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PALM BEACH COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

Meeting Date:	May 18, 2021	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Consent	<input type="checkbox"/> Regular
		<input type="checkbox"/> Workshop	<input type="checkbox"/> Public Hearing

Department: Office of Financial Management and Budget

Submitted By: Office of Financial Management and Budget

I. EXECUTIVE BRIEF

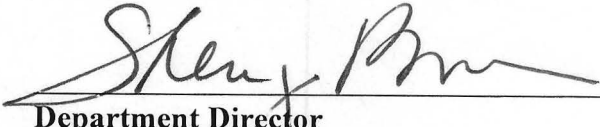
Motion and Title: Staff recommends motion to receive and file: Annual Report for the Fiscal Year ending September 30, 2020 from the Riviera Beach Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA).

Summary: The Riviera Beach CRA has submitted its Annual Report for the Fiscal Year ending September 30, 2020 as per section numbers 163.356(3)(d) and 163.387(8), Florida Statutes. Countywide (DB).

Background and Justification: N/A

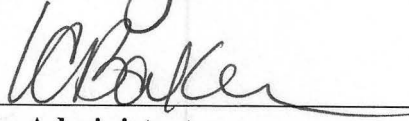
Attachments: Annual Report

Recommended by:


Department Director

5/5/2021
Date

Approved by:


County Administrator

5/12/21
Date

II. FISCAL IMPACT ANALYSIS

A. Five Year Summary of Fiscal Impact:

Fiscal Years	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2025</u>
Capital Expenditures	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Operating Costs	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
External Revenues	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Program Income (County)	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
In-Kind Match (County)	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
NET FISCAL IMPACT	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

ADDITIONAL FTE POSITIONS (Cumulative)

Is Item Included In Current Budget? Yes _____ No X
Does this item include the use of Federal Funds? Yes _____ No X
Budget Account No. Fund _____ Department _____ Unit _____ Object _____

B. Recommended Sources of Funds/Summary of Fiscal Impact:

C. Departmental Fiscal Review:

III. REVIEW COMMENTS

A. OFMB Fiscal and/or Contract Dev. and Control Comments:

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OFMB QA 55.21 AP 5/5

N/A
Contract Dev. and Control

B. Legal Sufficiency:

DLW 5/7/21
Assistant County Attorney

C. Other Department Review:

N/A
Department Director

This summary is not to be used as a basis for payment

OPEN FOR BUSINESS



2020 Annual Report

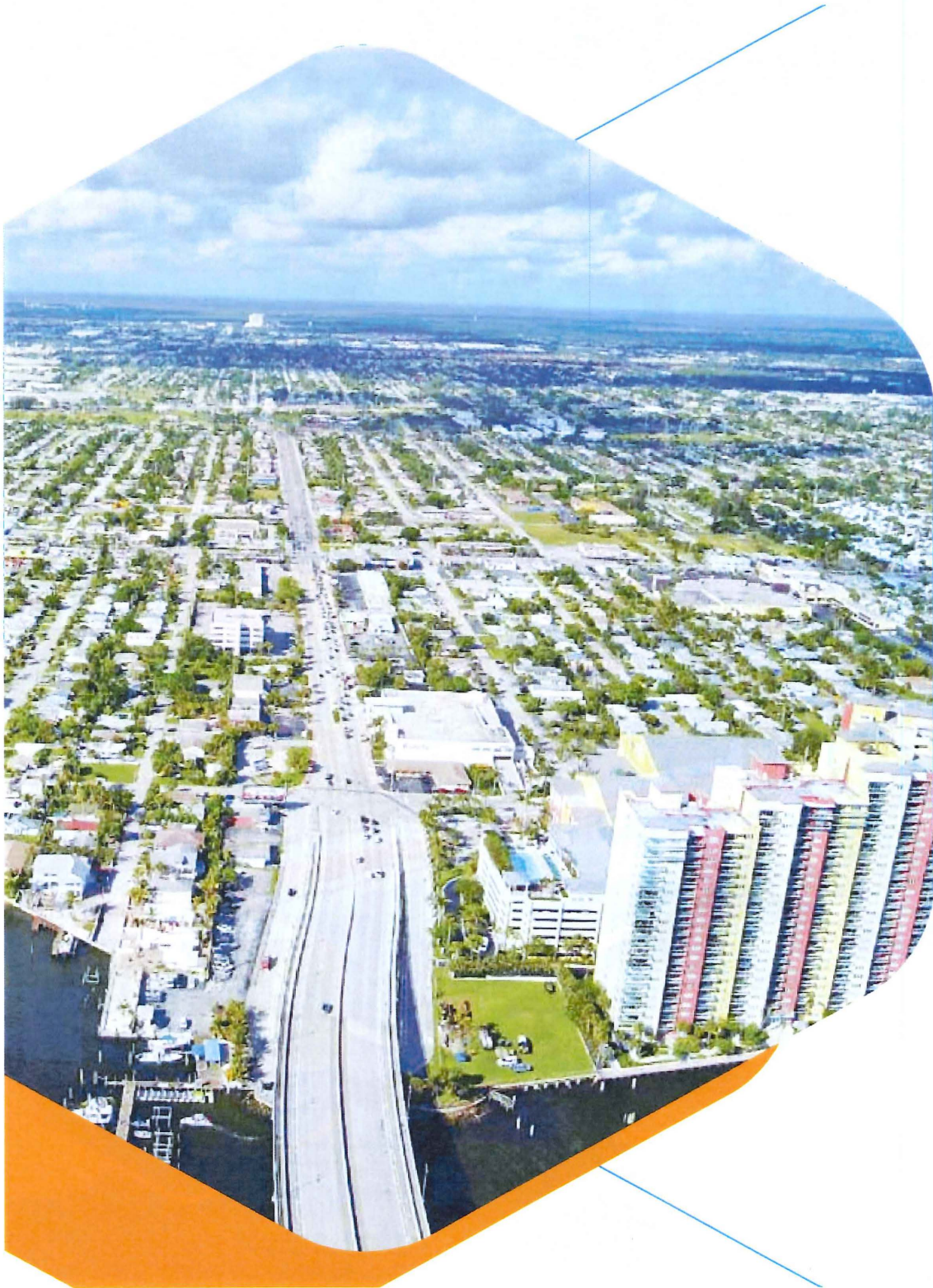


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ENTREPRENEURSHIP IS WELCOME IN RIVIERA BEACH

Economic Development

Smoothie Me Please

On January 16, 2021 the recipient of the Agency's first Emerging Micro Business Incubator Grant, Ashley Walker, opened the doors of her new business venture "Smoothie Me Please." Smoothie Me Please is a sandwich and smoothie shop that provides healthy options for the citizens and passersby in the City of Riviera Beach. Ms. Walker was born, raised and currently resides in the City of Riviera Beach FL. She graduated from Suncoast High School, completed her Bachelor's degree at Florida State University and obtained her Master's Degree from Tennessee State University.

Building Renovations

The 300 SF building is currently owned by the Agency and previously housed an ice cream shop, The Dairy Belle, that had laid dormant since 2016. The building needed a serious makeover. The site was equipped with all new

plumbing, electrical, AC unit, an ADA-accessible restroom, and a complete gut and remodel of the interior of the building.

Contractors and Subcontractors

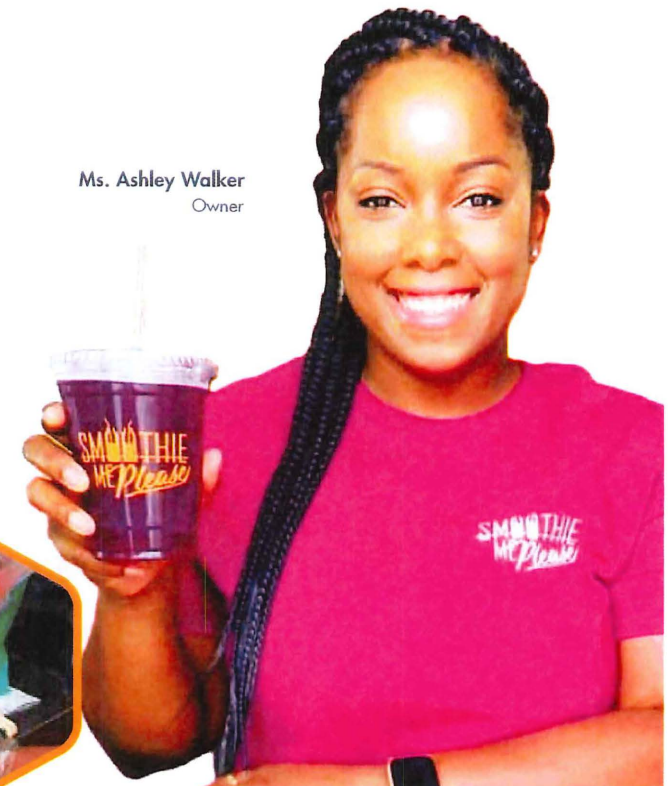
In an effort to follow the CRA's Board of Commissioners passion to cultivate local and or minority businesses, all of the contractors and subcontractors working on the project were minority and local businesses.

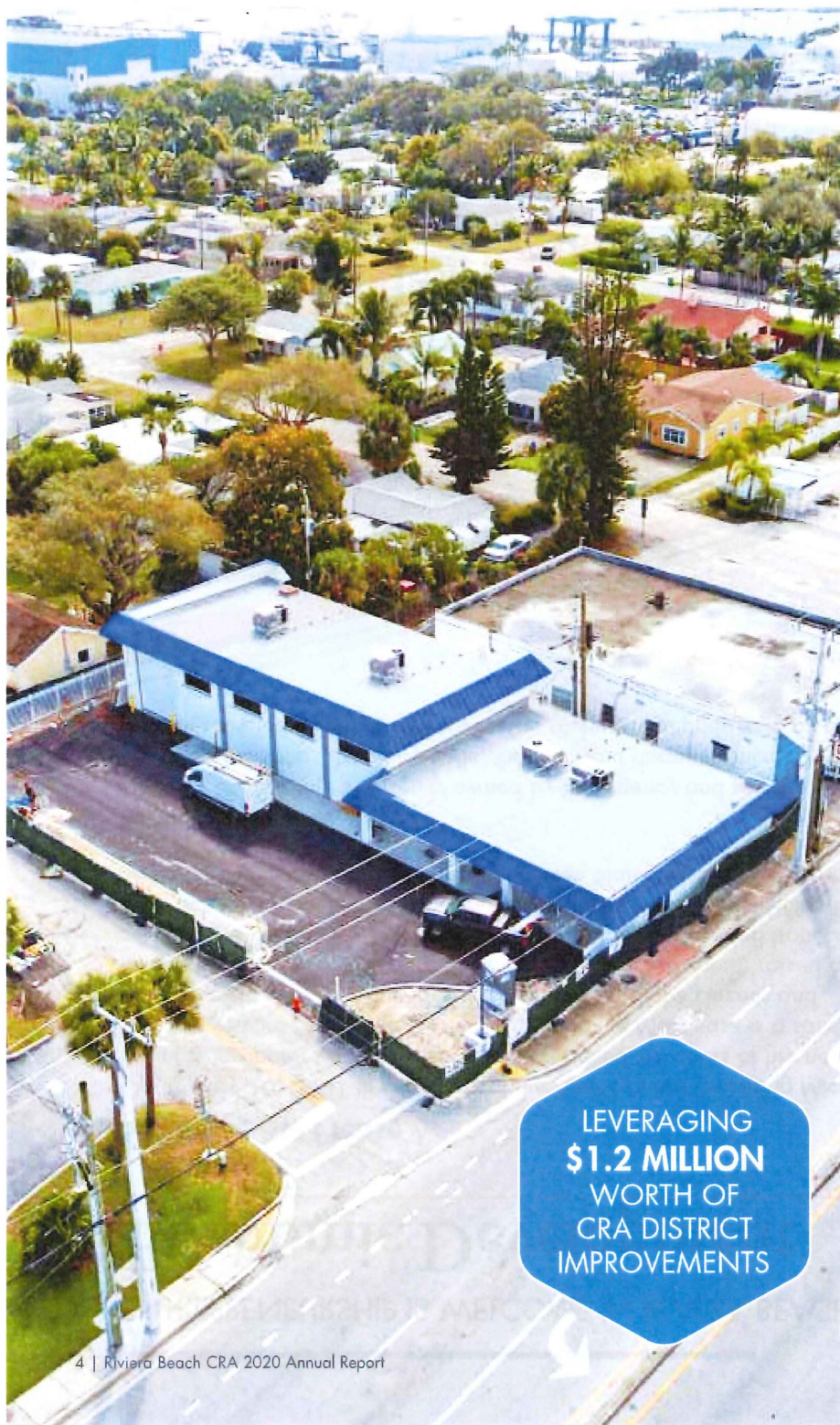
Visibility and Value Added

The successful opening of Smoothie Me Please has brought much visibility and positive press coverage to the Agency and the City of Riviera Beach. The program as well as the business itself has been featured on several news stations and in print media. The Agency's overarching goal of rehabbing a local treasure and activating the site was deemed successful.



Ms. Ashley Walker
Owner





LEVERAGING
\$1.2 MILLION
WORTH OF
CRA DISTRICT
IMPROVEMENTS

COMMERCIAL GRANT PROGRAM Busch Canvas

On April 22, 2020 the Agency approved four business owners for the Commercial Grant Program Round III. To date, the Agency has committed more than \$100,000 in grant dollars leveraging more than \$1.2 million worth of improvements in the CRA District. The most notable project improvement to date is by the business, Busch Canvas.

Busch Canvas is a successful boating canvas and upholstery business which is owned and operated by Andrea Jarvis and Kim Crawford. The two women have successfully operated their business in the western portion of the City and have acquired a second location on Broadway and are in the process of a full renovation and expansion of the building.

The Agency grant dollars will be spent on the construction of a new parking lot, irrigation and landscaping, and decorative fencing for the property.



AFFORDABLE HOUSING IS GOOD BUSINESS

Housing Development

Riviera Beach Homebuyers Club

The Riviera Beach Homebuyers Club is a six-session series of workshops designed for residents who are ready to begin the pathway to homeownership. This free program is supported by the Riviera Beach Community Redevelopment Agency (RBCRA), the Riviera Beach Community Development Corporation (RBCDC) and managed by Community Partners.

The Riviera Beach Homebuyers Club was established to assist local residents who desire extra guidance on how to set specific financial goals that lead to homeownership. In addition to providing practical instruction in ways to practice better money habits, we help residents set up personal savings goals. Participants receive advice from experts about everything from money management to taxes and insurance. We also empower individuals to become involved in their Riviera Beach community by joining a network and experiencing the feeling of being an active team member.



Welcome to Riviera Cove

A brand-new townhome community nestled in Riviera Beach!



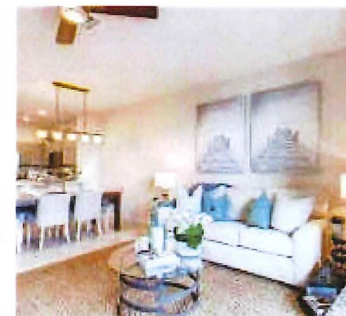
RIVIERA BEACH IS
**OPEN FOR
BUSINESS!**



D.R. Horton

Riviera Cove features two floor plans with modern open layouts, offering buyers both ample features along with desirable low-maintenance living. Architecturally designed exterior elevations are complete with paver driveway, entry walkway and patios, metal garage doors and concrete block construction. Spacious interiors boast 1,446-1,532 square feet, 3 bedrooms, 2.5 bathrooms, 18x18 ceramic tile in first floor living areas, Home is Connected - America's smart home and more!

Riviera Cove also has a prime location, with proximity to the beaches, US-1, great shopping, a multitude of tasty restaurants, hospitals and excellent schools.



PROMOTING HEALTH, SAFETY AND SECURITY

Healthy and Safe Communities

Community Garden

The Riviera Beach Community Garden on West 10th Street continues to be the center for neighborhood events and the perfect backdrop for the camaraderie of the Riviera Beach community. Apprehensions surrounding the COVID-19 have helped highlight the significant role of community gardens in the community. They are important to ensuring healthy and nutritious food, and to promoting positive and healthy eating in the community. We had the opportunity during the Riviera Beach 2021 MLK celebration to highlight healthy cooking and eating through an interactive, virtual experience cooking class with Chef Richard from Culinary Flair. Ensuring that social distancing was adhered to, both students and adults regularly pitch in to keep the garden clean, green and thriving with heirloom vegetables. KOP Mentoring and the kids had the opportunity to host a session at the Community Garden, "From the Soil to the Table 2020," that focused on appreciation for garden and fitness during the pandemic.



Backyard Sow & Grow Program

The City of Riviera Beach, Riviera Beach CRA, and Riviera Beach CDC partnered to provide The Backyard Sow & Grow Program for all levels of gardeners in the City. We wanted to provide our residents with the option to grow their own healthy, wholesome, and fresh foods right from their own backyards. We provided the residents with three different variations of the program to accommodate different gardening levels of our residents to include the Weekend Gardener Program, the Gardenista Program, and the Urban Master Program. Residents came to our 10th Street Community Garden to pick up their kits and were provided with a question-and-answer session with our Garden Manager. Eligible residents were provided with gardening kits that include seeds, plants, growing mediums, soil, and useful gardening tools. Residents are given the option to reapply if they want help expanding to the next level of gardening.

Safety Tool Kit

The Clean and Safe Program launched phase one of its newest residential crime prevention tool, the Safe Home Initiative Program (Safety Tool Kit) in February 2020. We partnered with the Red Cross, Riviera Beach Police Department, Riviera Beach Fire Department, Florida Training Service Incorporated, Revival Church, and volunteers to finalize the program plan and identify resources.

The Safe Home Initiative Program (Safety Tool Kit) includes: an exterior motion sensor light that illuminates at night when triggered by intruders on private property; a smoke detector with 10 year battery life; a SmartWater™ (CSI) DNA tool for marking valuables with a traceable liquid that aids in reuniting owners with their stolen property; an exterior RING™ Doorbell camera system to alert residents of visitors and intruders; code-compliant house numbers for easy identification by first-responders; and yard and window signage for deterrence purposes.

The Safety Tool Kit helps to prevent and reduce crime. It also helps to support a strong, cohesive community through programs that provide the residents with tools to help prevent crime in their neighborhoods. Also, one of the best ways to maintain a safe neighborhood – which is beneficial to our community and its growth – is through neighborhood safety efforts. This initiative is a key component to achieving crime reduction and stronger communities within the beautiful City of Riviera Beach.



Avenue “E” Streetscape and Revitalization Plan

The Riviera Beach CRA completed the Avenue Streetscape and Revitalization Plan. The project will be a collaborative effort between the City, CRA, and the Utility District. The Plan outlines the recommendations to rebuild the roadway, replacing underground utilities, and adding decorative lighting, bicycle paths, new sidewalks, landscaping, and public art. The new plan includes recommendations for redevelopment based on the new vision for the corridor established in the plan.

A community workshop was attended by over 80 local residents to help inform and create the new vision. Following the completion of the Streetscape Plan and Design Standards, a final presentation of the first draft and vision was presented to the community. Due to social distancing requirements, this presentation and survey was conducted online. There were seventy (70) participants for the online presentation and survey. The presentation included a PowerPoint presentation with a voiceover and an animation of the proposed streetscape design. The PowerPoint covered all of the topics in this report. Results were incorporated into the study and final revitalization plan.

The final plan includes:

1

REPORT

A comprehensive Avenue E Corridor Streetscape report that describes the existing physical environment of the roadway, pedestrian sidewalk system, and adjacent buildings/properties lining the corridor

2

RECOMMENDATIONS

Recommendations for potential streetscape, zoning entitlement, and design and development standards changes to beautify, enhance, and create an environment to attract new investment and redevelopment to foster economic vitality within the project area.

3

ANALYSIS

A thorough analysis of what nearby significant CRA and City points of interest exist (the Port of Palm Beach, Riviera Beach Marina, the beaches) that might impact and support recommended improvements within the corridor, further supporting recommended improvements throughout the corridor.

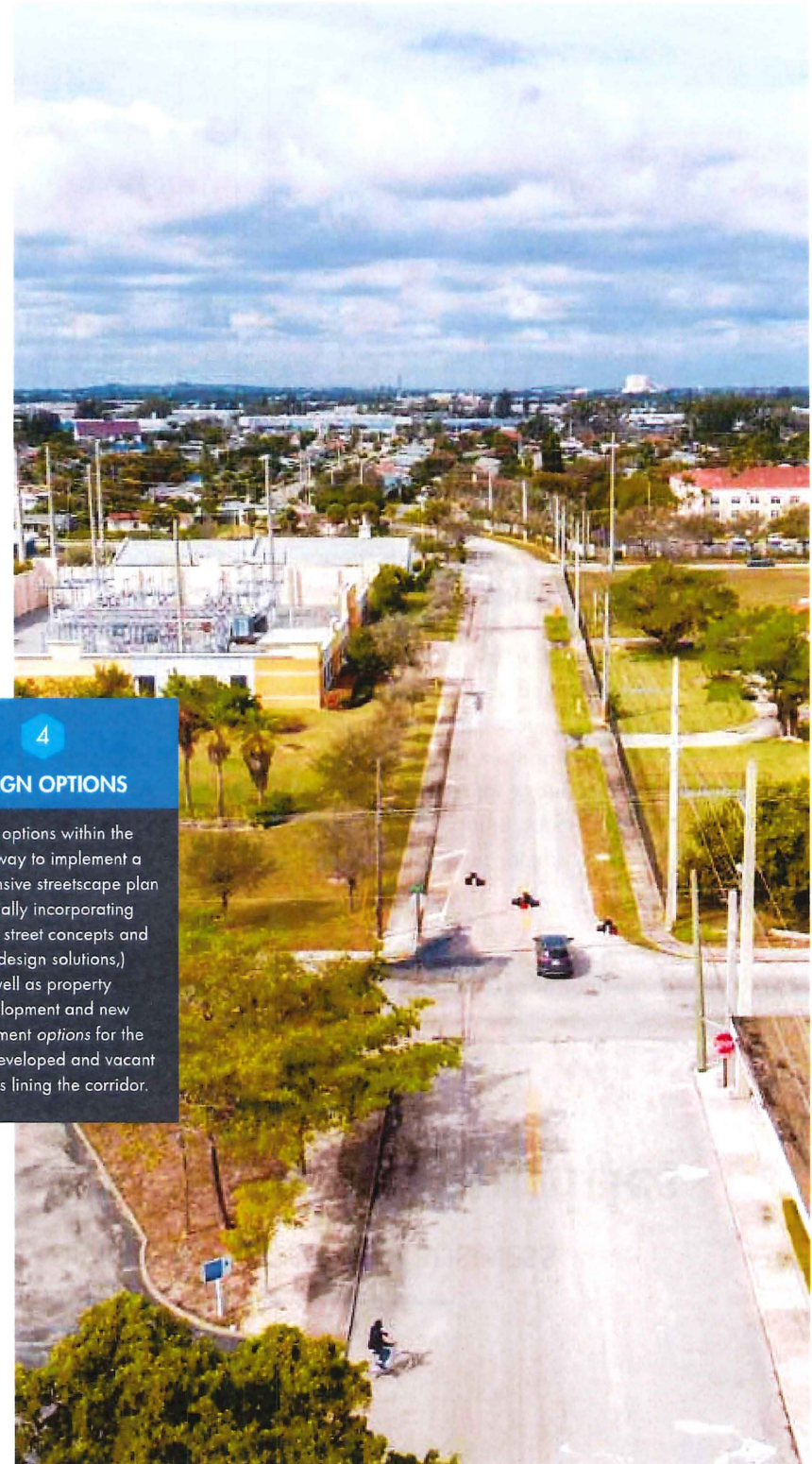
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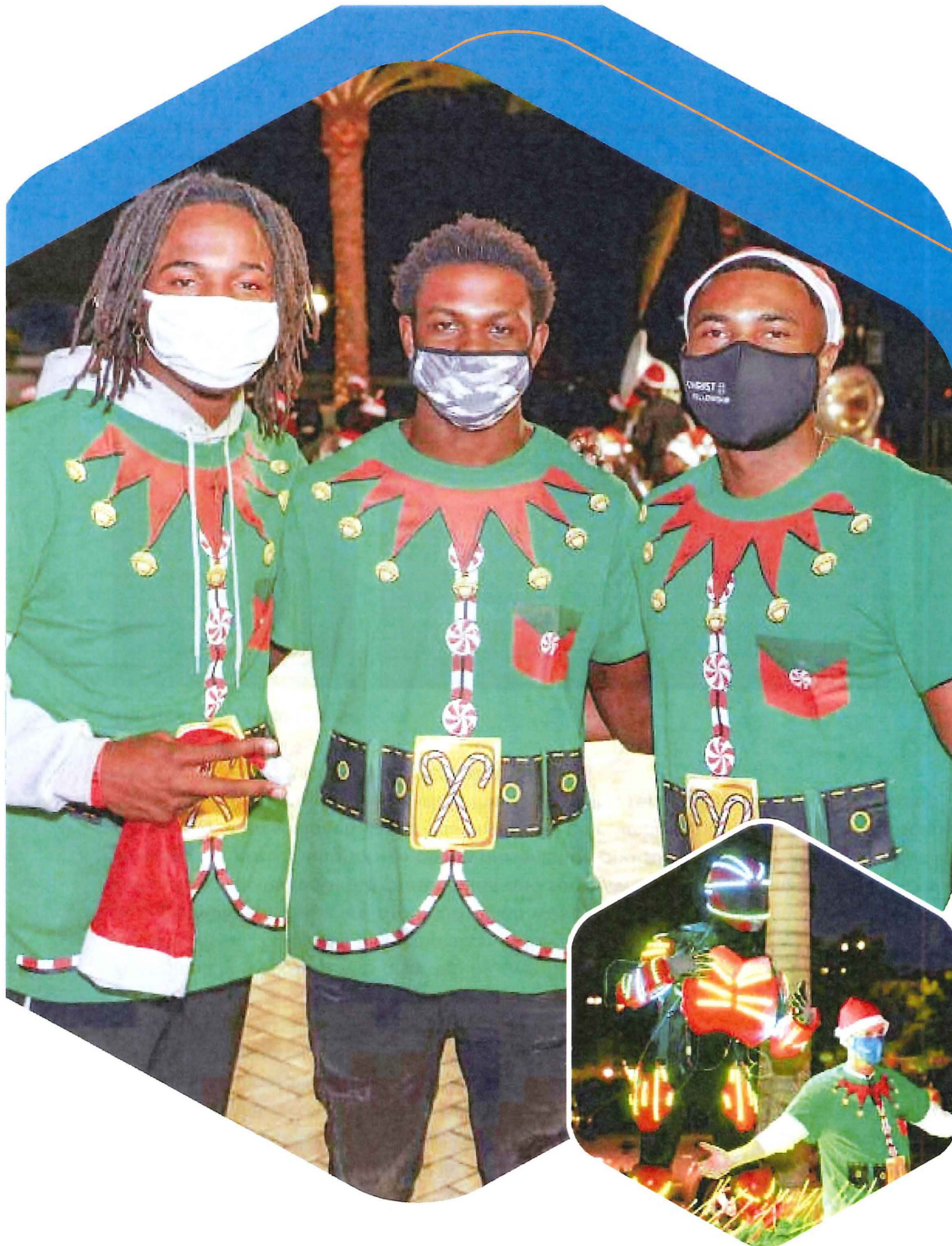
DESIGN OPTIONS

Design options within the right-of-way to implement a comprehensive streetscape plan (potentially incorporating complete street concepts and other design solutions,) as well as property redevelopment and new development options for the existing developed and vacant properties lining the corridor.

Next Steps:

The CRA, City, and Utility District will coordinate to develop an implementation plan and funding strategy to jointly implement the project. The implementation plan will include an analysis of funding options and phasing for the Board to consider pursuing towards transforming this corridor through street improvements and redevelopment initiatives.





DIVERSITY IS GOOD FOR BUSINESS

Diverse Communities

Holiday Drive Thru

How can we hold Riviera Beach Marina Village Annual Winter Wonderland under the current COVID restrictions? That was the question.

We knew that the Riviera Beach residents looked forward to the annual event and we did not want to cancel the event so we decided to make our annual Winter Wonderland a drive-through event. To accomplish this, we had to install new electrical service to light poles so we could decorate each pole on the drive through route. Arrangements were made to bring Santa and Ms. Claus down from the North Pole for the event. We then reached out to one of our local marching bands to perform during the drive through and we reached out to our various sponsors to donate items so we could give a gift bags to each child in every vehicle. And finally, we reached out to our Mayor to present a proclamation and to light the Christmas tree and start the drive-through event. We also live-streamed the event so all Riviera Beach residents could view it as well as putting it on our social media sites. We had similar experiences for Hannakuh and Kwanzaa.



Total Assessed Property Values

of property within the
boundaries of the CRA as of
Jan 1 of the reporting year

\$827,050,256

Original Assessed Property Values

within the CRA's area of
authority as of the day the
agency was created

\$132,767,499

**Total Expenditures for
Affordable Housing**
for low-income and
middle-income residents

\$70,309

**Total Expenditures
from the Redevelopment
Trust Fund**

\$8,393,784

Projects Started and Completed

Avenue E - Street Revitalization Project	\$75,000
Clean & Safe Program	\$74,000
Public Art Program	\$60,000
Affordable Housing Initiatives	\$90,000
Commercial Property Improvement Program	\$57,500
Small Business Loan Program	\$160,000
Redevelopment Site Acquisition	\$5,792,000
Lake Worth Water Quality Improvement Study	\$40,000
Community Garden Program	\$140,000
Right-of-way Beautification Project	\$110,000
Community Development Initiatives	\$105,000

TOTAL \$6,703,500

Riviera Beach CRA **BOUNDARY MAP**



About This Report

The CRA's Fiscal Year 2020 Annual Report is required by Florida Statutes 163.356 (3) (c), the governing statute for all community redevelopment agencies across the state, and covers highlights from October 1, 2019 to September 30, 2020. The statute also requires the report contain a complete financial statement of assets, liabilities, income and operating expenses, amount of tax increment funds collected and a record of key accomplishments for the fiscal year.

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