

**SEMINOLE COUNTY GOVERNMENT
AGENDA MEMORANDUM
US 17-92 COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY**

SUBJECT: US 17-92 CRA Partnership - Relocation of Seminole County Sheriffs
District 6 Service Center to 17-92 in Fern Park

DEPARTMENT: Economic Development **DIVISION:** US 17/92 CRA

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Agenda Date <u>11/18/03</u> Regular <input type="checkbox"/> Consent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Work Session <input type="checkbox"/> Briefing <input type="checkbox"/> Public Hearing – 1:30 <input type="checkbox"/> Public Hearing – 7:00 <input type="checkbox"/>
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MOTION/RECOMMENDATION:

Request CRA approval of \$80,000 from the US 17-92 Redevelopment Trust Fund to assist in funding building renovations at the Spanish Oaks Office Villas in association with the relocation of the Seminole County Sheriffs District 6 Service Center and authorize budget changes required for project implementation.

BACKGROUND:

The Seminole County Sheriffs Office has recently noted a shift in crime and/or criminal activity into the Fern Park area from the east Altamonte area. The increase in criminal activity furthers the "broken windows" perception of the area, which inhibits redevelopment efforts and can also limit the scope and magnitude of private investment in the area.

On November 7, 2003, the US 17-92 Redevelopment Planning Agency approved a partnership with the Seminole County Sheriffs Office to provide fiscal assistance in the amount of \$80,000 to assist in funding building renovations at the Spanish Oaks Office Villas located in Fern Park on US 17-92.

The 17-92 CRA will provide a one time financial contribution to the project in the amount of \$80,000 to assist in funding the building renovations required to enable its use as a District 6 Service Center.

The partnership will result in the physical relocation of the District 6 Service Center to provide enhanced law enforcement services to both the community at large and to businesses along the US 17-92 corridor and its surrounding areas. The Sheriff's Office has modified the service area boundaries to align with the CRA boundaries in the Fern Park area.

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The partnership addresses several objectives and strategies identified in the adopted 17-92 Corridor Redevelopment Plan:

- Continue to provide for the public health, safety, morals and welfare of the community.
 - Work with the County Sheriff and various municipal police departments to implement neighborhood based safety programs.
- Prevent the future occurrence of blight.
 - Eliminate conditions which decrease property values and reduce the tax base.
- Maintain the diverse identifiable character of each city within the district while *promoting economic vitality through private investment*.
 - Improve the investment image of the redevelopment area and use selected public actions to stimulate private investment.

In addition, State law (Part III, Chapter 163 Florida Statutes) specifically includes the development of innovative community policing initiatives as eligible expenditures of redevelopment plans in furthering community redevelopment efforts.

A permanent and dedicated law enforcement presence on US 17-92 will positively impact the Fern Park area and surrounding communities directly while also providing an assurance to the business and development community that the area is receiving an enhanced level of public investment and support.

A funding transfer is necessary to implement the proposed project. Staff recommends transferring funds from the Revolving Loan Fund project as that project is not anticipated to be implemented in the current fiscal year.

Attachment: Seminole County Sheriffs Office – Community Redevelopment District Proposal

Seminole County Sheriff's Office - Community Redevelopment District Proposal

- **CRD/CSA**

The Seminole County Sheriff's Office has realigned the existing District Six CSA boundaries and created a Community Service Area specifically for the Fern Park CRD. It will be staffed by one deputy, twenty four hours a day, seven days a week. Crime and citizen complaints can then be tracked and directly correlated to the efforts done in that area. Regularly scheduled foot, bike and vehicle patrols will be conducted in the CRD/CSA based upon crime trend intelligence information, community complaints and RPA input.

- **Sheriff's Office Community Service Center**

The Sheriff's office is currently in the planning stages of relocating the District Six Service Center from the East Altamonte Community to the Fern Park Community. The proposed site is in the Spanish Oaks Village, located at 7245 Estapona Circle (Highway 17-92 at South Street).

The 8,000 square foot space will house all Sheriff's Office District Six operations (including patrol, traffic enforcement, investigators and code enforcement), the Neighborhood State Attorney Initiative, and on a limited basis on specific days of the week, State, County and Juvenile Probation. **The Sheriff's office is willing to dedicate two full time offices for the Community Redevelopment Coordinator and aide.**

In addition to office space, the building will offer some very valuable meeting space. It will have two staff conference rooms, each available for meetings of up to twelve people and a Community Room that will seat 50 people. This public meeting space will be used for community or homeowner association meetings and crime prevention classes. The space could also be used by the RPA to update community members on CRD projects or conduct classes on land development codes and code compliance.

- **Supplemental Funding Request**

The Sheriff's Office is requesting a non-reoccurring contribution, from the CRA, of **\$80,000** to supplement the renovation and relocation of the District Six Service Center to the Fern Park corridor.

Seminole County Sheriff's Office District 6 Office Relocation Proposal

Proposal to relocate the Sheriff's District 6 Service Center to the Spanish Oaks Village, 7245 Estapona Circle at US 17-92 and South Street in the Fern Park area and to create a Community Service Area specifically for the Fern Park redevelopment area

Proposed location contains 8,000 square feet of space including:

- Office space for all District 6 operations (patrol, traffic enforcement, investigators, potentially code enforcement) and also the Neighborhood State Attorney Initiative and the State, County and Juvenile probation on a limited basis.
- Two staff conference rooms for meetings of up to 12 persons
- One Community Room for public meetings and educational classes up to 50 persons

Reasons for Relocation:

- Considerable shift in crime from East Altamonte area to Fern Park area which adversely impacts redevelopment efforts
- Sheriff's Weed and Seed program includes the Fern Park area although funding is restricted in that area
- Community redevelopment legislation specifically calls for innovative community policing programs as legitimate expenditures in redevelopment areas

Benefits of Relocation:

- Permanent law enforcement presence on US 17-92 in Fern Park area with dedicated sheriff staff to the Fern Park area twenty four hours a day, seven days a week
- Regularly scheduled foot, bike and vehicle patrols
- Consistent with objectives of the adopted US 17-92 CRA Redevelopment Plan
- Provides additional funding opportunities for community policing innovations available to community redevelopment areas

CRA Goals Addressed:

- Continue to provide for the public health, safety, morals and welfare of the community
- Work with the County Sheriff and various municipal police departments to implement neighborhood based safety programs

**YTD Offenses in East Altamonte and Fern Park
January 1 - June 30**

