



Legislation Text

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Community Redevelopment Agency Projects and Sustainability (B)

Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) staff will give a presentation highlighting the sustainable features of their new office building located at 802 NW 5th Avenue and; how the CRA is making strides to become a more sustainable agency in both operations and project delivery.

What was once a vacant lot in a blighted community is now bustling with activities of staff and guests of the Community Redevelopment Agency. What was once a vacant building, in disrepair, is now the future home of Southern Charm, a Gainesville original restaurant concept; and what was once a dimly lit street with parking code violations and eroded travel lanes is now well lit with brick sidewalks and new asphalt.

Redevelopment is more than bricks and mortar, more than aesthetic upgrades and new fencing; it is a fresh approach to the development and the economic development of a City. Redevelopment requires much thought in the realm of sustainability. Projects must stand the test of time, the economy, minimize damage to the environment, and serve the community.

Over the past year, CRA staff; advisory board members and the CRA Board have faced many challenges inherent with redevelopment projects. Due to persistence, vision and a lot of hard work; these challenges have been transformed into successes.

In October 2010, the CRA hosted their monthly board meeting at the new commercial development and CRA office building. CRA staff gave a presentation highlighting the building's sustainable features and demonstrated the progress and initiatives that the CRA is taking in the realms of sustainability.

None at this time

CRA to the City Commission: Hear presentation from staff highlighting the sustainable features of the new CRA office building located at 802 NW 5th Avenue; and how the CRA is making strides to become a more sustainable agency in both operations and project delivery.