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Gainesville CRA Wins Florida Redevelopment Association Roy F. Kenzie Award for NW 1st Avenue (B)

At its 2018 Annual Conference held in October, CRA Staff was presented with the Florida Redevelopment Association’s 2018 Roy F. Kenzie Award for Capital Projects and Beautification for its undergrounding and streetscaping projects along NW 1st Avenue in the College Park/University Heights District.

The Florida Redevelopment Association Awards program recognizes the best in redevelopment in Florida. It is open to any member of the association. To recognize the projects and people involved in redevelopment throughout the state, three awards series have been established. The Roy F. Kenzie and Thomas J. Mills Awards are given for outstanding examples of redevelopment and leadership, respectively, in Florida. Additionally, the President’s Award is given for the “Best of the Best,” to honor the top project across all categories. A winning entry acknowledges excellence in an organization’s work. Within 14 juried categories, the Roy F. Kenzie Awards celebrate the most innovative and effective redevelopment programs in Florida. Winners demonstrate innovation and positive impact on their communities and inspire other Florida communities.

The N.W. 1st Avenue Streetscape/More in Midtown projects and campaign were a multifaceted approach to transforming four blocks in a dense, urban neighborhood from a back alley to a destination while supporting the businesses and residents along the corridor. N.W. 1st Avenue between 16th and 20th streets is a mix of commercial and residential buildings located one block north of the University of Florida campus and the 88,000 seat Ben Hill Griffin Stadium, home of the Florida Gators. This complex project required immense community outreach and collaboration. The new street is changing the way that people interact with Midtown.

CRA Executive Director to the CRA Board: Hear presentation from Staff.