

LINCOLNVILLE NEWS

*Keeping you informed of what's
happening in St. Augustine's
historic Lincolnville.*

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LCRA May 26th Special Workshop Recap

A workshop was held on May 26, 2015 at the Galimore Center to discuss the possibility of establishing new Zoning Overlay Districts in Lincolnville that would encourage low-intensity commercial and transitional uses. These overlay zones were recommended in the Lincolnville Redevelopment Plan, as a direct result of the charette workshops held leading up to the plan's creation. During these charettes, participants voiced their interest in reintroducing low-intensity commercial uses into a central portion of the Lincolnville CRA that had historically contained locally-owned businesses and service establishments. Two specific overlay districts were proposed in the plan and discussed at the workshop: First, a "low-intensity commercial district" along Dr. Martin Luther King Avenue between Bridge and Lovett Streets, would encourage uses such as small specialty food and drug stores, clothing, toy and hobby shops, florists or gift shops, bakeries, hair salons, restaurants, professional, civic, and business offices, and dance, art, and music studios. Also, a "transition zone" along the east side of Riberia Street between LaQuinta Place and Cerro Street, would encourage uses such as multi-family housing, business and professional offices and other low-intensity uses.

The workshop was well attended by approximately 90-100 community members. The goal was to explain the concept of zoning overlay districts and to discuss the proposed low-intensity commercial overlay for Dr. Martin Luther King Avenue and transition zone for Riberia Street.



*Attendees examine zoning and land use maps of Lincolnville
prior to the workshop.*



*Community members discuss the proposed zoning overlay districts
for MLK Ave. and Riberia Street.*

Theresa Segal, chair of the Lincolnville Community Redevelopment Agency Steering Committee, opened the workshop by providing an introduction and background information on the CRA. David Birchim, the Director of the St. Augustine Planning and Building Department, then gave a detailed presentation: First, he reviewed Lincolnville's current zoning and land use, explaining that the majority of Lincolnville is currently only zoned for single-family residential use. If a property owner wished to use their property for any other purpose, they may need to undergo the process of rezoning. However, he explained that an overlay district may offer a better alternative, as it could be implemented without doing any major rezoning, but rather through amending the City's current zoning ordinance. A Zoning Overlay District is a special zone that is placed over the base zoning classification and is able to regulate a variety of elements of the built and natural environment.

The remainder of the workshop was devoted to an open discussion of the pros and cons of creating the low-intensity commercial and transitional zone overlay districts. At the end of the meeting, an informal show of hands indicated that a majority of the attendants were opposed to the proposed zoning overlay districts at this time. Many commented on their concern for increased traffic and parking issues that may arise with more commercial uses in the neighborhood.

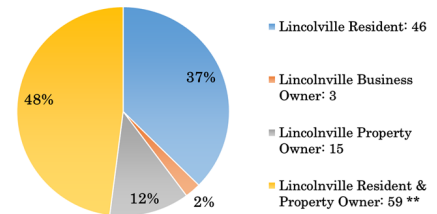
In addition to the workshop, a neighborhood survey was available to gather feedback regarding the proposed zoning overlay districts. The workshop served as an opportunity for members of the community to fill out the survey, and to ask LCRA staff questions. You can see more about the survey results on page 2.

Lincolnville Neighborhood Survey Results

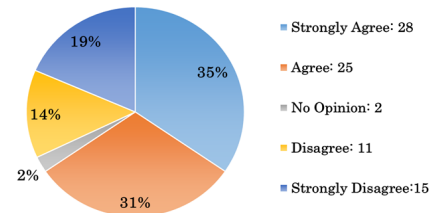
A survey was drafted to gather feedback from the community regarding the possibility of establishing zoning overlay districts to encourage low-intensity commercial uses along Dr. Martin Luther King Avenue and transitional uses along Iberia Street, as proposed by the Lincolnville Redevelopment Plan. It was distributed as an insert in the LCRA's first quarterly newsletter, which was mailed to all Lincolnville addresses. A total of 685 newsletters were sent on April 20, 2015. Additional surveys were made available at local churches, businesses, and the City of St. Augustine's Planning and Building Department. The final date for submission of completed surveys was set for June 9, 2015. 81 Surveys, or 12%, of those mailed out were returned to the LCRA Steering Committee Staff.

Here is a brief overview of the survey results:

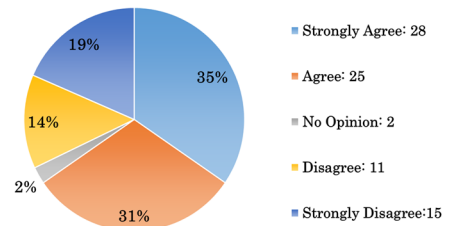
"What Describes You?"



"Zoning should allow for low-intensity commercial uses along Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Ave. between Bridge and Lovett Streets"



"Zoning should allow for transitional uses along the east side of Iberia Street between La Quinta Place and Cerro Street"



** In "What Describes You?", property ownership status was confirmed by staff through the St. Johns County property appraiser records

◆ LETTER FROM THE CHAIR ◆

By Theresa Segal

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

It has been a long, hot summer in Lincolnville. Thankfully fall is right around the corner bringing cooler weather along with lots of activity.

St. Augustine's 450th commemoration will be taking place in early September followed by a visit from the King and Queen of Spain. Lincolnville will have its own significant event with the welcome return of the Lincolnville Festival to the Willie Galimore Center and Eddie Vickers Park in mid-November. For many years the festival was an annual event not to be missed. It started as a block party on Washington Street over 35 years ago and eventually moved it to the Galimore Center as popularity and attendance increased. I'm excited to know that a dedicated group is bringing it back. More information will be included in our fall newsletter.

The steering committee discussed the 2015/16 budget at July's regular meeting and most of the projected income went to LCRA's Fix-It-Up. This neighborhood grant program for essential home repairs has been popular and successful. Since it began last October the St. Johns Housing Partnership has completed eleven projects using \$75,000 in LCRA funds. The committee recommended that funding be increased to \$125,000 for the next fiscal year (more information about the Fix-It-Up program is located on the back page). Sidewalk repair was also proposed for funding in this budget.

The committee's recommendation will be considered at the next CRA Board meeting at a future date to be announced.

Can you spare some time and share your expertise with us? The LCRA is looking for volunteers to help with area functions and programs as the agency grows. More information will be provided at our regular meetings. You can also contact us using the information provided on page three. We will also be starting a community bulletin board in the newsletter. Let us know if your organization has an event scheduled in Lincolnville and you would like to notify the community.

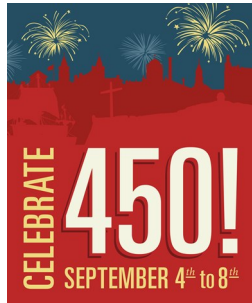
The LCRA is off to a great start. Your participation and support is needed and appreciated. I hope everyone has a great summer's end and I look forward to seeing you around the neighborhood.

Sincerely,
Theresa Segal

Community Bulletin Board

UPCOMING EVENTS

Celebrate 450!



On September 8, 2015, the City of St. Augustine will commemorate its 450th anniversary as the oldest, continually occupied European settlement in the United States. To celebrate this milestone, the city will host a five-day, community focused event from

September 4th-8th. This FREE event features a street and music festival, fireworks show, commemorative re-enactment, procession, Mass, cake cutting ceremony, and many other events that honor St. Augustine's history. Everyone from the community is invited and encouraged to attend.

Lincolnville Festival

The Lincolnville Festival is celebrating its 36th year as a St. Augustine tradition! The festival, initially called the Washington Street Festival, was established in 1979 to revitalize the Lincolnville community. This year, the festival is returning to its roots in Lincolnville and is scheduled for Saturday, November 14th and Sunday November 15th, at Eddie Vickers Park (Little Links) and the Willie Galimore Center. Expected to draw over 2,000 people, the festival will include live music and dancing, food and drinks, local vendors, and fun activities for children. We hope to see you there!



Lincolnville Festival, 1989¹

BUSINESSES IN LINCOLNVILLE

CrossFit Vulcan

Established in May 2013, and housed in its current location at 218 Riberia Street since last year, CrossFit Vulcan seeks to offer a unique workout experience to downtown residents. According to the gym's owner, Alex King, "CrossFit is a community of like minded people working together to improve the quality of their lives through various modes of physical training, including weight lifting, gymnastics or body weight movements, and cardio training/conditioning." To learn more about CrossFit and see a schedule of upcoming classes, visit: www.crossfitvulcan.com



CrossFit Vulcan Owner, Alex King

STORMWATER DRAIN MARKERS



The City of St. Augustine Public Works Department is teaming up with the Lincolnville Neighborhood Association to install "No Dumping, Drains to Waterway" plaques on storm drains.

This task will be reliant on resident volunteers, and will take place in late September/early October. If you are

interested in volunteering with this effort, please contact Judith Seraphin at 904-829-0808 or judith@globalwrap.com.

GALIMORE CENTER POOL

Thanks to the Jaguars Foundation, swimming has been free at the Galimore pool for another summer! Now in its third year of operation, the pool has proven to be a popular gathering spot for the St. Augustine community. Go swimming while you still can — the season will end on September 7th. Thank you Jaguars!



Lincolnville CRA Information

THE LINCOLNVILLE REDEVELOPMENT PLAN

The Lincolnville Redevelopment Plan guides the actions of the Community Redevelopment Agency, as it outlines the overall goals for the neighborhood's improvement, as well as the specific redevelopment projects and programs. You can find the Lincolnville CRA Plan online at the City of St. Augustine's website: www.staugustinegovernment.com, under "My Government", "City Boards", and then "Lincolnville CRA Steering Committee"

STEERING COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Theresa Segal (Chair)
Brian Thompson (V-Chair)
Tony Smith
Clyde Taylor
Nicholas Noloboff

MEETINGS

Meetings are open to the public and take place on the second Tuesday of every month at 7pm at the Willie Galimore Center, 399 Riberia Street

CONTACT US

To contact the Lincolnville CRA, please call or email Erin Minnigan at: 904-825-1065 or eminnigan@citystaug.com

City of St. Augustine
Lincolnville Community Redevelopment Agency

FIX-IT-UP GRANT PROGRAM

The City of St. Augustine Community Redevelopment Agency has designated a new grant program to help residents in the Lincolnville Area with essential home repairs. The Fix-it-up grant will provide up to \$7,000 to homeowners that qualify for emergency repair services for sub-standard housing. The program is funded by the CRA for eligible households. Eligibility review and construction services are provided by the St. Johns County Housing Partnership, Inc.

GRANT BASICS

The Fix-It-Up Grant Program is awarded in amounts of up to \$7,000 per home. The home must be within the boundaries of the Lincolnville CRA. Applicants will have to meet all eligibility requirements administered by St. Johns Housing Partnership, Inc. Available funds will be prioritized for life and safety essential repairs.

APPLICANTS MUST BE APPROVED BY THE CITY BEFORE ANY PROJECT IS STARTED.

St. Johns Housing Partnership, Inc. will evaluate the application after inspection of the home, prioritize the repairs needed and perform the work as an independent contractor. Existing materials will be replaced with similar materials to preserve the architectural integrity of the structure whenever possible.

For application information, call St. Johns Housing Partnership at (904) 824-0902



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