

LINCOLNVILLE NEWS

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

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Plan Amendment Process Begins!

The Lincolnville Community Redevelopment Area (LCRA) was established in 2013 due to a study finding conditions of economic distress and physical deterioration in the area. A redevelopment plan was subsequently developed that makes recommendations for projects and programs to address those conditions of blight found in Lincolnville. Since that time, the LCRA has implemented a number of redevelopment projects and programs, with perhaps the most utilized being the Fix-it-Up and Emergency Assistance Programs for low-income homeowners to conduct essential repairs. This year, the LCRA's budget was approved with an amount dedicated to hiring a consultant to amend the Lincolnville Redevelopment Plan. 2018 marks the LCRA's 5-year anniversary, making this year an appropriate time to reassess and amend the Lincolnville Redevelopment Plan as necessary. The purpose of the plan amendment 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. The consultant selected to conduct the amendment is Strategic Planning Group, Inc. out of Ponte Vedra Beach, FL, who has extensive experience in writing and amending community redevelopment plans.



*Attendees go through a "SWOT" Analysis with Bob Gray
From Strategic Planning Group to determine the
Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats in
Lincolnville*

Public Meeting Schedule

The public process is an important component to developing the Lincolnville Redevelopment Plan Amendment. There will be a series of opportunities for public input on the plan amendment, including meetings, workshops, and focus groups. Here is the full schedule of public meetings associated with the plan amendment:

CRA 101 Educational Workshop

Monday, February 6th, Galimore Center
*The consultant provided an overview of CRAs,
background information on the LCRA, and
upcoming plan amendment process*

Workshop #1: Plan Development and SWOT Analysis

Monday, March 6th, Galimore Center
*A general workshop to discuss ideas for the plan
amendment and explore the Strengths,
Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats in
Lincolnville*

Focus Group Meetings

*Meetings typically held with smaller groups to
have in-depth discussions about particular topics*

- ♦ **African American Heritage and Retaining Long Term Residents:** Thursday, March 9th, 6pm, St. Paul AME Church, 85 MLK Ave
- ♦ **Historic Preservation:** Tuesday, March 14th, 6pm, Lincolnville Museum and Cultural Center, 102 MLK Ave
- ♦ **Housing and Community Improvements**
Tuesday, March 21st, 6pm, Galimore Center

Workshop #2: Findings and Recommendations

Monday, April 3rd, 6pm, Galimore Center
*The consultant will review public input received
to this point, and present draft findings and
recommendations for the plan amendment*

Catch up on past meetings with videos, documents, and presentations on the St. Augustine CRA website: citystaugcra.com

LINCOLNVILLE PORC

During the day Lincolnville residents hosted over 20 local bands on their front porches. As the threat of rain dissipated, groups of family and friends walked and biked the neighborhood enjoying the music, refreshments and reading the historic markers of the ACCORD Freedom Trail.

The event continued into the night with performances on the main stage

at St. Benedicts on MLK Ave. A number of business sponsors provided support for the event. Jae Bass, who brought Porchfest to Lincolnville with the help of young Lincolnville residents should be very pleased with the success of the festival. For a neighborhood with such a thriving porch culture, Lincolnville is a perfect fit.

Strategic Planing Group, Inc. (SPG), founded in 1983, is an international planning and economic consulting firm, with extensive experience in assisting local governments worldwide create successful redevelopment programs ranging for Kingston, Jamaica to Ormond Beach, Florida. SPG leads the State of Florida in redevelopment planning, economic development and affordable housing. Its redevelopment plans are based on economic development principles and financial/market viability. Some of SPG's 20+ Florida redevelopment planning efforts include: Jacksonville's Arlington/Merrill/Arlington CRA; Ormond Beach's North Mainland CRA; SR100 CRA, Palm Coast; City Springfield, Central Bradenton CRA, Downtown Melbourne, as well as Sarasota and Delray Beach. SPG and our staff have prepared over 60 redevelopment plans nationally, including 15 African American communities.

Mr. Gray, who serves as Project Manager for the preparation of the Lincolnville CRA amendment, has over 40 years of experience in assisting both public and private sector clients with real estate development economics, redevelopment planning and economic development. He has assisted over 40 local governments prepare successful redevelopment programs. He is a leader in affordable/workforce housing having conducted over 40affordable/workforce housing studies.



Rype & Readi is Now Open!



Rype & Readi, Farm to Fork Culinary Market opened for business last month at the southwest corner of Riberia Street and La Quinta Place. They are open 7 days a week from 9am-6pm. See more information on their website: rypeandreadi.com

The Lincolnville Neighborhood Association

(LNA) will be having their next regular meeting on Wednesday, March 15th at the Galimore Center at 7 p.m. Election of new officers, discussing a dog park and forming a committee to create a float for the 2017 Christmas Parade are on the agenda.

For more information contact
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Family Kite Fly in the Park

RB Hayling Freedom Park
Saturday, March 18th 11:00am-2:00pm
Check-in & Parking at Eddie Vickers Park, 399 Riberia Street
Sponsored by: Ocean Extreme Sports, The Lincolnville Neighborhood Association, and The American Kite Association Ocean Extreme will have their display of kites flying along with a booth to shop for kites. For the Kids: Learn to build & color your own kite, and fly it in the park (limited quantity available)
What to bring: Closed-toe shoes, a light jacket, water, sunscreen, and a picnic lunch.
For information contact: (904) 461-9415
www.oceanextremesports.com/extremekites

Exhibitions at Neighborhood Museums

ACCORD Civil Rights Museum, 79 Bridge St., former dental office of Dr. Robert B. Hayling, continues to feature an Exhibit entitled, "A Place for All People". The Exhibit celebrates the September 24th Grand Opening of the National Museum of African American History and Culture as part of its Global Initiative, "Lift Every Voice". Museum open by appointment only. Call (904) 599-7739 to schedule a visit.
Lincolnville Museum and Cultural Center, 102 Martin Luther King Ave., is also exhibiting works from the Smithsonian's "A Place for All People" is open until the end of the year.
For more information call (904) 824-1191 or email

Volunteers Appreciated!

As the LCRA grows the need for volunteers grows too. Would you consider volunteering your time to help? Taking pictures at local events, setting up at workshops and special events and distributing flyers and newsletters are some of the tasks for which assistance is needed. *Thank you to Gloria Leladier and Alanna Tekla for volunteering. Their help and enthusiasm is very helpful and appreciated.*
Contact Erin Minnigan with requests for information or if your organization would like additional newsletters or flyers. They can be made ready for pick up at the COSA Planning and Building office at 75 King Street, Lobby B, 4th Floor.

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 St. Augustine CRA website: www.citystaugcra.com

STEERING COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Nicholas Noloboff (Chair)
Nathan Baer (V-Chair)
Reverend Rory Hermann
Carolyn O. Wright
Theresa Segal
**There are two upcoming vacancies on the LCRA Steering Committee: applications due April 12th

MEETINGS

Meetings are on the first Monday of every month at 7pm at the Willie Galimore Center, 399 Riberia Street
**See Plan Amendment Public Meeting Schedule for special workshop and focus group meeting dates on page 1

CONTACT US

To contact the Lincolnville CRA, please call or email
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**City of St. Augustine
Lincolnville Community Redevelopment Area**

FIX-IT-UP & EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

The City of St. Augustine Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) has designated two home repair programs to help residents in the Lincolnville Area with essential home repairs. The Fix-it-Up Program provides up to \$7,000 for minor repairs, and the Emergency Assistance Program provides funding up to \$10,000 for immediate emergency repairs. The programs are funded by the CRA for eligible households. Eligibility review and construction services are provided by the St. Johns County Housing Partnership, Inc.

PROGRAM BASICS

Both programs are intended to assist low-income, owner-occupied households with essential home repairs. 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, Inc. at (904) 824-0902



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