

THE LINCOLNVILLE COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AREA 2016 ANNUAL REPORT



A Brief Overview of the LCRA...

In 2013, the Lincolnville Community Redevelopment Area was established after a formal study found conditions of blight in the area. The purpose of the LCRA is to promote the preservation and improvement of the Lincolnville neighborhood by implementing and encouraging physical revitalization and economic growth. An associated Redevelopment Plan provides specific recommendations for projects and programs the LCRA may fund to eliminate blight. The LCRA is governed by the St. Augustine Community Redevelopment Agency, which consists of the City Commission, and guided by a separate five member Steering Committee. The role of the Steering Committee is to discuss redevelopment activity in Lincolnville, gather input from the public, and make recommendations to the Agency regarding the best course of action for implementing the Lincolnville Redevelopment Plan.

Under Florida Law, all CRAs in the state are required to complete an annual report for its redevelopment activities from the previous fiscal year. We are using this as an opportunity to reflect on the LCRA's accomplishments from the 2016 fiscal year, beginning on October 1, 2015 and ending on September 30, 2016.

2016: A Year In Review

By: Nicholas Noloboff, LCRA Steering Committee Chair

Fiscal Year (FY) 2016 began October 1, 2015 with the Steering Committee's desire to continue to implement LCRA initiatives where we found strong public support. The year's work focused on addressing parking and mobility issues, housing concerns, access to recreation, and communicating about the LCRA mission and the suitability of the LCRA plan itself. 2016 also saw a few local experts advise on topics like title clearing, and how to maintain a thriving—and safe—tree canopy in Lincolnville.

Our greatest success in FY 2016 was our popular Fix-It-Up program, which accounted for 17 projects by year's end. These projects, which range from new roofs to updated windows, doors, bathrooms, etc., were undertaken by the St. Johns County Housing Partnership, who we continue to contract with for this important work.

We also addressed mobility by recommending a pair of one-ways on Moore and Pomar streets. This "test run" will help residents determine if Lincolnville's traffic and parking challenges can be improved by expanding the use of one-way pairs. To the north end of Lincolnville we repainted yellow curbs to encourage more orderly parking.

We ended FY 2016 with an investment in recreation—\$23,000 to help complete signage and a paved walking path at our neighborhood's newest open space, Dr. Robert B. Hayling Freedom Park, at the southern terminus of Riberia Street. Go check out the view if you haven't already. It's fabulous!

Thanks to all who attend our monthly meetings to offer their ideas, concerns, and interest in the LCRA. Our work is best with your input.



2016 Major Highlights



In the 2016 fiscal year, the LCRA funded 15 Fix-it-Up Projects and 2 Emergency Assistance Projects, totaling **\$123,095.41**



Outreach and promotional materials funded include the Lincolnville Newsletter and posters and handouts for the LCRA booth at the Lincolnville Festival



To improve accessibility to natural areas, the LCRA funded signage, landscaping, and a pathway at Dr. Robert B. Hayling Park

FY 2016 FINANCIAL REPORT

REVENUE	
Ad Valorem Taxes	\$101,770
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	
Transfers In	\$148,281
EXPENDITURES	
◆ Fix-it-Up and Emergency Assistance Programs	\$123,095.41
◆ Sidewalk and Infrastructure Improvements	\$31,578.20
◆ Payment to the City of St. Augustine for LCRA Study	\$25,000.26
◆ Public Outreach and Promotional Programs	\$5,350.63
◆ Education, Training, and Professional Memberships	\$5,043.84
Total Operating Expenditures	\$190,068.34
ASSETS	\$136,622.22
LIABILITIES	\$7,400
BEGINNING FUND BALANCE	\$69,239
CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE	\$59,982
END FUND BALANCE	\$129,221

Looking Ahead— What's next for the LCRA?

The LCRA has recently been immersed in the process to amend the Lincolnville Redevelopment Plan.

The purpose of this project is to reassess and modify programs and projects currently listed in the plan, as well as add new projects and programs as identified by the public. A consultant, Strategic Planning Group, Inc., has been brought on board to conduct the amendment and has led a series of public meetings, including educational presentations, workshops, and focus groups. Feedback received so far includes support for protecting historic structures and encouraging compatible new development, promoting the history and story of Lincolnville, creating more affordable housing, and retaining long-term and African American residents in the neighborhood. All input will be incorporated into the plan amendment document, which is scheduled to begin review for adoption in early June 2017. Visit the St. Augustine CRA website at citystaugcra.com for more information and to stay up to date on plan amendment and other LCRA meetings and events. For other questions, please contact Erin Minnigan in the St. Augustine Planning & Building Department at eminnigan@citystaug.com or 904.825.1065



March 2017: Robert Gray of Strategic Planning Group led an analysis to determine the Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats in Lincolnville