CENTRAL COUNTY COMMUNITY ADVISORY BOARD

MEETING DATE: February 18, 2015
MEETING TIME: 6:00 P.M.
MEETING LOCATION: Roosevelt Gardens Community Center
2841 NW 11th Street, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33311

CCCAB PURPOSE: To serve in an advisory capacity to the Broward County Board of County Commissioners relative to unincorporated Central County Community issues. The CCCAB shall act as liaison between the Commission and the Central County Community; hold meetings to receive resident’s comments; prepare and submit recommendations to the Commission; and perform other related activities as requested by the Commission.

AGENDA

Call to Order by Chair
Roll Call
1. Approval of Minutes of August 20, 2014*
2. Approval of Minutes of November 19, 2014*
3. Summary of the CCCAB’s Workshop
   Maribel Feliciano, Planning Administrator
4. Overview of Current Projects
   Alphonso Jefferson, Jr., Assistant to the County Administrator
5. Sunrise Median Beautification Project
   Anh Ton, Highway & Bridge Maintenance Director
   Steve Tinsley, Economic & Small Business Development Manager
7. Recycling Reward Program
   Elaine D. Barrett, Solid Waste and Recycling Services Field Supervisor
8. Law Enforcement Update
   Lieutenant Richard Pisanti, Broward Sheriff’s Office
9. Fire Rescue Update
   District Chief Gregory Holness
11. Adjournment

Distribution of Informational Items
   a. Delivering more help to people living in the 33311 zip code
   b. Important Phone Numbers
   c. Tax Preparation Resources

*Board action item.
Agenda Item #1
Approval of Minutes of August 20, 2014
ATTACHMENT A - MINUTES

CENTRAL COUNTY COMMUNITY ADVISORY BOARD
Wednesday, August 20, 2014 - 6:00 pm
Roosevelt Gardens Park Community Center
2841 NW 11th Street
Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33311

Board Members Present:
Alverine Brihm, Chairperson
Julia Porter, Vice Chairperson (arrived 6:25pm)
Tanya Freeman
Eligha Lewis III (arrived 7:30pm)
Theotis Pressley
Reverend Jesse Scipio

Board Members Excused or Absent:
Mr. Robert Miller

County Staff:
Dale V. Holness, Broward County Commissioner
Lahoma Scarlette, Broward County Commission District 9
Elaine Barnett, Broward County Solid Waste & Recycling Services
Heather Cunniff, Broward County Planning & Redevelopment Division
Maribel Feliciano, Broward County Planning & Redevelopment Division
Gerald Henry, Broward County Planning & Redevelopment Division
Brenda McCrone, Broward County Solid Waste & Recycling Services
Sandy-Michael McDonald, Broward County Office of Economic & Small Business Development
John E. Naclerio III, Office of the County Attorney
Sheldon Riles, Broward County Planning & Redevelopment Division
Henry Sniezek, Broward County Planning & Redevelopment Division
Steve Tinsley, Broward County Office of Economic & Small Business Development

Guests:
Marieline Benjamin, Serving Hearts Abroad
Romona L. Benjamin, Serving Hearts Abroad
Connie Moss, Black Motivated Women/Men
Richard Pisanti, Broward Sheriff’s Office
Alverine Brihm called the meeting to order and requested roll call. Ms. Brihm expressed her desire to maintain an orderly meeting and requested each speaker be recognized by the Chair before commenting or asking questions.

1. Approval of Minutes of June 18, 2014 Meeting

A motion was made to approve the June 18, 2014 minutes by Reverend Jesse Scipio, seconded by Julia Porter, and unanimously approved.

2. Trash and Debris in Swale (Solid Waste and Recycling Services)

Brenda McCrone gave a brief overview of the kinds of services provided by the Broward County Solid Waste and Recycling Services (SWRS) Division. Bulk waste is collected monthly, but may also be taken to the residential drop off center located on Reese Road up to four times a month. A fee is not charged if proof of residency is provided. The Solid Waste and Recycling Division also coordinates with civic and homeowners associations to hold community clean up events during which bulk waste is collected. Mini-cleanups, which are held based on the observation of SWRS staff, are another means by which bulk waste is removed. Residents or property owners also may take their bulk waste to the landfill near Sheridan and 27th Avenue for fee of $2.00 for cars and trucks. Large trucks are subject to a higher fee. Residents and property owners may contract with a private company, such as Franchise Haul, to remove bulk waste. Ms. McCrone asked that the Central County Community Advisory Board members share information about Broward County’s solid waste and recycling services with new members in the community. The Solid Waste and Recycling Services website is a good resource for information: [http://www.broward.org/WasteAndRecycling/Pages/Default.aspx](http://www.broward.org/WasteAndRecycling/Pages/Default.aspx).

Ms. McCrone concluded her presentation by noting a welcome package that provides details about solid waste and recycling services programs is available for new residents. Reverend Scipio noted he requested Solid Waste and Recycling Services to come to the meeting to address trash collection issues in Boulevard Gardens. Garbage cans are sometimes turned upside down. Some streets are not provided with collection service on recycling days. Ms. McCrone stated the agency is aware of the issue and steps are being taken to correct the problems.

Reverend Scipio mentioned that residents placed a trash can on the swale to deter littering. The trash can is filled, but hasn’t been picked up. Reverend Scipio also mentioned that bulk waste is sometimes placed on the swales, but not picked up for an entire month. Ms. McCrone stated that this issue is presently being addressed. Reverend Scipio further mentioned that sofas and other furniture are often placed on the swales illegally. Ms. McCrone stated that collection service is not provided to vacant lots. However, they will work with the appropriate agency to address the problem.

Reverend Scipio mentioned that some commercial lawn vendors bring debris from various jobs and leave it on the swales for bulk day. He stated that it is unfair for property tax payers to have this debris left on the swales in front their homes. This is usually done a week before
bulk waste pickup. Ms. McCrone stated that illegal dumping must be witnessed. However, she will take this information to County administrators. Theotis Pressley suggested community members could be provided with door hangers that advise residents of the rules; the door hanger would include a portion to tear off and send to County staff.

3. **Abandoned Properties and Code Violations: (Code & Zoning Enforcement Section)**

Gerald Henry gave a presentation about code requirements for abandoned properties and described code enforcement operations. Several kinds of code violations were illustrated and the processing of violations was explained. Issues related to abandoned buildings, such as occupancy, squatting, safety, liability, aesthetics and neighbor responsibilities was discussed. It was noted that Broward County adopted an ordinance related to building maintenance that addresses building colors, doors, and windows in 1999. At that time, the Code Enforcement Section became responsible for occupied properties and the Building Section became responsible for unoccupied properties. In 2013, the code of ordinances was amended to allow the Code Enforcement Section to address unoccupied properties.

Mr. Henry noted that the time frame for addressing an overgrown property violation has always been an issue. The zoning code states that service must be made pursuant to the requirements of Chapter 162, Florida Statutes. Chapter 162 provides that the violation notice be sent by certified mail and the property owner sign and return the notice within 30 days. If 30 days pass without signature, the property is posted. The County Attorney’s Office recently determined a 10-day posting is sufficient to meet proper notice requirements.

In 2009, Broward County adopted the Abandoned and Vacant Real Property Registration and Inspection Program to require more property maintenance accountability and responsibility from mortgage holders and banks. Mr. Pressley suggested the time frame required to correct violations be cut by half. Mr. Pressley further suggested the Code Enforcement Officers write the violations and allow administrative staff to process the paper work so more time can be spent in the field. Mr. Henry pointed out that the Code Enforcement Officers use tablets and laptops to immediately input the violation and office time is not required for this purpose. He mentioned there are three full-time office support staff.

Mr. Henry stated that according to the statute, Code Enforcement staff must provide a reasonable time for compliance. Reasonable time can range from no time to a maximum of 30 days, depending on the violation. The Broward County Code provides for a five (5) day compliance period for violations that occur on the swale and ten days for violations that occur on private property. Ms. Brihm suggested more Code Officers be hired if there is not a budget problem. She also suggested there should be more concentration on occupied houses that mar the aesthetic value of the community, since there are buildings that have been unoccupied for years without change. Ms. Brihm asked if banks are being charged for foreclosed houses that are being neglected. Mr. Henry pointed out that the purpose of the real property registration and inspection program is to get compliance from the property owners. Many properties owned by banks are the problem properties.

Ms. Brihm suggested a workshop between the Central County Community Advisory Board, Code Enforcement and Zoning be scheduled to review and revise the ordinance.
4. Planning and Redevelopment Staff Activities

Maribel Feliciano presented the process Broward County will use to update its comprehensive plan, an initiative that will begin in the next few weeks. The process includes updating two important policy documents that provide the framework for the development and redevelopment of Broward County. Reverend Scipio suggested having a workshop separate from the regular quarterly meetings. Questions and answers followed concerning funding and the budget process. Ms. Feliciano suggested inviting county budget staff to explain the budgeting process. Mr. Lewis mentioned that outside consultants are usually used to create a comprehensive plan and make recommendations. Mr. Sniezek indicated that expert technical assistance will be sought for this initiative, however, community input also is necessary. Commissioner Holness pointed out that the comprehensive plan update is a county-wide initiative that includes Unincorporated Broward County. Commissioners Holness noted the budget constraints associated with the Capital Improvement Program.

Mr. Lewis asked if an update of the Broward County Comprehensive Plan is required. Mr. Sniezek answered the update is not legally required. Ms. Feliciano explained that Unincorporated Broward has always been a part of the Broward County Comprehensive Plan and staff is currently doing a major update of the Broward County Comprehensive Plan. The comprehensive plan is being streamlined and will include policies that are implementable and cost feasible.

Mr. Pressley announced he has resigned from the Central County Community Advisory Board, effective October.

Mr. Lewis suggested providing a home refrigerator magnet with bulk trash pickup dates. He also suggested that back-up material be provided for all the agenda items.

Adjourn
The motion to adjourn was made and seconded. The meeting was then adjourned.

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Agenda Item #2
Approval of Minutes of November 19, 2014
I. Call to Order. Alverine Brihm called the meeting to order and requested roll call.

II. Roll Call. Heather Cunniff called the roll and noted a quorum was present. Ms. Brihm introduced two new Central County Community Advisory Board Members, Lisa Curry and Marquis Curry. For the purposes of an orderly meeting, Ms. Brihm requested speakers be recognized and the agenda be followed.

III. Approval of Minutes of August 20, 2014 Meeting. Eligia Lewis III stated it was not appropriate to consider the minutes since this is a workshop.
Motion: Mr. Lewis moved to defer approval of the minutes to the next CCCAB meeting. This motion was seconded by Marquis Curry and passed by a unanimous voice vote.

IV. Board Workshop. Staff explained the purposes of the workshop and introduced the topics for discussion.

A. Purposes:

1. Fulfill the responsibility of the CCCAB to develop recommendations to the County Commission on the nature and quality of services, projects and programs.

   Maribel Feliciano stated the workshop is informal and invited board members to help themselves to refreshments. She then introduced Heather Cunniff and Sheldon Riles to lead remainder of the workshop.

   Ms. Cunniff described the CCCAB from its inception as the voice of their respective communities, Boulevard Gardens, Franklin Park, Roosevelt Gardens and Washington Park. Ms. Cunniff noted the ordinance creating the CCCAB identifies four specific responsibilities and duties as follows:

   a. To act as liaison between the Commission and residents of the unincorporated Central County Community.
   b. To hold meetings to receive comments from residents with regard to matters which affect the health, safety, and welfare of the residents of the unincorporated Central County Community and to formulate ideas from the comments received.
   c. To prepare and submit recommendations for consideration to the Commission regarding the nature and quality of services, projects, and programs for residents of the Central County Unincorporated Community.
   d. To perform other related activities as may from time to time be requested by the Commission.

   She stated the main purpose of this workshop is to fulfill the first and third responsibilities.

2. Provide Broward County staff with comments and feedback regarding #BrowardNext, Broward County’s comprehensive plan update initiative.

   Ms. Cunniff explained the #BrowardNext initiative is a major update to Broward County’s Comprehensive Plan. She noted Broward County’s upcoming centennial on October 1, 2015 and that through #BrowardNext we will attempt to answer the following question: how will we continue to thrive and succeed over the next 100 years? #BrowardNext involves a review of the Broward County Land Use Plan and the Broward County Comprehensive Plan. Ms. Cunniff pointed out that the main goal of #BrowardNext is to devise more efficient methods and policies to
address growth and development challenges and opportunities. There are six focus areas:

1. Redevelopment
2. Housing
3. Natural Recreation and Historic Resources
4. Transportation Public Facilities
5. Public Facilities (non-transportation)
6. Disaster prevention and emergency management

Ms. Cunniff stated there is an Ad-Hoc Steering Committee with eight members that was created in August 2014. Three members are from the Broward County Planning Council, two are from the Broward League of Cities, two are from the Broward County Commission, one of which is Commissioner Dale Holness, and one Ex-officio Planning Expert.

Through December there will be Ad-Hoc Steering Committee and focus area meetings. Throughout 2015, staff will conduct more stakeholder outreach and more focus area meetings. The Ad-Hoc Steering Committee also will continue to meet. Ms. Cunniff encouraged the CCCAB members to get involved and provide input. Preliminary policy recommendations are expected in 2015. Final recommendations are expected in 2016. More information can be found on www.broward.org/browardnext.

Ms. Feliciano asked the Advisory Board to identify priorities. Mr. Lewis inquired about the lack of development and housing funds from the state to support the goals and objectives derived from this workshop. Ms. Feliciano pointed out that Broward County is presently drafting its legislative agenda, which is used to represent the County’s interests in Tallahassee and Washington D.C. Once final, the legislative agenda will be provided to the CCCAB.

B. Topics for Discussion: Board Members will identify services, projects, or programs needed by the community under each topic (Attachment A).

Sheldon Riles facilitated the identification of services, projects, and programs by the CCCAB and welcomed questions. Mr. Lewis questioned the effectiveness of a zero budget. Ms. Feliciano mentioned that the County has a budget which is adopted yearly which includes services to Central County. If the CCCAB has new ideas for redevelopment projects, County funding sources will have to be identified. Commissioner Dale Holness commented on the budget. He mentioned there is 4.8 million dollars available for economic development. There may be a need for additional funds beyond the yearly created budget.

Alphonso Jefferson introduced himself and explained his role as County Administration’s representative. He is the advocate for Central County and will work to ensure required services and programs are provided. Julia Porter asked if any of
the 4.8 million dollars will go towards the recommendations from this workshop. Commissioner Holness and Mr. Jefferson explained the process to allocate funds. Chair Brihm stated the CCCAB should know the strategy for using the 4.8 million dollars and be provided with a written accounting of expenditures.

Ms. Feliciano recommended having a presentation on the implementation of the economic development strategy at the next regular CCCAB meeting. Mr. Jefferson noted the 4.8 million dollars is geared toward economic development, which is only one component of an enhancement strategy for the Central County community.

Mr. Riles mentioned that the workshop will clarify issues and ensure staff aligns its work programs with the issues that are important to the community. Ms. Feliciano stated that staff will provide regular progress reports and updates on the items identified by the CCCAB as priorities.

Mr. Riles led a brainstorming session to identify services, projects and programs desired by CCCAB on each of the following topics:

- Code Enforcement
- Crime & Law Enforcement
- Economic Development
- Existing Land Use, Zoning & Future Land Use
- Housing
- Street Enhancements
- Social Services
- Other Items (Advisory Board members were asked to provide additional topics but they agreed that the topics selected were appropriate)

The results of the brainstorming session are shown in Attachment B. Crime/law enforcement and social/public services are the top two priorities. Housing is the second priority. Street enhancement is the third priority. Code enforcement and economic development are the fourth priorities. Existing land use, future land use, and zoning issues did not rank as a priority.

V. Next Steps & Workshop Report. The workshop concluded and Mr. Riles stated that staff will develop a work plan based upon the items identified by the CCCAB. Ms. Feliciano noted that Mr. Jefferson is establishing a team of department directors and staff to review, on a monthly basis, the progress of projects and services in Central County and other unincorporated area neighborhoods, and address the community’s needs and concerns. The priorities identified by the CCCAB will be considered in future funding discussions. The workshop was adjourned.

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Attachment A
November 19, 2014 Workshop Topics

The workshop topics below were identified by ongoing discussion with Board members and comments given at previous Board meetings. At the beginning of the workshop, your assistance will be sought to identify which topics the Board would like to discuss first. Definitions and examples of possible projects and programs for each topic are provided below:

- **Code Enforcement** – The prevention, detection, investigation and enforcement of violations of statutes or ordinances regulating public health, safety, and welfare, public works, business activities and consumer protection, building standards, land-use, or municipal affairs.
  - *Example:* Rental housing registration program.

- **Crime & Law Enforcement** - An action or an instance of negligence that is deemed harmful to the public welfare or to the interests of the state and punishable by law. Local law enforcement officers enforce the law to prevent criminal activities.
  - *Example:* Neighborhood crime watch program.

- **Housing** – The provision of adequate housing options for all residents.
  - *Example:* Infill housing program.

- **Economic Development** – The promotion of economic growth in an area by improving factors such as health, education, working conditions and job creation.
  - *Example:* Central County Economic Development Strategy.

- **Existing Land Use, Zoning, & Future Land Use:**
  - **Existing Land Use:** The current use and arrangement of buildings and structures on a parcel of land.
    - *Example:* Renovate or rebuild deteriorating structures.
  - **Zoning** – The separation of real property into districts to regulate development in terms of specific land uses and the layout and arrangement of buildings and structures on individual properties.
- **Example:** Revise the parking standards to promote economic development.

  o **Future Land Use:** The separation of real property into general categories of land use.
    
    - **Example:** Amend the Future Land Use Map and Broward County Land Use Plan Map to allow mixed uses on NW 27th Avenue.

- **Street Enhancements** – The improvement of a roadway’s appearance. Types of improvements may include: lighting, landscaping, widening/narrowing of lanes, sidewalk enhancements, multi-modal modes of transportation, etc.

  - **Example:** Street redesign to add bicycle lanes, sidewalks and pedestrian crossings.

- **Social Services** – The range of public services provided by governmental or private organizations.

  - **Example:** Education; job training; health education; etc.
### Summary of Recommendations & Priority Topics

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1. Landscaping, driveways/parking, fencing in disrepair, parking in swale, pressure washing sidewalk.
2. Cite pet owners who allow their animals to relieve themselves on others properties and swales.
3. Revise property maintenance codes – high weed and paint nuisances.

### Economic Development
1. Create business revitalization programs/incubators.
2. Create grants for striving entities.
3. Create jobs that do not require experience.
4. Provide on-the-job-experience.
5. Capital Improvement project “CRA”.
6. Weed and seed programs.
7. Involve the Opportunities for Industrialization Center of South Florida.

### Existing Land Use, Zoning, & Future Land Use
1. Allow mixed use on NW 27th Avenue.
2. Eliminate non-conforming uses.
3. Add mixed uses.

### Other Items
1. Request homeowners associations to provide recommendations by topic.

### Priority Topic Rankings & Summary

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Agenda Item #3
Summary of CCCAB’s Workshop
Central County Community Advisory Board Workshop  November 19, 2014

**Summary of the Board’s Recommendations & Priorities**

Board members provided 46 recommendations for all topics and received dots • to vote for their top priorities.

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Overview of Current Projects
# Central County

## General Issues/Projects

1. Strategy for Board-Ups/Teardowns  
2. Strategy for County Owned Vacant Lots  
3. Landscaping Requirements for New Single Family/Duplex Lots  
4. Liens Processing  
5. Coordination with Solid Waste Services – Trash/Bulk Pickup  
6. County Owned Vacant Lot Maintenance  
7. Community Newsletter  
8. BMSD Website  
9. Neighborhood Signs  
10. County Staff Contacts for Community Leaders  
12. Rental Registration Program - Community Notice and Effectiveness  
13. “Safe Streets” Project for NW 27th Avenue – Broward Blvd to Sunrise Blvd  
14. Voluntary Land Banking for Economic Development  
15. Reform Commercial, Industrial and Mixed Use Zoning Districts  
16. Residential Build-out of Franklin Park Estates Plat  
17. Construction of Reverend Delevoe Park Entrance  
18. Redevelopment Grants  
19. Demolition Grants  
20. Façade Grants  
21. Revolving Loan Fund  
22. Code/BSO Follow-Up on 7th Court/Street, 9th Street, and 13th Street  
23. Broward Boulevard/1st Street Parking and Access  
24. Stationary Mobile Food Units  
25. Lafayette Hart Park Tables/Benches/Restrooms  
26. Lafayette Hart Park Modular Building Replacement  
27. Revisions of Opening at NW 25th Ave and NW 9th Ct  
28. Boulevard Gardens Parks Improvement  
29. Boulevard Gardens Street Lights  
30. Dillard Green Space Electronic Sign and Park Enhancement  
31. African American Library Community Resource Center  
32. Boys and Girls Club Relocation  
33. Swale Obstructions  
34. Central County Business Group*  
35. BSO/Fire Presence in Community*  
36. Job Training*  
37. Homeless*  
38. Engagement of Community Youth*  
39. Community Leadership Development*  
40. County Sponsorship of Community Events*  
41. Illegal/Inappropriate Rehab Facilities*  
42. Landscape Enhancements – Tree Trust Fund*  
43. Code Zoning Staffing and Resources*  
44. County Staff Representation at Civic Association Meetings*  

* Unspecified Project – To Be Discussed
Agenda Item #5
Sunrise Beautification Project

/design renderings will be provided during the meeting/
Agenda Item #6

Initial Assessment – Current Status: Completed

Through the use of information from the Broward County Property Appraiser database as well as extensive business visitations, OESBD developed a database of all parcels located along the Central County Unincorporated Area (CCUA) commercial corridors of:

- Broward Boulevard (north side) from NW 24th Avenue to NW 31st Avenue;
- Sunrise Boulevard from NW 24th Avenue to NW 31st Avenue; and
- NW 27th Avenue from Sunrise Boulevard to Broward Boulevard

Analysis of parcel information indicated that there are a total of 82 businesses in operation along the CCUA commercial corridors. OESBD has assembled property profiles and information sheets on each parcel.

The initial assessment also included visitations with business owners along the corridors and staff assessments of the areas limitations assisted by the review of previous reports/recommendations regarding the CCUA. To date, a total of 30 businesses have been contacted through the business visitation effort.

As part of the next stage of commercial corridor assessment, OESBD selected the Urban Land Institute (ULI) to provide an independent assessment and development recommendations the CCUA corridors. ULI conducted its assessment on October 15-16, 2014. The ULI Final Report was received on December 17, 2014.

ULI Two-day Technical Assistance Panel – Current Status: Completed & waiting for final ULI report

The ULI Technical Assistance Panel (TAP) was held on October 15-16, 2014, and included two public meetings with CCUA stakeholders (business owners, property owners and residents) meetings at the Urban League of Broward County, located at 560 NW 27th Avenue, a tour of CCUA and visitation of specific business and parcel locations throughout the CCUA. OESBD and Planning and Redevelopment Division provided extensive background information to the ULI TAP and made staff available to answer questions and serve as a resource while the panel convened. OESBD has also facilitated provided supplementary information as the ULI Tap formulates its final report.

Creation of Resource Tool Box – Current Status: Ongoing

OESBD has proposed the following 5 programs for development/redevelopment of the CCUA commercial corridors:

1. **Facade/Property Improvement Grant Program** is intended to remove blight along Central County Community’s commercial corridors by assisting businesses and commercial property owners in improving building aesthetics and by bringing commercial sites into conformance with current codes.
2. **Business Development/Redevelopment Grant Program** would provide Central County businesses and property owners with access to flexible financial assistance to help them implement projects that cannot be undertaken with traditional financing programs.

3. **Revolving Loan Fund** is intended to assist Central County business and commercial property owners in their efforts to revitalize and enhance commercial corridors and industrial areas by providing below-market rate financing to fund operating costs and capital projects as a means to spur commercial redevelopment.

4. **Demolition Matching Grants** would be designed to accelerate the demolition of unsafe and unsuitable structures to help speed the recovery and reimagining of the area.

5. **Strategic Parcel Assembly Program** would assemble lots in order to make larger parcels of developable land or green space along the commercial corridors of Central County Community where appropriate.

Program applications for the Demolition, Façade, and Redevelopment grant programs as well as the Revolving Loan Program have been drafted for final review and approval.

**One-on-One Meetings with Business/Property Owners – Current Status: Ongoing**

Meetings began in September 2013 with the property owners located along the CCUA commercial corridors. As mentioned above, a total of 30 of the 82 CCUA businesses have been contacted to date. OESBD determined that due to the impact of the proposed “Complete Streets” program targeted for NW 27th Avenue, and the proposed Riverbend Marketplace (Walmart) development located at the intersection of Broward Boulevard and NW 27th Avenue, focus of visitation should be directed towards business located on NW 27th Avenue in order to maximize impact of development already underway. During this phase, minimal contact has been made with Sunrise and Broward Boulevard firms regarding projects potentially eligible for the Tool Box.

OESBD has had direct contact with 23 active businesses along NW 27th Avenue and maintained contact with 1 company on Broward Boulevard, a firm that has maintained consistent interest in the program for over a year. Of these 24 firms, 6 have indicated a strong interest in accessing the Economic Toolbox; 2 of these firms have obtained renderings/estimates and have submitted detailed packages to OESBD; 3 firms are requesting more information from the County, and 1 has requested more time to obtain estimates. Proposal made by responding firms include a mix of the Economic Toolbox components including: façade grants, redevelopment grants, demolition grants, and loans.

**Complete Streets – Northwest 27th Avenue – Current Status: Ongoing**

On July 30, 2013, staff from OESBD, the Planning and Redevelopment Division and Traffic Engineering, met to discuss the proposed Complete Streets makeover for NW 27th Avenue. Complete streets have been shown to increase a sense of place, while calming traffic, improving ascetic feel, and enhancing pedestrian/bicycle safety. In August 2014, the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) announced that their contribution for NW 27th Avenue would not be forthcoming this year. It has not yet been determined whether this funding shortfall will come from the $4 million CCUA capital improvement budget.
Support of Planning New Proposed Uses and Zoning in CCUA - *Current Status: Motion to Direct to be placed on Commission Agenda*

The Environmental Planning and Growth Management Department, Planning and Redevelopment Division with the support of OESBD, is recommending that the County Commission approve an amendment to the Code to add flexibility and facilitate new commercial, industrial, and mixed-use development and redevelopment to better facilitate new commercial, industrial and mixed-use development and redevelopment and protect and promote the health, safety and welfare of the unincorporated areas.

**Purchase of Tater Town – *Current Status: Purchase Offer Accepted***

In October 2014, a collection of 6 contiguous parcels, on the West side of NW 27th Avenue, and immediately South of NW 4th Street were listed for sale. These parcels were known as “Tater Town”, a roadside fruit and vegetable market that had been in business since the 1970s. OESBD recommended the purchase of this property as part of the Strategic Parcel Assembly Program. A County offer of $300,000 has been accepted by the seller at a cost to the County of $300,000. The parcels represent a significant strategic development and blight removal opportunity in the center of the targeted NW 27th Avenue area. Agenda item authorizing purchase of “Tater Town” parcels has been drafted for review by County Administration prior to submission to the Board.

**Support of recommended use of Sunrise and 27th for housing - *Current Status: Ongoing***

County-owned land, comprised of 17 contiguous parcels, and located on the Southeast corner of Northwest 27th Avenue and Sunrise Boulevard has generated extensive discussion over its future use. The Environmental Planning & Growth Management Department, Planning and Redevelopment Division and OESBD advocate using this land for residential housing.

Next Steps

- Complete Economic Toolbox applications and procedures
- Complete new round of business visitations, expanding to more non-NW 27th Avenue businesses
- Complete vetting of proposed Economic Development Tool Box proposed projects
- A public rollout of the Economic Tool Box program, including flyers, applications, and press releases
- Determine final design elements and new timetable for the complete streets initiative.

Additionally, OESBD expects to seek Board approval in the first quarter of calendar year 2015 for the following:

- ULI TAP Final Report
- CCUA Economic Development Strategy including Economic Development Tool Box Programs and Procedures
- Purchase of Tater Town Parcels
- Minimum of one proposed project for the Economic Development Tool Box
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What Are Technical Assistance Panels (TAPs)?

Since 1947, the Urban Land Institute's (ULI) Advisory Services Program has been assisting communities by bringing together week-long panels of seasoned real estate, planning, landscape architecture, financing, marketing, and development experts to provide unbiased pragmatic advice on complex land use and development issues. Several years ago, the ULI Southeast Florida/Caribbean District Council began providing panel services of one or two days to address specific local government issues in areas such as housing, parking, redevelopment, and future land use development. The District Council has 750 members spread along the east coast of Florida from Indian River County through the Florida Keys and from the Caribbean.

How Do TAPs Work?

A sponsor requests the services of a TAP with regard to a specific issue that can be addressed by a panel of experts in one or two days. The District Council assists the sponsor in refining the scope of the assignment and convenes a panel to address those specific issues. The sponsor works within ULI guidelines to provide background information to ULI panelists prior to the panel's convening. When convened, members of the TAP view the subject site, hear from public and private stakeholders, and then deliberate on the assigned issues. At the conclusion of its work, the panel presents an oral report to stakeholders; that is followed by a written report within approximately six weeks. To ensure objectivity, panel members cannot be involved in matters pending before the sponsor, be working for the sponsor, or solicit work from the sponsor during the panel's assignment period. Panel members volunteer their services to the project.

Who Is ULI?

ULI was founded in 1936 as a non-profit institute to facilitate the open exchange of ideas and information among local, national, and international real estate industry leaders and policy makers dedicated to creating better places. Today it has more than 32,000 members worldwide. The ULI does not lobby or act as an advocate for any single industry. It is committed to providing leadership in the responsible use of land and creating and sustaining thriving communities.
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The Urban League of Broward County Empowerment Center for providing the TAP venue

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Panel Process and Agenda

Panel Process

The Broward County unincorporated central county commercial corridor study TAP process centered on the following five steps:

- Representatives from the ULI Southeast Florida/Caribbean District Council met with county staff to discuss issues related to developing strategies to encourage development, including economic development, along three connected corridors in central unincorporated Broward County.

- ULI Southeast Florida/Caribbean District Council staff researched the county's goals for the TAP and, based on that research, selected the TAP members who had the expertise most tailored to addressing the issues raised by county staff.

- The TAP received a complete set of pre-meeting briefing materials about the central unincorporated Broward County area and its planning history. TAP members also participated in a tour of the area and were briefed by county staff on the area's challenges and opportunities.

- The TAP session extended over one and one-half days. Its work sessions and public comment meetings were held at the Urban League of Broward County Empowerment Center.

- The TAP, under the leadership of the ULI Southeast Florida/Caribbean District Council, prepared a report on its recommendations and conclusions.

Figures 1 and 2: The TAP working together to develop a set of strategic priorities to encourage new economic investment and development along West Broward Boulevard from NW 27th Avenue to NW 31st Avenue, NW 27th Avenue from West Broward Boulevard to West Sunrise Boulevard, and West Sunrise Boulevard from NW 27th Avenue to NW 31st Avenue.
Panel Agenda

The agenda (included as Appendix A) for the one and one-half day TAP was organized as follows.

On October 15, the panel began its orientation with a lunch meeting briefing about and bus tour of the unincorporated central county area. Broward County staff used the tour route (Figure 4) to acquaint the panel with points of interest in the study area. Following the tour, the TAP held an organizational work session. During that time, the TAP learned more about the study area from county staff. After that, the panel held an organizational discussion and met with stakeholders from the area to hear their views. That evening, panel members participated in a working dinner meeting.

On October 16, the panel spent the morning and afternoon working on the issues that county staff had asked it to address. During the day the TAP narrowed and organized its ideas into a meaningful set of priorities. In the late afternoon, the panel members presented their observations and recommendations to and heard comments from an audience of interested citizens, businesses, and community groups.

Figure 3: The TAP participated in a thorough tour of the unincorporated central Broward County area as part of getting to know the community – its assets and opportunities, its challenges, and the concerns and hopes of those who live and have a business in the area.
Background: Developing Strategies to Encourage New Economic Investment in Central Unincorporated Broward County

Getting to Know Central Unincorporated Broward County: Key Features

The People – In 2010 the 695-acre central unincorporated area of Broward County contained a little over 6,200 people. Its residents are predominantly younger and have a lower median income than the county as a whole. The area also has a high concentration of minorities (95.2 percent of the total area population is black). That compares to a county black population of 25.7 percent. Many who live in the area are long-time residents and share a sense of neighborhood pride.

General Conditions – Many of the residential and commercial structures in the area are older and in various stages of disrepair. Because of their age, many of the...
structures have deteriorated and are abandoned and underused. The lots are small, narrow, and shallow and line the road frontage in a strip form of development. As a result, most buildings have insufficient parking under the current code, severely limiting redevelopment and revitalization.

Future Land Uses and Zoning – Residential land uses, largely single-family, dominate the area. Commercial uses (generally small local businesses that provide services to area residents) are concentrated along Broward and Sunrise Boulevards and the NW 27th and NW 31st Avenue corridors. A 2012 Zoning Overlay District for the area addresses construction and site requirements for new single-family homes, duplexes, and adult living facilities and prohibits mobile food-dispensing vehicles. The intent is to enhance and sustain the desired quality of life.

Access – The area is well served by its proximity to I-95 and its two major east-west transportation anchors: Sunrise Boulevard to the north and Broward Boulevard to the south. It is also served by a Tri-Rail Station and benefits from public transportation. The east-west Sistrunk Boulevard anchors the center of the area. The area will soon benefit from the Riverbend Marketplace development that will be anchored by a Walmart Supercenter. The development is located directly across Broward Boulevard from the unincorporated central Broward businesses.

Parks – Unincorporated central Broward benefits from a number of parks. They include two resource-based parks (Boulevard Gardens and Dillard Park Green Space) and five activity parks (Central Broward Regional Park, Delevoe Park, Franklin Park, Lafayette Hart Park, and Roosevelt Gardens Park). Since 2006, Broward County has expanded park acreage by 13.24 acres.

Neighborhood Improvements – Currently, $7 million in neighborhood improvements are underway. They include streetscaping, transit infrastructure, fire station, and Delevoe Park improvements and are in addition to the $25.5 million invested in stormwater drainage, roadways, sidewalks, and landscaping between 1999 and 2005. The area is also the focus of a targeted code enforcement strategy that takes a problem-solving approach.

Figures 5-7: A mid-1970s road expansion of Broward Boulevard eliminated parking in front of businesses, creating the shortage of parking in the area today. Other street improvements (as in the middle image above showing NW 27th Avenue) created wide roads designed to move cars, not people. The narrow commercial strip characteristic of the area is depicted in the lower image showing the 2900 block of Sunrise Boulevard.
Proposed County Economic Development Strategy

The county's Office of Economic and Small Business Development is working with the Planning and Redevelopment, Housing, and Parks and Recreation divisions to develop a set of proposed programs for corridor development and blight removal in the central county area.

Proposed programs include:

- Façade/Property Improvement Grant Program
- Business Development/Redevelopment Grant Program
- Revolving Loan Program
- Demolition Program
- Strategic Land Assembly Program.

The programs are designed as starting points in the process, promoting economic investment and redevelopment in the area. Another key tool was the convening of the ULI TAP.

Central County Community Advisory Board (CCCAB)

The county commission also established the CCCAB in 2012 to relay to the county commission the proposals and concerns of the four central county unincorporated neighborhoods of Boulevard Gardens, Franklin Park, Roosevelt Gardens, and Washington Park. The Advisory Board consists of eight members, all of whom reside within the four neighborhoods. In addition to serving as a liaison between unincorporated central county area residents and the county commission, the board is charged with holding meetings with residents and preparing and submitting recommendations for consideration by the county commission.

An updated redevelopment plan for the central county area was also developed by staff and adopted by the Broward County Commission in 2012. The plan contains an overall vision for the area (above) and establishes a common plan goal, objectives, and policies to guide the central county community and further the vision. The overall goal is to “promote the development of an attractive, predominantly single-family residential community that has a unique sense of place, supports a vibrant local business community, and reflects the values and character of residents.” Objectives to achieve that goal include:

- Enhancing the established predominantly low density residential character of the community and supporting the introduction of new compatible housing.
- Increasing property values and community aesthetics.
- Improving the health and safety of community residents.
- Developing active and passive recreational opportunities within the community that support family activities and enhance the quality of life.
- Enhancing the livability of the community.
- Seeking opportunities in support of successful commercial- and employment-based (re)development that is compatible with the existing and future predominantly lower density residential character of the area.
- Providing safe, efficient, and accessible transportation infrastructure and service to community residents and businesses.
- Promoting the central county community as a great place to live.
Issues for the TAP

The TAP was asked to identify broad strategies and incentives that would create catalytic projects. As outlined in Appendix B, some of the TAP recommendations were to apply to all corridors and others to specific corridors. The recommendations for all corridors were to address how Broward County can best encourage redevelopment in the unincorporated central county area. Corridor-specific recommendations were to address:

- For the West Broward Boulevard corridor, the types of business uses and/or residential uses (depending on suggested land use) that would be recommended for the area in light of the Riverbend Marketplace development (Walmart).
- For the NW 27th Avenue corridor, the types of development that should be considered in the two industrially zoned areas located to the east of NW 27th Avenue and the commercially zoned areas located to the west of NW 27th Avenue.
- For the Sunrise Boulevard corridor, the types of business uses and or residential uses (depending on the suggested land use).

The TAP was also asked to recommend other tools and approaches the county could pursue to support investment and development as well as next steps.
Panel Response to the Broward County Unincorporated Central County Commercial Corridor Questions

“This central area of Broward County is where I spend a great deal of my time. The area is strategically located with close proximity to I-95, a Tri-Rail station, and the city of Fort Lauderdale. It also is important to the county’s history, as celebrated in the African-American Research Library and Cultural Center on Sistrunck Boulevard.”

Dale Holness
Broward County Commission
District 9

Setting the Context

TAP chair Eric Swanson began the panel's public presentation of its recommendations by introducing the panel and highlighting the qualifications of each member and the broad range of expertise of the panel members. The panel, Swanson noted, focused on the formation of strategies that could be used to encourage development, including economic development, along three connected corridors in central unincorporated Broward County, specifically:

- West Broward Boulevard from NW 27th Avenue to NW 31st Avenue
- NW 27th Avenue from West Broward Boulevard to West Sunrise Boulevard
- West Sunrise Boulevard from NW 27th Avenue to NW 31st Avenue

One of the TAP’s first priorities was to listen to what residents said they wanted for the area and what they saw as the area’s strengths and challenges.

What Residents Said About the Area

Participants in the two TAP public input sessions raised a number of common concerns about and hopes for the unincorporated central Broward County area:

- Transportation – the area is one the greatest users of public transportation in the county and also has excellent access to I-95 and to the port; however, better east/west public transportation connections are needed. Attention is also essential to creating convenient and accessible walkways that connect residential and business areas to each other and to transit.
- NW 27th Avenue – residents did not want to see a plan that includes narrowing the roadway connection between Broward B and Sunrise Boulevards. Businesses on NW 27th Avenue depend on easy access, and narrowing the corridor would be problematic.
- Parking – the businesses on the north side of Broward Boulevard suffered years ago when Broward Boulevard...
was widened and right of way was taken away from the businesses. Parking is very limited and hurts the business opportunities on that major throughway.

- **Destination** – people need more reasons to visit the area. One reason is the area's history (building on the African-American Research Library and Cultural Center) and other potential attractions such as the North Fork of the New River that flows through the northwest section of the Fort Lauderdale and a portion of unincorporated Broward County.

- **Economy** – the unemployment rate in the area needs to be addressed as well as the difficulty in opening a local business because of the shortage of parking due to the age of the sites and the current city requirements. That lack of parking is due to site constraints and the challenges in meeting existing city parking requirements. It is also one of the biggest barriers to business development and new investments in the area and needs to be addressed, residents emphasized.

- **Education** – more after-school educational facilities are needed. For example, residents need places where students can go after school and learn more about computers, technology, and other job and life skills.

- **Safety** – concerns about safety need to be addressed before more people will want to visit or live in the area. Better lighting is one solution. Another is to capitalize on the Broward County Sheriff’s Office in the area.

- **Time to Act** – the area has been the subject of many plans that ended up gathering dust. The need now is to make something happen. As one resident observed, “the county needs to replace its book of “no” with a book of “yes.”

**TAP Observations about the Study Area**

In response to the questions it was asked to address, the TAP noted the strengths of the study area in terms of making it more:

- **Conducive for public and private investments, especially along the corridors where the potential for jobs is the greatest. Investments should be targeted, the TAP emphasized, to the areas where they will have the greatest positive impact and improve the live-work-play-shop experience.**

- **Competitive for sustained economic development, including the creation of jobs and additional retail opportunities.**

“**The unincorporated central county area is characterized by residents and businesses that have a strong pride in place, as evidenced by the number who attended the two TAP public input sessions. They care about the aesthetics of the area and are proud of its history and culture. They also share a desire for more jobs in the area and recognize its strategic location in the county.**”

The ULI Technical Assistance Panel

**Area strengths to build on include:**

- A real sense of pride in the community and its appearance and the desire to maintain the community’s rich history while seeking to make necessary changes to be more competitive.

- An excellent central location in Broward County.

- Active participation by the community and a strong desire to grow jobs.

- Sound ideas from earlier studies that now need to be implemented, including changing the current restrictive zoning.

The area's strengths provided the organizing framework for the TAP recommendations and the goal to create a strong sense of place that builds upon the area's cultural, educational, and infrastructure assets (Figure 10 on the following page) and focuses on opportunities to live, work, play, and shop.

**The Predicate for Successful Development and Economic Investment**

- Axiom of “location, location, location” still holds true – accessibility for customers and employees.

- Visibility to target market.

- Available Infrastructure – water, sewer, drainage, roadways.

- Safe environment for residents, customers, and employees.

- Predictability in approval/enforcement process.
Figure 10: The TAP’s recommendations focused on building upon existing community assets (above) that contribute to a shared sense of place and support making the area more competitive for new investments. The challenge, the TAP noted, is to package and use those assets to attract new investments.

TAP Recommendations

To avoid recommendations that sit on a shelf and gather dust, the TAP organized its recommendations around the theme of “getting it done,” centering on the following topics:

- Identifying near-, mid-, and long-term priorities and implementation strategies.
- Leveraging opportunities and existing assets.
- Building a healthy community.
- Moving ideas to reality.
Identifying Near-, Mid-, and Long-Term Priorities and Implementation Strategies

Near-Term

The TAP recommended two principal near-term priorities and related strategies:

1. Reinforce north (at Sunrise Boulevard and NW 27th Avenue) and south (at Broward Boulevard and NW 27th Avenue) entry nodes into the community. Such nodes should be distinguished by using gateway features and facilitating commercial opportunities. Specifically:

   A. Commercial District to anchor north end of NW 27th
   B. NW 27th Streetscape improvements
   C. Relocate the boys and girls club at the Community Center Core
   D. Commercial District to anchor the south end of NW 27th
   E. Opportunity for gateway or entry feature to neighborhood on county property
   F. Extend Sistrunk Streetscape enhancements

Figure 11: Listed above, the TAP recommended a range of near-term priority strategies that included creating commercial opportunities, and distinguishing gateway features, extending the Complete Street treatment on the part of Sistrunk Boulevard east of I-95 to the part in unincorporated central Broward County, establishing a community center that builds on the Broward County Urban League Empowerment Center and African-American Research Library and Cultural Center, and providing a place for the Boys and Girls Club. Another near-term strategy is to encourage mixed-use redevelopment that leverages the new Riverbend Marketplace development to the benefit of the community, utilizes shared parking, and creates a memorable edge at the northeast corner of Sunrise Boulevard and NW 27th Avenue on county-owned land.
a. For the north node, the panel members recognize that the 2007 staff recommendation and related county plans call for the construction of 17 single-family homes on the southeast corner of Sunrise Boulevard and NW 27th Avenue. They also call for specific infrastructure improvements to facilitate the siting of that residential development. One of those improvements will be a decorative concrete barrier that the county agreed to build along Sunrise Boulevard behind the proposed homes. The residential uses stem from residents’ concerns about the commercial uses at the southeast corner that developed in the 1950s (clubs and a liquor store) and became neighborhood nuisances. As a result, the adjacent community asked for change. The TAP members also recognize that although reintroducing more desirable commercial uses on the southeast corner poses site-specific challenges, the importance of the southeast corner as a gateway into the neighborhood cannot be overstated. If residential development on the corner acreage does not proceed as planned, the TAP recommends that neighborhood-oriented commercial uses be reconsidered, either through a sale or a long term lease, with the balance of the vacant land being used for residential development.

b. For the southern node, encourage façade enhancements and create common parking lots for shared use among multiple property owners. Also encourage reuse or redevelopment of large aggregate parcels. Applying some “mixed e-parking (a guidance system that helps visitors find parking faster) calculations could also lessen the burden of the amount of parking required by code.

2. Create a vibrant and safe “main street” corridor along NW 27th Avenue. Specific actions to consider are:

a. Enhancing the community center.

b. Linking parks and recreational spaces.

c. Relocating the Howard Reitman Boys and Girls Club near a park that can be used for outdoor recreational uses. That location should be near the current core and future urban center at NW 27th Street and Sistrunk Boulevard.

d. Preserving and promoting the area’s historical heritage.

e. Installing traffic calming features such as on-street parking and an enlarged pedestrian zone that produces a feeling of safety.

f. Creating multi-purpose, flexible street space (could include using a road lane on a temporary basis) that can be the focus for festivals and special events.
The TAP-recommended mid-term strategies centered on enhancing the area’s three main east-west road connections.

1. Closing selected north-south streets intersecting Broward Boulevard to provide additional areas for shared parking and/or enable larger sites for redevelopment. That will also create some walkable areas along the northern side of the existing commercial properties along Broward Boulevard.

2. Providing side yard parking and façade enhancements and purchasing existing single-family homes for additional development along Sunrise Boulevard.

3. Adding pedestrian and street lighting improvements for the extension of the Sistrunk Boulevard Complete Street treatment.

Roads, the TAP observed, should be a friend, not enemy, to neighborhood buildings and community livability.

Long-Term

1. Making the intersection of NW 27th Avenue and Sistrunk Boulevard the community’s epicenter over time by providing for higher density residential (multi-family and senior housing) and additional commercial development. More residential development is needed to make the additional commercial uses work.

2. Creating and better connecting accessible recreational spaces along the North Fork of the New River.
The TAP’s long term vision indicates a strategy that builds sequentially on previous improvements. The strategy identifies the core of the neighborhood that can become a true hub for the community. The potential for the neighborhood to leverage its natural assets and existing community infrastructure is very high and future efforts should focus on the redevelopment of this central zone.

Leveraging Opportunities and Existing Assets

The new 37-acre Riverbend Marketplace shopping center on the south side of Broward Boulevard just west of I-95 and its Walmart anchor store create an opportunity to bring increased exposure to unincorporated central Broward County, the TAP observed. Strategies to ensure that the community benefits from that new development include:

1. Attracting street traffic to businesses in the study area by creating a business alliance and establishing a distinguishing community brand that identifies the area as a place to visit, live, and invest.
2. Facilitating new partnership opportunities that will lead to more jobs and build strong relations among organizations serving the community.
3. Increasing transit service along NW 27th Avenue, the principal north-south spine connecting the unincorporated central county area.
4. Increasing pedestrian/bicycle facilities connecting the neighborhood to the shopping center (e.g., a shared use path along the river).
5. Providing additional affordable housing choices where, for example, Walmart employees may want to live.

Also essential is leveraging existing land assets. County-owned property, particularly large contiguous or consolidated parcels, can be leveraged as higher density commercial and residential developments. While single-family homes help community stability, a diversity of uses and income-level residents will support additional long-term redevelopment efforts.
Building a Healthy Community

Creating the competitive, sustainable communities of today involves:

Encouraging an active lifestyle for local residents through the development of bike and walking trails. Strategies to encourage greater physical activity include:

1. Using sidewalks and bike trails to connect areas of major development (such as the new Riverbend Marketplace) to city parks and schools.
   a. Improving signage to educate and familiarize residents about the area’s connecting system of trails and sidewalks.
   b. Encouraging more walking and biking as viable and safe alternatives to the use of automobiles for shorter trips. The benefits are improved health through greater physical activity, less congestion of roadways, and a reduced need for parking.
   c. Providing a mix of land uses in close proximity.
   d. Increasing biking options by improving the supporting infrastructures and providing education on bicycle safety for all ages.

Figures 16 and 17: Located on the south side of Broward Boulevard where it intersects NW 27th Avenue, the new Riverbend Marketplace development provides an opportunity to attract customers and potential new residents to the unincorporated central county area. The 186,693-square foot Walmart serves as the development’s anchor store. The new development is within easy walking distance of the Fort Lauderdale Tri-Rail station located just west of I-95.
2. Using vacant lots and other underutilized areas that do not contribute to the community for recreational opportunities and public gathering places that serve as central hubs of positive activity. Such areas should be easy to access by walkways and bicycle paths and could involve both passive and active (playgrounds, for example) spaces. To create such desirable places, attention should be given to:

   a. Removing dangerous and undesirable materials.
   b. Increasing safety and accessibility through improved lighting and visibility.
   c. Adding public amenities such as benches, public restrooms, drinking fountains, and biking and walking infrastructure.

Those same vacant lots and underutilized areas could also be used in the development of community gardens or urban farms that provide healthful food options and can be used to reclaim unproductive and vacant land parcels and foster a sense of community. Locating urban farms or community gardens in proximity to other uses such as playgrounds and schools will provide improved visibility and access. Education about gardening and the benefits of a healthy diet should be a part of the program, especially for children and young adults. Education could be provided through the Boys and Girls Club or the African-American Research Library and Cultural Center. Florida’s Farm to School program (<www.freshfromflorida.com/Divisions-Offices/Food-Nutrition-and-Wellness/Nutrition-Programs/Assistance-for-Sponsors/Farm-to-School>) also focuses on providing fresh, healthful food. In that program, local farms partner with K-12 schools to provide Florida’s children with nourishing, locally grown fresh fruits and vegetables in school cafeterias.

In summary, using vacant lots and underutilized areas for biking and walking paths, recreational areas, and community and urban farming will contribute to a strong sense of community and encourage healthy lifestyles.

Figure 18: The Miami River Greenway is a developing trail that will create an integrated network of neighborhoods, businesses, cultural attractions, and public parks along both banks of the Miami River. Development of the trail is a joint project between the Miami River Commission and the Trust for Public Land. When complete, it will be a scenic, paved 10-mile trail featuring historical markers, information kiosks, public art, decorative lighting, and benches.

Figure 19: Located in the Northwood Village area of West Palm Beach, the Village Greens Community Garden is one of two city-designated community gardens to demonstrate sustainable living principles such as chemical free gardening, solar power, and water conservation practices. Access to the garden is free.
Moving Ideas to Reality

A variety of tools will be required to turn the ideas for unincorporated central Broward County into reality. Those tools, which are consistent with prior plans, include:

1. Putting in place a favorable regulatory environment. That should include:
   a. Replacing the current perception of a county book of “no” with a clear sense of what the county’s desired end product is.
   b. Amending the zoning and land use regulations to allow a mixed-use, flexible zoning district and increased land use densities along the corridor. Also amend the existing non-conforming sections to allow the use of existing buildings and sites.
   c. Adopting design guidelines and working with code enforcement so that buildings can evolve as the market changes and still provide for the safety and welfare of the public.

2. Establishing and sustaining a leadership structure that:
   a. Will champion the unincorporated central county area and help it become more livable and competitive as a place to live, visit, and invest.
   b. Can effectively implement the community’s vision and be responsive, flexible, and focused on eliminating the traditional bureaucratic delays that too often serve as barriers to getting things done. Without an entity that provides leadership and advocacy, the TAP observed, all the time, energy, and money spent by the community and the county over the last 28-plus years will not allow unincorporated central Broward County to reach its full potential.

3. Activate and empower with dedicated resources the Central County Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) that has its own board representative of the community and can focus on the specific needs of unincorporated central Broward County. The CRA is also positioned to remove impediments to investment. The TAP recommended that the CRA:
   a. Locate its office at the new urban center at NW 27th Street and Sistrunk Boulevard.
   b. Create tactical team with key county departments and staff to develop a streamlined building permit and planning process, develop zoning and land use regulations and design guidelines, and take a holistic approach to code enforcement to address issues such as non-conforming uses, structures, and sites. Additional features could include putting in place a fine abatement program and heightening the presence of the Broward County Sheriff's office.
   c. Establish and manage a capital project budget. That should include allocating to the Central County CRA a dedicated income stream from Tax Incremental Financing (TIF) funds that are now being directed into the general county fund.
   d. Include local representation on the CRA Board, and not limit participation to elected officials.

Roles and responsibilities of the Central County CRA would include:

- Owning and controlling property.
- Reviewing and approving redevelopment plans.
- Reflecting the desires of the community (residents and businesses).
- Holding monthly (regular) board meetings and quarterly or more, as needed, community-wide meetings. All activities of the CRA should also be transparent.
- Hiring a full-time Executive Director who can leverage dollars, support board actions, engage the community, be an excellent communicator, have a knowledge of the development and government process, and be an experienced administrator

“The mantra for unincorporated central Broward County should be ‘we’re getting it done this time.’ That will require a specific focus on the area’s needs and assets and the how of getting things done. Without action, the community will decline, depriving the county of a net positive tax base.”

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The common denominator in successful development across the county is the involvement of the community and the Board of County Commissioners, noted the TAP in its closing comments. “If you want things to change, you need to be the champions for change. Who among you is that champion? And who is ready to act? If not now, when?”

In order to make that “when” now, the next steps are to:

- Identify and prioritize implementation strategies.
  - Near term – focus on NW 27th Avenue, the area’s main street. Reinforce it at its southern (Broward Boulevard) and northern (Sunrise Boulevard) ends. On the street itself, create a safe, walkable environment that provides access and parking for local businesses; invest in a positive pedestrian zone and public gathering places; and feature the area’s rich history and cultural heritage.
  - Mid-term – invest in the area’s three main east-west roads (Sunrise, Sistrunk, and Broward Boulevards), provide additional parking, add pedestrian improvements and lighting, and facilitate additional development and façade improvements.
  - Long-term – transform the intersection of NW 27th Avenue and Sistrunk Boulevard into the area’s epicenter by attracting additional commercial development, along with residential to make the commercial a success; also create strong connections with the North Fork of the New River through accessible recreational space and greenways.

- Leverage opportunities and existing land assets. The investment in and projected high traffic going to the new Riverbend Marketplace presents a unique timely opportunity to expose and draw marketplace visitors (and potential new residents) to the NW 27th commercial corridor, form beneficial partnerships, and increase transit services. Significantly leveraging existing land assets to generate additional growth and development funding is also important.

- Build a healthy community. Attention to making the area more walkable and bikeable will result in healthier residents and attract new ones interested in a more active lifestyle. Strategies include providing for a mix of land uses in close proximity and connected systems of walking and biking routes, developing attractive recreational spaces, and establishing community and urban gardens with easy access to healthy food.

- Move ideas to reality. Strong leadership (public and private) that has the capacity and tenacity to see the vision through. Overcoming obstacles along the way, celebrating successes, and providing an enabling regulatory environment are critical ingredients. Also pivotal is empowering the existing CRA and providing it with meaningful financial resources that are dedicated to benefiting the community. The Board of County Commissioners bringing in the TAP at this key juncture and so many residents who demonstrated their commitment to the area by attending the TAP meetings create a strong foundation for moving forward.

“The unincorporated central county commercial corridor is well positioned to attract future growth and investment. The area benefits from its central location, available infrastructure, and access to transit. It also benefits from two essential ingredients for success: residents’ pride in their community and the support of the Broward County Board of County Commissioners. The final piece of the puzzle is strong citizen champions who can work in partnership with the county.”

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Appendix A: TAP Agenda

ULI Southeast Florida/Caribbean
Technical Advisory Panel (TAP) Workshop
Broward County Broward/NW 27th Ave./Sunrise Corridors Agenda
October 15 and 16, 2014

Wednesday, October 15th

12:00 – 1:30 pm  Panel arrives, meets over catered lunch (county staff invited) Urban League of Broward County Empowerment Center 560 NW 27th Ave, Fort Lauderdale, FL

1:30 – 3:00 pm  Van tour of study area corridors; Leaving from lunch venue, tour led by county staff

3:00 – 5:30 pm  Panel Organizational Discussion, Urban League Workroom

5:30 – 7:00 pm  Panel Discussion with Stakeholders (Public Meeting), Urban League of Broward County Empowerment Center.

7:00 – 7:30 pm  Travel to Riverside Hotel and Check-In, 620 E. Las Olas, Fort Lauderdale

7:30 – 9:00 pm  Dinner & Discussion (county staff invited), Timpano's Restaurant, 450 E. Las Olas  (Martin Room)

Thursday, October 16th

7:30 – 8:30 am  Breakfast at Hotel, Riverside Hotel

8:30 – 10:00 am  Panel Work Session (closed to public), Urban League Workroom

10:00 – 10:30 am  Break

10:30 am – 12:30 pm  Panel Work Session (closed to public)

12:30 – 1:30 pm  Working Lunch (catered onsite)

1:30 – 3:00 pm  Panel Work Session (closed to public)

3:00 – 3:30 pm  Break

3:30 – 5:00 pm  Panel Review of Draft Recommendations & Power Point Prep (closed to public)

5:30 – 6:30 pm  Presentation of Draft Report (Public Meeting); Questions & Answers, Urban League of Broward County Empowerment Center
Appendix B: Questions and Focus

The focus of this TAP is the formation of strategies to encourage development, including economic development, along three connected corridors in central unincorporated Broward County. Most specifically, the TAP panel will direct its efforts to three corridors described below:

- West Broward Blvd. from NW 27th Avenue to NW 31st Avenue;
- NW 27th Avenue from W. Broward Blvd. to W. Sunrise Blvd.; and
- West Sunrise Blvd. from NW 27th Avenue to NW 31st Avenue.

By concentrating its attention on these corridors, the panel will identify broad strategies and incentives to create catalytic projects. Since this is such a broad area, recommendations will be broad in nature and apply to the corridors as a whole. Specific plots that are key for the stimulation of development and redevelopment may be identified by the panel.

As part of this project, the panel is asked to review prior studies and analysis of the area. The panel is asked to address the following questions for the three corridors outlined above:

**For All Corridors:**

- How best can Broward County encourage redevelopment along study area?
  - What public sector actions need to take place to make this corridor attractive for a public/private partnership project? For market-rate investment?
  - What land use and zoning code changes/specific policy changes would make the unincorporated area more attractive to public and/or private sector development?
  - What infrastructure improvements need to be made?
  - How could these improvements be funded?
  - What conditions or incentives could attract private sector investment to the corridors?

**Corridor-specific Questions:**

- For West Broward Boulevard Corridor:
  - What type of business uses and or residential use (depending on suggested land use) would be recommended for the area in light of the Riverbend Marketplace development (Walmart)?

- For the NW 27th Avenue Corridor:
  - What types of development should be considered in the two industrially zoned areas located to the east of NW 27th Avenue:
    - north of the Broward Sheriff’s Office/south of the Urban League Community Empowerment Center; and
    - north of Sistrunk Blvd./south of NW 8th Street and how should that development be incentivized?
  - What types of development should be considered in the commercially zoned areas located to the west of NW 27th Avenue?
• For Sunrise Boulevard Corridor:
  – What types of business uses and or residential use (depending on suggested land use) would be recommended for the area?

**Overall:**

• What other tools, techniques or capacity are recommended for the County to pursue that will help support investment and development on these sites?

• What are the recommended next steps?
Agenda Item #7
Recycling Reward Program
Starting February 2015
Recycling Pays in More Ways Than One!

With the Waste Pro Rewards for Recycling program, the more often you recycle, the more discount offers you can receive. Sign up today and earn money-saving coupons from local and national retailers. Save on dining, hotels, and much more!

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Waste Pro uses Radio-Frequency Identification (RFID) technology on collection trucks to scan information on a chip located inside your blue recycling cart. Each time your recycling cart is scanned, your recycling activity is recorded. Your home address is credited when you recycle (on your scheduled collection day). Recycle more for greater rewards!

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Here’s How Easy It Is To Recycle!

- **GLASS**: Glass bottles and jars
- **PAPER**: Newspaper, magazines, junk mail, office and school paper, catalogs, phone books, cereal boxes, milk and juice boxes, pasta boxes
- **PLASTIC**: Plastic bottles including soda bottles, milk and water jugs, and laundry product containers
- **METAL**: Aluminum, steel and tin food cans
- **CARDBOARD**: Flattened cardboard

If you have general questions about the program or about recycling, contact Broward County Solid Waste and Recycling Services at 954-765-4999, or visit broward.org/recycling.

NO GARBAGE

Do not put these items in recycling container:
- No food-contaminated paper or cardboard, or waxed cardboard
- No styrofoam or plastic take-out containers or trays
- No plastic bags or plastic wrap
- No ceramics, toys, mirrors, light bulbs or glassware
- No hoses, ropes, wires or holiday lights
- No tires, electronics or household hazardous waste
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Informational Items
Delivering more help to people living in 33311 ZIP code

DOH-Broward has launched two initiatives to improve the health of children and families in the 33311 ZIP code in central Broward.

First, the National Association of County and City Health Officials granted DOH-Broward $48,600 to expand the breastfeeding education program in the neighborhood.

Second, the United Way of Broward awarded the department $48,333 to increase outreach efforts (pictured at left) to enroll families from 33311 in the state’s low-cost KidCare health insurance program for children.

“This is an area of our county with many needs, where we feel we can make a strong impact,” says Dr. Paula Thaqi, Director of DOH-Broward.

The 33311 ZIP code is roughly bounded by North Andrews Avenue, West Broward Boulevard, State Road 7 and West Oakland Park Boulevard. The area has Broward's highest poverty rate (32.4 percent), a median household income of $31,000 per year, over 1,300 births per year and more than 25,000 children.

Breastfeeding – Studies show that babies who are breastfed receive many health benefits, including fewer infections, a reduced risk of Sudden Infant Death Syndrome, and healthy cholesterol that leads to improved brain development.

DOH-Broward’s Women, Infants and Children (WIC) program will use the new 18-month grant to hire a peer counselor (a mother who breastfed) who will work closely with pregnant women and new mothers in the neighborhood.

WIC peer counselors have promoted breastfeeding for years, educating and helping over 14,000 mothers in hospitals. In September 2013, DOH-Broward intensified the program in south Broward under a partnership with Memorial Healthcare System.

The counselors work one-on-one with women before delivery, in the hospital and after childbirth to develop breastfeeding plans, to offer lactation consulting and to assist those returning to work or school. They lead support groups for new mothers with breastfeeding difficulties, and lend breast pumps when needed.

With the new grant, WIC will expand those direct services into 33311, and will work with the Broward Health system as a potential hospital partner for counseling services.

“We will work with the mothers to support and protect breastfeeding from pregnancy to the hospital, and then we will follow up in our clinics and their homes,” says Esther March Singleton, WIC Breastfeeding Coordinator, who heads the project.

In addition, WIC will expand a successful partnership with Healthy Mothers, Healthy Babies Coalition of Broward in the “Mocha Milk” and “Mahogany” programs, both of which work to achieve healthy births and children.

“We see a lot of drop off in breastfeeding when the new mothers get home in that first week after delivery,” says Rebecca Hacker, WIC Director. “With this project, we’ll have an established relationship with the new mothers and we can work with them to continue breastfeeding.”

KidCare – The KidCare team at DOH-Broward will use its new grant to dedicate an outreach worker to the 33311 area, to increase marketing, enrollment efforts and linkage services. Such efforts have been shown to bring more uninsured children to health coverage.

The KidCare team has long performed extensive outreach efforts. The grant will allow more contact – and more personal contact – with families that have children ages 5 to 19 in 33311. Special emphasis will be placed on the Dorsey-Riverbend neighborhood, off Broward Boulevard near Interstate 95.
“This is an area where many children do not have health coverage,” says Rebecca Miele, KidCare Outreach Coordinator at DOH-Broward.

The state-subsidized KidCare program covers children’s health care through Florida Medicaid, Children’s Medical Services and the non-profit Healthy Kids Corp. Families with qualifying incomes can cover all children in the home for as little as $20 a month total, but families of any income can cover their children at very low rates. For more information please call 954-467-4700.
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Free Tax Preparation

Free tax help may be closer than you think

What to Bring:
- Proof of identification (photo ID)
- Social Security cards or Individual Taxpayer Identification Numbers (ITIN) for you, your spouse, and/or dependents
- Proof of foreign status, if applying for an ITIN
- Birth dates for all on the tax return
- For married filing joint, both spouses must be present
- All Forms W2, W-2, 1099 and 1098
- A copy of last year’s federal and state returns
- Proof of bank account and routing information if choosing direct deposit of refund (e.g. voided check)
- Total paid to daycare provider and their tax ID
- Health insurance exemption certificate, if received
- All Forms 1095 Health Insurance statements

One-on-one Tax Return Preparation Services (VITA/TCE)
Each year, the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) and the Tax Counseling for the Elderly (TCE) programs offer free, face-to-face tax help to people with low-to-moderate income. IRS-tax law certified volunteers provide this free service with electronic filing to all people who qualify. All you have to do is bring your documentation, and we'll do the rest.

Make plans to come see us soon! We will be glad to assist you with your tax preparation needs.

A NEW START - Franklin Park (2501 Franklin Drive)
Roosevelt Gardens Park (2841 NW 11 Street)
Sunview Park (1500 SW 42nd Avenue)
Fort Lauderdale
January 28 – April 11, 2015
Wednesdays: 6PM to 8PM
Saturdays: 9AM to 1PM

Get more details on VITA and TCE by going to www.irs.gov and typing VITA in the search box and clicking on "Free tax return preparation for you by volunteers."