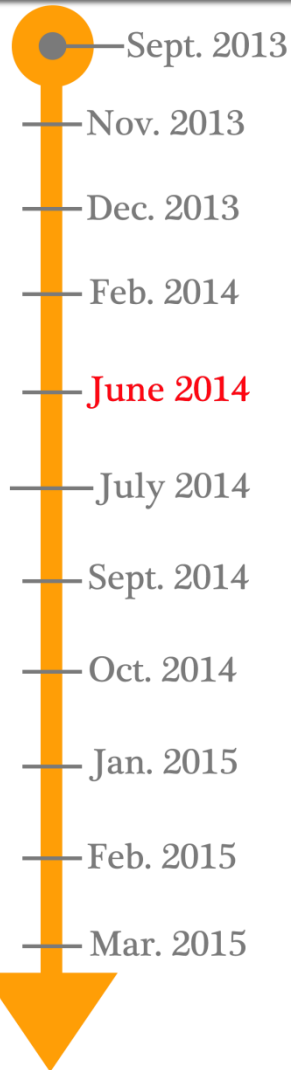
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Community Feedback Analysis

- **Sidewalk Construction**: Ample room in the northern right-of-way limits, a lack of ADA compliance along the corridor, and visible signs of a daily need for better pedestrian access and safety
- **Neighborhood Gateways**: Strengthen and define neighborhood edges



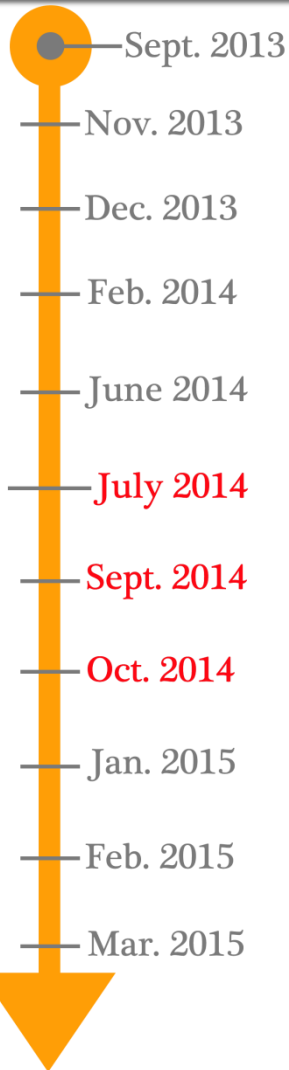
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- **June 2014**: CRA hired EDA Engineers Surveyors Planners Inc. to design construction documents for the construction of a proposed sidewalk and associated improvements along the north side of SW 5th Avenue (between SW 6th Street and S Main Street).
- **Project Scope**:
 - Sidewalk design (5' min. width) along northern edge of the roadway
 - Upgrades to existing ramps bringing the corridor up to ADA compliance
 - Exploration of a Gateway Feature to enhance and announce the entrance into the Porters Community

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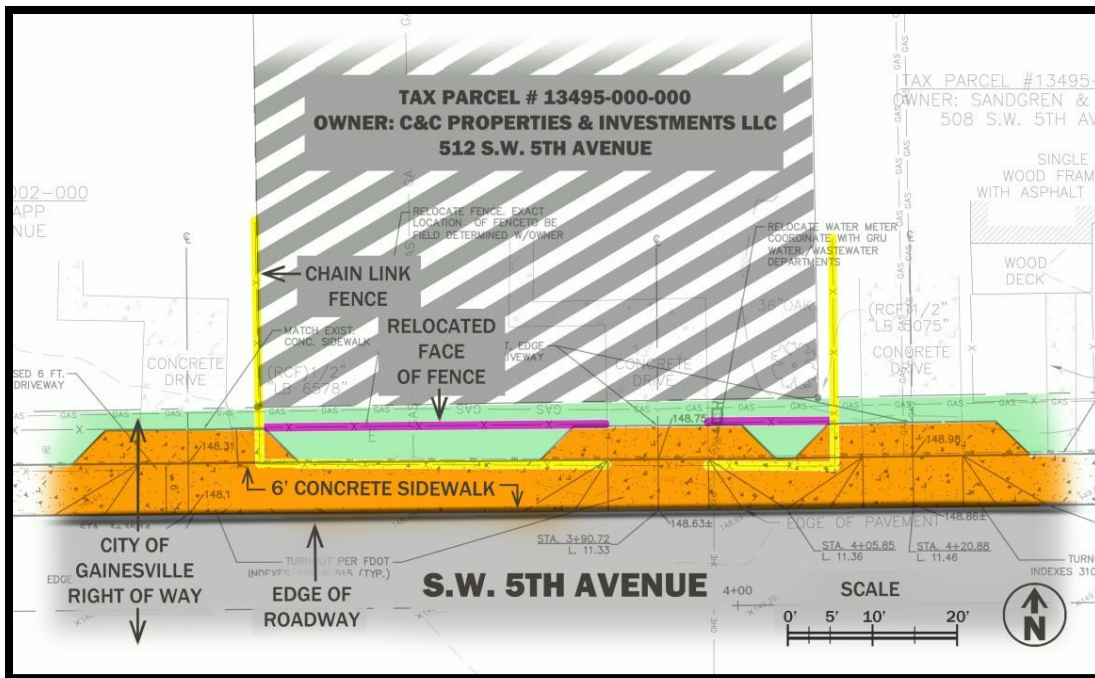
- **July 2014**: EDA Engineers Surveyors Planners Inc. reached 30% design
 - The 30% plans were distributed to the corresponding City departments for review and comment
- **September 2014**: EDA Engineers Surveyors Planners Inc. reached 60% design
 - The 60% plans were distributed to the corresponding City departments for review and comment
- **October 2014**: Presented the 60% plans for the Porters Community Project to the Downtown Redevelopment Advisory Board (DRAB)

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Project Milestones Cont.

- **January 2015:** The CRA hosted a second community meeting;
SW 5th Avenue Homeowners Information Session


- Homeowner Information Packet
- Project Look-Book



PARCEL + PROJECT PLAN:



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SW 5th Avenue Porters Community Project

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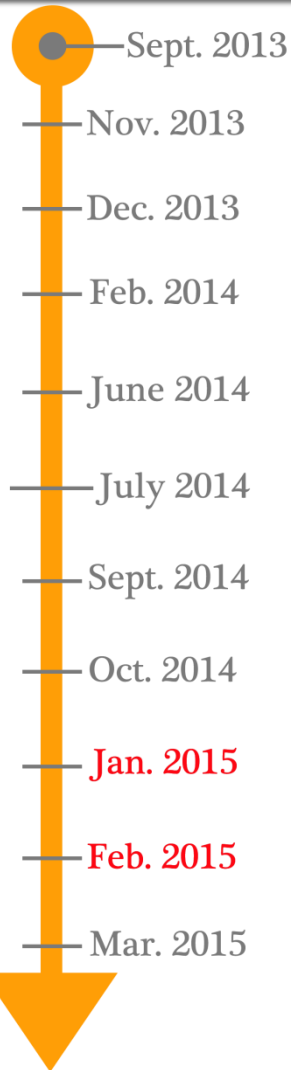
What to expect?

- There is currently no existing sidewalk adjacent to your property;
 - At the time of project construction, a 5' sidewalk will be constructed set back 2' from the edge of the roadway (see before and after project images contained in packet).
- There is an existing chain link fence located 1' within the City of Gainesville Right-of-Way;
 - During construction the current fence will need to be removed for sidewalk construction. If desired, a temporary fence can be placed on your property during that time. Please contact the CRA Project Manager, Cindi Harvey, to coordinate this need.
 - Once construction of the sidewalk is complete, your fence will be re-installed approximately 1' north of its current location. Once the fence is re-installed, it will be located on your property line. If you would prefer your fence to be re-installed in a different location than what is depicted in the attached plan, please contact the CRA Project Manager, Cindi Harvey, to coordinate the desired location.
 - If the condition of your current fence does not allow for re-installation, a new fence (of the same type) will be installed at no charge to you.

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WHAT TO EXPECT:

Project Milestones Cont.



- **January 2015**: EDA Engineers Surveyors Planners Inc. reached 90% design
 - The 90% plans were distributed to the corresponding City departments for review and comment
- **February 2015**: The CRA hosted a third community meeting;
 - a Porters Community Information Session to review and discuss the 90% project plans with the residents of the Porters Neighborhood
 - Project Look-Books were distributed to all meeting attendees

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Porters Neighborhood Gateway Inspiration



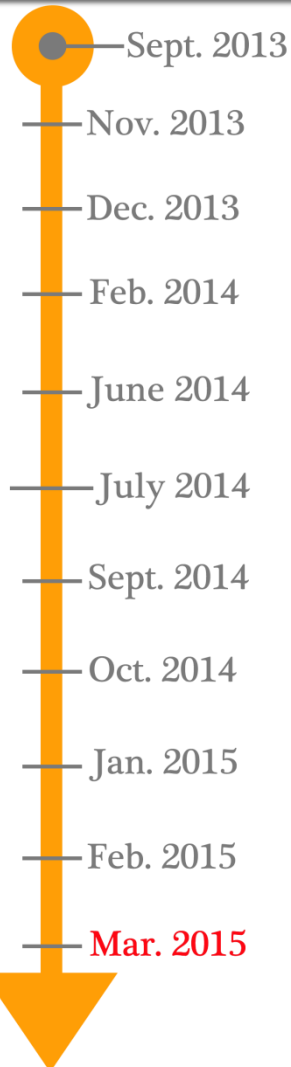
Like the Porters Community, the markers that remain today stand strong in their purpose; after over a century of presence, they are here representing the past and moving forward into the future with strength and a history of resilience.

Goals:

- Evokes strength & longevity
- Easy to replicate
- Low maintenance
- Lasting materials
- Custom
- Announces history
- Illuminates the future



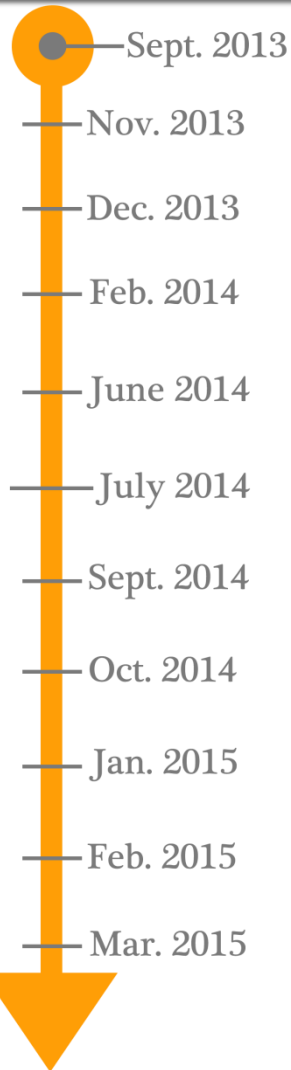
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- **March 2015**: The CRA approved the Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) for Construction Management with The Brentwood Company for the SW 5th Avenue Porters Community Project

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- **Today**: The project has reached substantial completion.
- **August 22, 2015**: Porters Block Party from 4-7:00 p.m. at the Porters Community Center.

CRA staff will announce the sidewalk and neighborhood gateways to the community.

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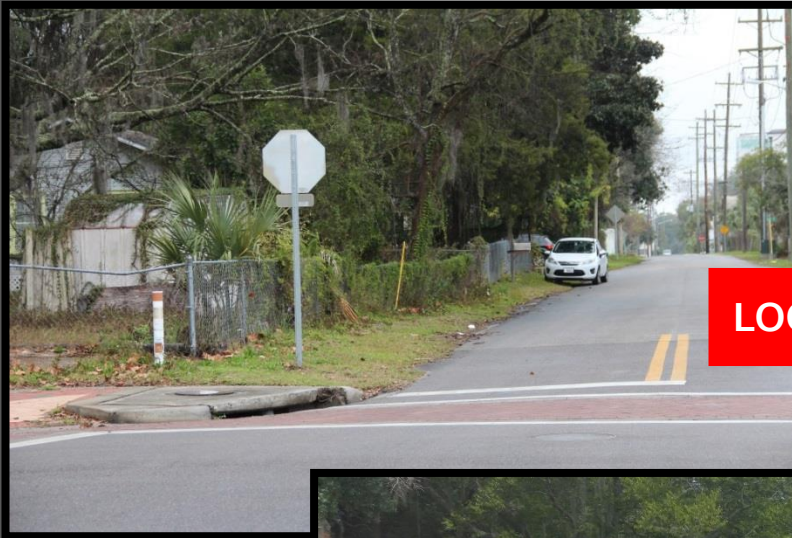
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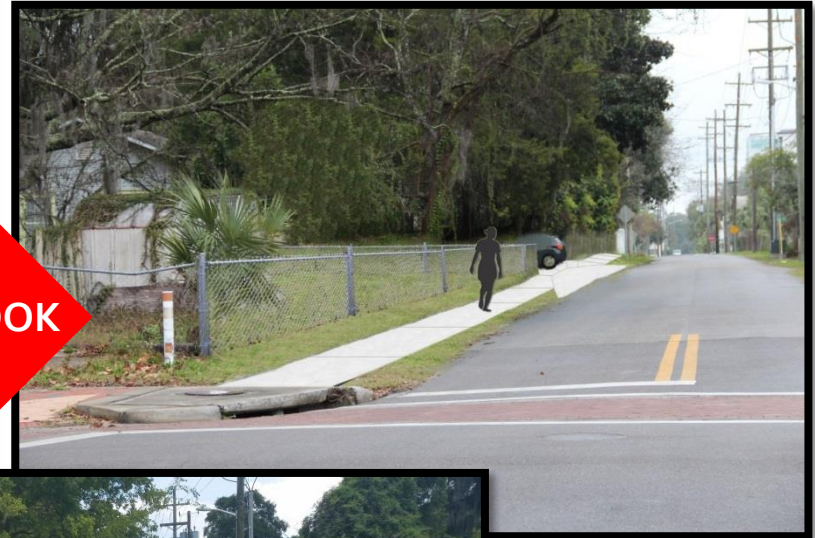
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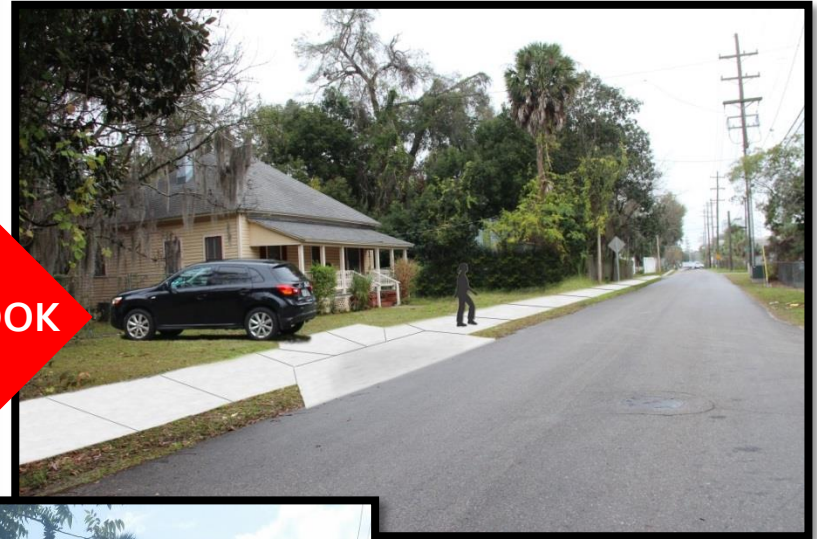
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Meet Vernon; a Porters Resident

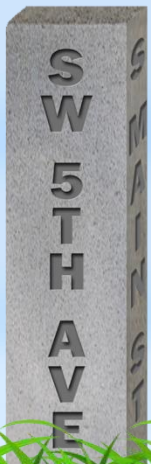
Local Impact!



2015 FRA Award Recipient

Florida Redevelopment Association “Out of the Box” Award

- Grassroots effort to empower a neighborhood by creating relationships, partnerships and unique ideas for outreach designed for the specific needs of the Porters community.
- Including the residents in the planning and development of the project concept.
- Creating opportunities to inspire members of the community to get involved and stay involved.



Recommendation

**CRA Executive Director to the CRA Board:
Hear presentation from staff.**



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