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Waterfront Community

## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Honorable Chair and Members, CRA Board of Commissioners  
City of Riviera Beach, Florida

**FROM:**  Tony T. Brown, Executive Director, Riviera Beach CRA

**DATE:** February 17, 2016

**CC:** Michael Haygood, CRA General Counsel

**SUBJECT:** Approval of an Interlocal Grant Agreement Between the Agency and Solid Waste Authority of Palm Beach County (SWA) for a Property Clean-Up and Beautification Grant for the Riviera Beach Heights Gateway Pocket Park

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### **REQUEST:**

The Agency is requesting that the CRA Board approved an Interlocal Grant Agreement with the Solid Waste Authority of Palm Beach County (SWA) for a Property Clean-Up and Beautification grant for the Riviera Beach Heights Gateway Pocket Park. This grant will assist with eliminating a blighted and distressed property that has the potential to serve as the gateway anchor feature into one of the oldest neighborhoods in the City.

### **Background:**

In 2015, the CRA acquired the two vacant, boarded, and dilapidated structures at 1148 and 1150 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Blvd., Riviera Beach, Florida, at a cost of \$63,369.00. The purpose for acquiring this property is to prevent the spread of blight and to further the revitalization goals outlined in the Riviera Beach Heights Implementation Plan, mentioned above. The property will be used to provide a premier entry point into Riviera Beach Heights, including signage and attractive landscaping, serving to anchor the neighborhood arrival point at MLK and Australian Avenue.

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The Agency wishes to demolish the buildings and make site landscaping improvements. The location and visibility are critical to shifting perceptions about the neighborhood and encouraging new investments in this area. The grant approval shall demolish the two structures, clear the site, and develop a landscaped property and eventual gateway corner monument sign in accordance with the approved Riviera Beach Heights Plan. This

first grant funded phase will install attractive landscaping, uplighting and modest signage.

At completion of this project, this once derelict, boarded and unattractive nuisance property will be transformed into an attractive green space. This corner project is another step in improving the overall area. RBCDC partners routinely with SWA/Paint Your Heart Out/Adopt-A-Spot/Rebuilding together to do neighborhood cleanups, painting and beautification projects on a going basis to make gradual noticeable differences in the community.

**Estimated Timeframe for Completion:**

We have taken the next step of soliciting bids from qualified demolition contractors, pursuant to our CRA Procurement Code. We anticipate that we will be able to award the bid, execute the contract and complete demolition and install landscaping by May 2016.

**Future Phases:**

The Riviera Beach Heights plan identifies this corner project for future significant gateway signage and wayfinding signage. These elements will be added in phase two following completion of the roadway reconstruction. The concept for the future phase is shown below:



Intersection of MLK and Australian looking north and east RBH Plan



Intersection of MLK and Australian looking south and east- RBH Plan

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends approval and acceptance of the Interlocal Grant with the Solid Waste Authority of Palm Beach County (SWA) in the amount of \$44,646.00 to support the development of the Riviera Beach Heights Gateway Pocket Park.