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CRA Project Summary September 2018 (NB)

As a regular informational item on CRA agendas, Staff provides a brief update on selected referrals, redevelopment projects and development agreements under review. This monthly update is typically a limited sampling of the CRA's many on-going projects, as opposed to a complete list.

CRA Multi-District

Economic Development, Project Manager, Jessica Leonard: CRA Staff is currently looking to partner with developers or businesses interested in investing in the CRA redevelopment districts. Please contact CRA Director, Sarah Vidal, for more details. Key priorities include: Heartwood neighborhood (15.1-acre residential neighborhood), Cornerstone (13-acre commercial site), Innovation Square (17-acre mixed use site), and the Power District (17-acre mixed use site).

Façade Grant Program Eastside, Project Manager, Jessica Leonard: The Façade Grant program is a competitive matching grant program that is designed to encourage reinvestment in building facades, specifically those located on highly visible target corridors within each district. Staff is pleased to announce our interactive CRA District Wide Map has afforded the opportunity and empowered multiple area stakeholders to verify eligibility by visually showing address verification.

<http://www.gainesvillecra.com/community-initiative/cra-project-map>

We currently have numerous façade grants underway at various stages throughout our four (4) redevelopment areas as they work to complete projects. We are still accepting applications in Eastside and Downtown.

Residential Paint Voucher Program, Project Manager, Jessica Leonard: The Residential Paint Program now provides applicants pressure washing with an increased amount of up to \$750 to be used for the exterior painting of their home.

Eastside has eighteen (18) homes painted to date in the area and fifteen (15) pending completion of paint this month. We recently shared the Paint Program again on the Gainesville East Marketing site to create awareness of resources and programs within our City.

Downtown has seen eleven (11) homes painted to date and two (2) pending completion this month of paint this month. We recently shared the Paint Program at the Porter's Block Party to create awareness of resources and programs within our City.

Fifth Avenue Pleasant Street has nineteen (19) homes painted to date and five (5) pending completion of paint this month.

Eastside Redevelopment Advisory Board (ERAB)

Cornerstone Phase 1 Development, Project Manager, Andrew Meeker: Construction of the Phase 1 Infrastructure Site Improvements is substantially complete with the exception of the areas immediately adjacent to the Merieux building development. Concept Companies construction on the Merieux building is well underway with a projected completion date of Fall 2018 which will bring over 50 new employees to the Gainesville East area. The Condominium Association is complete and Front Street Commercial Real Estate is actively advertising the additional development opportunities.

[<http://www.frontstreet.net/commercial-real-estate-listings/?propertyId=250493-sale>](http://www.frontstreet.net/commercial-real-estate-listings/?propertyId=250493-sale)

Gainesville East, Project Manager, Tricia Lopez: The Gainesville East campaign continues to gain visibility. The CRA is planning a second Eastside Community Informational Session similar to the session held last September. The event will take place on Wednesday, November 14 from 5:30-7pm at DaySpring Missionary Baptist Church. The program will include a panel discussion on resources available for East Gainesville businesses and residents and resource tables. Information will be available on Heartwood, Cornerstone, other CRA initiatives, and other City initiatives. The Gainesville East social media pages have experienced more growth in followers and have received a good amount of comments. Staff continues to explore options for murals along main corridors and is continuing community outreach and participating and promoting events in East Gainesville.

Greater Duval Neighborhood Revitalization Initiative (NRI), Project Manager, Jessica Leonard: As of March 2018, Habitat for Humanity's "A Brush with Kindness" program partnership has completed 27 homes in the Greater Duval Neighborhood.

Heartwood, Project Manager, Daniel Gil: On Agenda

Downtown Redevelopment Advisory Board (DRAB)

Downtown Plaza, Project Manager, Nigel Hamm Bo Diddley Plaza continues to offer free Yoga and Capoeira classes during the week.

For additional event information visit: www.bodiddleyplaza.com <file:///\\gg\cog\CRA\++%20CRA_Agendas%20&%20Backup\+%20CRA%202018%20Agendas%20&%20Back-Up\PROJECT%20SUMMARIES%202018\www.bodiddleyplaza.com%20> and [<https://www.facebook.com/BoDiddleyPlazaGNV/>](https://www.facebook.com/BoDiddleyPlazaGNV/)

Power District, Project Manager, Andrew Meeker: Following the CRA Board's approval of the Phase 1 Development Framework in July 2018, Staff is working internally as well as with the developer to draft the Development Agreement and Purchase Sale Agreement. Once the terms of these agreements are completed, Staff will provide a presentation to the Board for consideration of approval.

College Park University Heights Redevelopment Advisory Board

Innovation Square, Project Manager, Dan Gil: On Agenda

NW 1st Avenue Streetscape, Project Manager, Tricia Lopez: The final walkthrough took place in early August the remaining punchlist items have been completed. Staff is working on a transition of management plan and will monitor the site through the one year warranty period, which began July 23.

South Main Street, Project Manager, Andrew Meeker: Construction continues on the three quarter mile section of South Main Street with complex underground utility work and hardscape improvements such as sidewalks and curbing. New traffic patterns are in place that incorporate the new roundabout as well as the reverse angle parking at Depot Park/Cade Museum. Currently spectators of the project can view some of the decorative street lights being placed as well as several landscape planters being completed. The project website is serving as the communications hub for the project at www.destinationssouthmain.com <<http://www.destinationssouthmain.com>> Businesses, residents, and stakeholders are being informed on the project progress via on-site meetings, physical and electronic newsletters, press releases, and social media. Additionally, Destination South Main Street is a vital part of the recently launched Trans4ming East GNV communication initiative aimed to inform community stakeholders of the multiple street improvement projects underway in the area. www.trans4mingeastgnv.com <<http://www.trans4mingeastgnv.com>>

Fifth Avenue Pleasant Street Redevelopment Board

Heritage Trail, Project Manager, Jessica Leonard: Staff is working internally as well as continued partnerships within the community and Manley Designs to draft the Trail Feasibility Study and Implementation Strategy. Once the layout of this trail is completed, Staff will provide a presentation to the Board for consideration of approval.

Seminary Lane, Project Manager, Sarah Vidal: Last year, the Gainesville Florida Housing Corporation (GFHC) and Gainesville Housing Authority (GHA) boards and the CRA listed their respective properties totaling 6.55 acres for redevelopment. Conditions of the sale include honoring parts of the Master Planning that was accomplished over the years with the Fifth Avenue Community. Multiple offers have been submitted via various real estate agencies for the properties that were listed. GFHC, as the majority owner, is leading the negotiations with joint participation from the CRA.

None at this time

CRA Executive Director to the CRA Board: Receive project update from Staff