



Deerfield Beach Community Redevelopment Agency AGENDA

Tuesday, December 18, 2012, 6:30 P.M.
City Commission Chambers, Deerfield Beach City Hall

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

APPROVAL OF MINUTES*

November 13, 2012

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA*

GENERAL ITEMS*

1. Resolution appropriating funds remaining from the CRA Trust Fund*
2. Update on Bond Funding Interlocal Agreement
3. Update on Community Policing
4. Report on Redesignation of State Road A1A as a Scenic Highway
5. Report on Pier Entrance Buildings Grand Opening and Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony

BOARD/ADMINISTRATION COMMENTS

Expense report, pursuant to CRA Resolution 2011-011

PUBLIC INPUT

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* Indicates an Action Item

(Next Meeting: Tuesday, January 8, 2012, 6:30 PM unless otherwise determined)

REQUESTED ACTION:

Resolution to approve appropriating funds remaining in the CRA Trust Fund.

SUMMARY EXPLANATION/BACKGROUND:

Florida Statutes Chapter 163 Section III, requires Community Redevelopment Agencies (CRA) to appropriate Tax Increment Revenue (TIR) funds on projects that will be completed within 3 years or reduce indebtedness incurred in carrying out the implementation of the CRA Plan. A current best practice is CRA Board approval of documentation showing the amount of Tax Increment Revenue funds that are "carried over" from one fiscal year to the next. Later in the fiscal year cycle, the Board will pass an annual budget via resolution that appropriates all TIR funds to projects that will be completed within three years or toward the reduction of indebtedness.

Approving a carryover resolution is an administrative act that provides greater transparency into the agency's finances and its compliance with this statutory requirement.

The Finance Department has analyzed all CRA transactions for FY12. After all FY12 transactions were accounted for the unaudited balance in the CRA Trust fund was \$2,000,405.83. This amount will be re-appropriated in the FY13 CRA Budget via a supplemental budget resolution after the audit is completed.

There is no fiscal impact of this resolution.

ATTACHMENTS

Florida Statute Section 163.387(7)
Resolution

2011 Florida Statutes

163.387 – Redevelopment trust fund –

(7) On the last day of the fiscal year of the community redevelopment agency, any money which remains in the trust fund after the payment of expenses pursuant to subsection (6) for such year shall be:

- (a) Returned to each taxing authority which paid the increment in the proportion that the amount of the payment of such taxing authority bears to the total amount paid into the trust fund by all taxing authorities for that year;
- (b) Used to reduce the amount of any indebtedness to which increment revenues are pledged;
- (c) Deposited into an escrow account for the purpose of later reducing any indebtedness to which increment revenues are pledged; or
- (d) Appropriated to a specific redevelopment project pursuant to an approved community redevelopment plan which project will be completed within 3 years from the date of such appropriation.

RESOLUTION NO. 2012/ _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY OF THE CITY OF DEERFIELD BEACH, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS REMAINING IN THE REDEVELOPMENT TRUST FUND TO CERTAIN PROJECTS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City of Deerfield Beach created a redevelopment trust fund ("Trust Fund") for the Deerfield Beach Community Redevelopment Agency ("CRA") pursuant to Section 163.387, Florida Statutes; and

WHEREAS, for Fiscal Year 2011/2012 the CRA budgeted and appropriated funds deposited in the Trust Fund to pay certain administrative and operating expenses as well as project and program expenses of the CRA; and

WHEREAS, certain funds remain in the Trust Fund as of September 30, 2012 after the payment of all budgeted expenses.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMUNITY REVELOPMENT AGENCY OF THE CITY OF DEERFIELD BEACH, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. As of September 30, 2012, the unexpended amount of \$2,000,405.83 remains in the Trust Fund.

Section 2. The Board of Directors desires to appropriate such funds to the specific redevelopment projects in the amounts shown on the attached Exhibit "A" and to encumber said funds for Fiscal Year 2012/2013.

Section 3. Such projects are included within the approved Community Redevelopment Plan of the CRA and will be completed within three (3) years from the date of such appropriation.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 18th DAY OF DECEMBER, 2012.

PEGGY NOLAND, CHAIR

ATTEST:

ADA GRAHAM-JOHNSON, MMC, CITY CLERK

"Exhibit A"

BUDGET LINE ITEM SUMMARY
OCTOBER 1, 2012 TO SEPTEMBER 30, 2013

COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY FUND 190
NON-DEPARTMENTAL
NON-DEPARTMENTAL 8000-552

ACCT NO.	ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION	FY 2012 BUDGET	FY 2013 REQUEST	INCREASE (DECREASE)	% CHANGE
10-01	Regular Salary	353,928	189,695	(164,233)	-46.4%
10-03	Longevity	1,750	399	(1,351)	-77.2%
10-06	Automobile Allowance	8,000	8,000	-	0.0%
10-12	Sick Leave Conversion Pay	2,000	3,000	1,000	50.0%
11-01	FICA	27,989	16,024	(11,965)	-42.7%
12-04	ICMA Pension Plan	29,395	16,291	(13,104)	-44.6%
32-16	Landscaping Services	5,000	5,000	-	0.0%
32-99	Other Contractual Services	290,698	170,500	(120,198)	-41.3%
35-04	Office Supplies	800	500	(300)	-37.5%
35-09	Professional Publications	300	150	(150)	-50.0%
35-13	Minor Tools, Equip, Hdwe	4,200	-	(4,200)	-100.0%
35-74	Special Events	171,000	190,000	19,000	11.1%
39-01	Travel and Training	10,000	5,000	(5,000)	-50.0%
39-02	Printing	1,500	1,500	-	0.0%
39-21	Advertising	10,000	2,500	(7,500)	-75.0%
39-27	General Admin Charge	166,803	114,317	(52,486)	-31.5%
39-35	Dues and Memberships	2,000	1,500	(500)	-25.0%
39-59	Commercial Façade Improv Loan Prog	500,000	100,000	(400,000)	-80.0%
60-41	Automotive Equipment	175,000	-	(175,000)	-100.0%
60-42	Office Machinery & Equipment	10,000	-	(10,000)	-100.0%
60-43	Other Machinery & Equipment	18,816	-	(18,816)	-100.0%
63-01	Cove Parking Lot	887,670	-	(887,670)	-100.0%
63-02	Hillsboro Streetscape	510,000	-	(510,000)	-100.0%
63-03	Pier	5,016,488	150,000	(4,866,488)	-97.0%
63-04	Infrastructure & Capital Improvements	115,065	439,229	324,164	281.7%
63-05	Cove Gardens Improvements	13,000	-	(13,000)	-100.0%
63-06	Beach Enhancements	235,000	-	(235,000)	-100.0%
63-07	Real Estate Acquisition	2,213,348	-	(2,213,348)	-100.0%
63-08	Main Beach Parking Area Improvements	100,000	-	(100,000)	-100.0%
63-10	Fire Hydrants	60,000	-	(60,000)	-100.0%
63-11	Lighting	10,000	-	(10,000)	-100.0%
63-12	Park Improvements	25,000	-	(25,000)	-100.0%
90-01	Transfer to General Fund	689,072	685,400	(3,672)	-0.5%
90-03	Transfer to Insurance Services Tr	20,640	20,501	(139)	-0.7%
Total		11,684,462	2,119,506	(9,564,956)	-81.9%

REQUESTED ACTION:

None. This item is for informational purposes only.

SUMMARY EXPLANATION/BACKGROUND:

The CRA Attorney will provide a verbal update on the status of the preparation of an Interlocal Agreement between the City of Deerfield Beach and the Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) for bond funds.

ATTACHMENTS:

None.

REQUESTED ACTION:

None. This item is for informational purposes only.

SUMMARY EXPLANATION/BACKGROUND:

The CRA launched the Community Policing program on December 7, 2012. The launch coincided with the Pier Grand Opening ceremony and was attended by the CRA detail deputy who took advantage of the gathering to introduce himself to event attendees.

Although the program has only been in place for two weekends, the presence is yielding positive results for public safety. For example, this past weekend the detail deputy was conducting a vehicular patrol in the Cove residential neighborhood and observed an individual engaged in suspicious activity. The detail deputy interviewed the individual and discovered he had a record of past burglaries.

Detail deputies are covering the CRA District on foot and in marked and unmarked cars. The foot patrol has made several contacts with businesses in the Cove Shopping Center and the S-Curve area and report positive feedback from business owners.

The Community Policing program will be evaluated at the end of January and a report will be presented to the CRA Board at the February 12 CRA Board meeting.

ATTACHMENTS:

None.

REQUESTED ACTION:

None. This item is for informational purposes only.

SUMMARY EXPLANATION/BACKGROUND:

In order to maintain the designation of the Broward A1A Scenic Highway designation, the 5 Year Corridor Management Plan must be updated. If it is not updated, the scenic highway designation will be lost. The Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) has offered to facilitate the hiring of a consultant to prepare the 5 year update and is requesting contributions from stakeholder communities. To date, the following pledges of financial support have been received: Hollywood (\$4,000), Fort Lauderdale (\$5,000), Lauderdale-by-the-Sea (\$2,000), and Pompano Beach (\$4,000). Hallandale Beach and Dania Beach have indicated that they will also be contributing, but the amount has not been finalized. The MPO does not have adequate staff to update the report and estimates that hiring a consultant will cost \$20-30,000 to complete. The update will take 8-10 months and must be completed by May 2014 in order to maintain the designation.

Maintaining the Broward A1A Scenic Highway designation is consistent with CRA Plan goals of economic development, the encouragement of tourism in the District and maintaining the community character of the barrier island.

Considering the level of contributions from other communities based on their population and length of A1A, a \$3,000 contribution from Deerfield Beach is reasonable. This contribution is not a budgeted expense. However, adequate funds are available in CRA Budget line item 190-8000-552.32-99 (Other Contractual Services) for this expense. The expenditure is within the CRA Director's spending authority. No CRA Board action is required.

ATTACHMENTS:

5 Year Corridor Management Plan (CMP) Guidance Document



**Five-Year Corridor Management Plan
(CMP) Update
Guidance Document
June 2009**

Prepared for:



Prepared by:



Maitland, FL

Summary

The Corridor Management Entities (CME) are required to complete a comprehensive review of the scenic highway corridor and its Corridor Management Plan (CMP) every five years after the date of designation. On years that a five-year CMP update is done, it will take the place of the Annual Report for that year. This Five-Year CMP Update is envisioned to be conceptually similar to the Evaluation and Appraisal Reports that are the basis for local government comprehensive plan amendments, not a new document. The purpose of the update is to assess, from a longer historical perspective, the following areas:

- the successes and failures of the CMP and ensuring for changes;
- the realization of corridor goals and objectives;
- the effectiveness of policies, regulations and protection mechanisms;
- local, regional and state changes affecting the corridor;
- the need for reformulation of goals, objectives and strategies;
- the effectiveness of promotion and data collection efforts;
- the need for changes in mapping and/or corridor description; and
- the impacts the designation has had on the surrounding communities.

See Sample Five-Year CMP Update at the end of the Guidance Document for an example.

Analysis

The five-year time span for this evaluation and update allows a greater ability to analyze the “big picture” of the scenic corridor, as opposed to the incremental and short-term view of the Annual Report. This involves stepping back and giving general impressions on each update element within the longer corridor history. It can be looked at as a compilation of the corridor’s last five Annual Reports being put into one updated and more detailed document. The CME can assess the scenic corridor as a whole and re-evaluate the Corridor Vision and goals. The responses in the Five-Year CMP Update should provide a good basis from which to judge what changes, if any, should occur in the CMP. That being said, the Five-Year CMP Update does not have to be a completely revised CMP, it is just as the title says, an update. If desired, contact your District Scenic Highway Coordinator (DSHC) for hard-copy examples of previous Five-Year CMP Updates that are available.

Process

Step One

After Designation, the CME will have to keep track of when their Five-Year CMP Updates are due. These are due every five years within 60 days of the highway’s date of designation. An Annual Report is not required on the year in which the Five-Year CMP Update is due. CME’s will need to contact their District Coordinator for guidance on completion of the Five-Year CMP Update and to let them know the update has been started.

Step Two

After contacting the District Coordinator, the next step will be to obtain the data that will go into the Five-Year CMP Update. Information about this data and the questions the CME will need to answer is located in the *Details* section of this guidance document. The information that will go into the update can be looked at as a summary of the past five years' Annual Reports. The different areas of the original CMP should be carefully reviewed and updated where needed. An example of this would be the Goals, Objectives and Strategies section. Some of the goals, objectives and strategies should have been achieved over the past five years. Therefore, the ones that have been achieved can be removed and new goals, objectives and strategies should be put in their place.

Step Three

The next step will be to organize all of the information collected and put it into one uniform document, similar to the CMP that was prepared for designation. The Five-Year CMP Update can be considered as a smaller version of that CMP. The categories for this update should be the same as in the CMP that was prepared during the designation phase, because the CME will be updating all of those areas. The different categories and organization of the update is shown in the *Organization* section of this guidance document.

Step Four

After the data is collected, questions are answered, and it is organized as shown, the final step will be for the CME to submit the update to the District Coordinator. After the DSHC has reviewed and approved the update, the Five-Year CMP Update will be submitted to the State Scenic Highways Coordinator for overall comments. The process for submittal to the State Scenic Highways Coordinator and Scenic Highways Advisory Committee (SHAC) is outlined in the *Conclusion* section of this guidance document.

Organization

The Five-Year CMP Update should be organized according to the "Table of Contents" shown below, which lists the CMP elements and other topical areas that require review. A description of each element is provided under its corresponding title in the sections that follow. Each document shall include a transmittal letter from the CME chairperson that provides, at a minimum, the type of report being submitted (Annual vs. Five-Year) and the name of the scenic highway. The appendix can contain items that are not incorporated into the text (i.e. maps, photographs, video/audio tapes).

Five-Year CMP Update Table of Contents

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Details

Corridor Conditions

This section will be much shorter than the original Background Conditions Analysis that was done in the original CMP. The Background Conditions Analysis in the original CMP document was the largest section, and it should be the largest section in the Five-Year CMP Update document as well. For the Five-Year CMP Update though, groups should just list changes to the original areas from the CMP. Those areas are listed below.

- Corridor Limits
- Roadway/ROW Description
- Existing Land Use and Zoning
- Signage
- Future Land Use
- Safety Issues
- Traffic Volumes/User Types
- Levels of Service (LOS)
- Transportation Planning
- Roadway Improvements
- Social and Economic Conditions
- Tourism and User Facilities
- Other Programs

Questions and thoughts to consider:

In a similar, but summarized manner, provide a written re-assessment of all intrinsic resources against the original base line conditions, with consideration of any effects resulting from increased public use. What are the differences between the corridor now and when the corridor was originally designated?

(Providing video and photos of the corridor as it exists today would be helpful for this) Discuss any changes in the Roadway/ROW conditions and how problem areas are/will be addressed. Has there been a noticeable increase in traffic due to designation? If so, provide Average Annual Daily Traffic (AADT) history. Are there safety concerns that have arisen due to designation? If so, how will this issue be addressed? If so, provide accident history. What effects have roadway improvements or enhancement projects had on the corridor?

Corridor Vision

The Corridor Vision can be updated much in the same way that it was modified from the eligibility phase to the designation phase. Groups should tell how political, social, environmental, regulatory or other conditions have changed and affected the original corridor vision. The CME should also describe how the corridor vision will be modified based on new corridor issues and the communities' priorities since the original CMP was written.

Questions and thoughts to consider:

To what extent has the Corridor Vision been achieved? Does the vision still represent the community's desire for the corridor? Should the vision be revised?

Corridor Mission

The Corridor Mission section should be updated in the same way that it was modified from the eligibility stage to the designation stage. The CME will need to make sure this update is in line with the purpose of the byway efforts. The corridor mission may need to express new areas that the CME is responsible for implementing. This will be done in conjunction with the update of the Goals, Objectives and Strategies. The updated corridor mission should also show businesses and local governments any new causes and ideas the CME will stand behind.

Questions and thoughts to consider:

Does the Corridor Mission still describe the corridor's ongoing actions? Does the Corridor Mission still define the purpose of the corridor and give it an identity? If not, how should it be changed to better reflect the CME's identity?

Goals, Objectives and Strategies

The Goals, Objectives and Strategies section should outline the tasks that the CME has completed over the past five years and develop new ones for the years to come. This section can easily be updated with help from the Action Plan and timeline of events. The short term goals and objectives that have been achieved should be removed, and any new goals, objectives and strategies should be added or updated. This should be done in direct correlation with the Corridor Vision and Mission.

Questions and thoughts to consider:

In general, how well has the formal process of developing goals, objectives and strategies worked in achieving the Corridor Vision? Identify which goals have been met and which have been modified. Discuss any new or proposed ordinances, policies and/or regulations that support corridor goals.

The Corridor Story

The Corridor story should be updated based on corridor changes over the course of five years. If the CME feels that there are new marketing aspects or storylines that should be told, this should be done in the corridor story section. If the CME feels that some of the older sections should be taken out of the original story, it should be done in the five-year CMP update. The entire corridor story does not need to be re-written in the update; only parts that have been taken out or added should be included.

Questions and thoughts to consider:

Is the corridor telling the “story” developed in the CMP? Has the story evolved since designation? How can that story be enhanced to benefit tourists and local residents? Discuss additional techniques that may be used to tell the story. How has the story been shared and promoted to the travelling public?

Community Participation

The update to the Community Participation section is one of the major areas in the Five-Year CMP Update. Public involvement with the CME and in the corridor should have had numerous changes during the past five years. The outreach program and awareness of the corridor should be outlined in this section as well. Any changes to community outreach since designation and the amount of community education should also be included in the Five-Year CMP Update.

Questions and thoughts to consider:

Assess the effectiveness of the Community Participation Program (CPP). Has the number of people in the Community Participation Program been maintained or has it diminished? What reasons can be attributed to this? Are there areas that could be improved and, if so, how will this change be made? Has public information literature been effective in maintaining and building support? Include copies of any literature, news articles, etc. Provide a summary of major issues discussed within the Community Participation Program.

Local Support

Local support may have diminished or increased in the years since designation. The amount of current local support should be included in this section of the Five-Year CMP Update. The local support for the corridor builds upon the community participation and is critical to the longevity of the scenic highway. Any changes, whether good or bad, of local support should be outlined in this section.

Questions and thoughts to consider:

Discuss the status of local support for the corridor. Has local support for the corridor increased or decreased? If local support has decreased, why? Do original opponents (if any) of the designation now support the corridor and, if so, why? Are there potential corridor advocates and promoters that have evolved since designation? No new letters of support are required.

Evaluation of Protection Techniques

Protection techniques are one of the main tools to keep the corridor and its intrinsic resources sustainable. Some of these protection techniques may have worked better than others over the past five years. The techniques that may not have worked should be removed from the CMP or reconsidered. This should be discussed in the Five-Year CMP Update. Some of the protection techniques will have more local support than others. There should be more emphasis on these in the future and if any, should be discussed in the Five-Year CMP Update.

Questions and thoughts to consider:

Provide an evaluation of the effectiveness of all protection techniques used in the corridor. Are there any shortcomings or problems with these techniques and, if so, how can they be resolved? Have any of the techniques come under public opposition and, if so, how was this resolved? Describe how new development has been accommodated and describe plans to address future development.

Funding

Funding that has been received over the past five years should be described in the Five-Year CMP Update. Grants that have been applied for, whether awarded or not, should be included along with any private contributions and any other funding the CME has received.

Questions and thoughts to consider:

Describe corridor funding needs, acquisitions and expenditures. Has obtaining funding been a problem? If so, how will the CME attempt to resolve this issue? Are future funding sources being pursued and, if so, when does the CME anticipate receiving them? How will the funding be used?

Corridor Promotion and Measuring Success

The CME should have developed a number of ways to promote the corridor over the past five years. The CME should have devised ways to measure the promotion, in order to learn the strengths and weaknesses from the promotion efforts. Just as in the protection techniques section, areas of corridor promotion that has worked better than others should be discussed in the Five-Year CMP Update. These should be outlined in the Five-Year CMP Update, along with the types of promotion that have not worked.

Questions and thoughts to consider:

Evaluate the strengths and weaknesses of the corridor promotion techniques. How can these techniques be improved? Discuss how the community has benefitted from designation. This discussion should include, but is not limited to, facts and documentation information for the following topical areas: environmental, economic, recreational and cultural enhancement. Describe how and what economic data have been collected to analyze the fiscal effects of designation on the local economies. Discuss how this data can be better collected and used to further support promotional activities. How can this data raise awareness of the benefits of scenic highway designation?

Local Government Comprehensive Plan Relationship

The CME should discuss how the CMP's goals and objectives were included in the area's local government comprehensive plans. This may have not been done in the designation process, as local government resolutions may have been obtained committing to inclusion. The CME should discuss in the Five-Year CMP Update how and to what effect certain areas of the original CMP were written into local government comprehensive plans.

Questions and thoughts to consider:

Discuss how effective the integration of the CMP into the Local Government Comprehensive Plan (LGCP) has been. Discuss any actions that are underway or are needed to maintain consistency with the LGCP and other plans.

Partnerships

Partnerships should be described much in the same way as the local support section. Original partnerships may have diminished over the past five years and new partnerships may have developed. A discussion of all partnerships, including changes to existing ones, should be included in the update.

Questions and thoughts to consider:

Provide a status of all partnering efforts and agreements. Discuss successes, failures and any changes that were made to compensate for failed partnerships. Discuss potential/future partnership opportunities that have developed since designation.

Problem Areas

Some of the goals, objectives and strategies in the original CMP may not have been achieved in the Five-Year Period. These may be problem areas that could be affecting the short-term and long-term goals of the scenic highway and of the CME. These problem areas should be described in the Five-Year CMP Update also.

Questions and thoughts to consider:

If not previously discussed, describe the long-term problems affecting the corridor. What current and future courses of action are necessary to resolve these problems?

Action Plan Update Summary

An update to the Goals, Objectives and Strategies section of the Five-Year CMP Update may require and update of the Action Plan. If necessary, a revised Action Plan should be included in the update. The original Action Plan does not have to be completely redone. Some short term goals may have been achieved over the course of the last five years. These short-term goals will need to be removed and the original long-term goals may need to be updated to short-term goals. Any new goals should also be added to the revised action plan.

Questions and thoughts to consider:

A revised Action Plan should be provided to address any changes in the CMP that are needed as a result of findings in the Annual Reports or the Five-Year CMP Update. Lastly, the Corridor Management Entity should provide a summary of what they have learned from the Implementation Phase. Describe how effective the CME has been in carrying out its duties and where organizational improvements can be made. What major obstacles have they faced and how did they deal with them? Were there any unanticipated rewards or benefits? Where does the CME foresee future obstacles and how do they anticipate overcoming them? If they could have done anything differently, what would it have been, and why?

Conclusion

The Five-Year CMP Update shall be submitted to the District Scenic Highways Coordinator within 60 days of the anniversary of the original official designation. Unlike Annual Reports, these are not done online and must be a standalone document that will be submitted to the District Scenic Highway Coordinator. It will then be reviewed for sufficiency by the District Scenic Highway Coordinator. The Final Five-Year CMP Update must then be submitted to the State Scenic Highways Coordinator for dissemination to the Scenic Highways Advisory Committee (SHAC). The State Scenic Highways Coordinator will need one (1) copy for the state and seven (7) copies for each of the SHAC members. The SHAC will review and give any comments back to the State Scenic Highways Coordinator to be forwarded to the CME.

REQUESTED ACTION:

None. This item is for informational purposes only.

SUMMARY EXPLANATION/BACKGROUND:

The grand opening and ribbon-cutting for the Pier Entrance Buildings took place at 6PM on Friday, December 7, 2012. BSO estimates that 400-500 people were in attendance. Kristen Obst, Sales Manager of the Embassy Suites served as event emcee. The event included a remembrance of the attack on Pearl Harbor. District 3 Commissioner and veteran Martin Popelsky was in attendance. Speeches were given by District 1 Commissioner Joe Miller, District 2 Commissioner Ben Preston, Vice Mayor Bill Ganz and Mayor Peggy Noland. Other dignitaries included Broward County Commissioner Chip LaMarca, Broward School Board member Nora Rupert and State of Florida Department of Environmental Protection Southeast Region Director Jill Creech. Stiles Construction sponsored the event.

The event was the first time the facility was open to the public. The feedback from attendees was overwhelmingly positive.

A slideshow of grand opening and ribbon-cutting highlights will be shown at the CRA Board meeting.

ATTACHMENTS:

None.