

President/CEO's Report
Housing Authority Of The City Of Orlando, Florida
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HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE DESK

Calendar of Upcoming Events

- FAHRO Executive Director's Retreat
St. Petersburg, FL
May 18-20, 2010
- PHADA Annual Convention
Las Vegas, NV
June 6-9, 2010
- NAHRO Summer Conference
Louisville, KY
July 28-31, 2010



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PRESIDENT/CEO

seventy-five (75) employees were put to work under Orlando Housing Authority (OHA) contracts.

The story of Carver Park HOPE VI redevelopment highlights the immediate effects of the stimulus funds on the Orlando economy. The Orlando Housing Authority received \$3.5 million in ARRA funds in March 2009. Carver Park, a premier mixed-income redevelopment of the old Carver Court public housing site, was hampered because soil impact issues siphoned funds originally targeted for infrastructure construction. Consequently, \$2 Million of ARRA enabled OHA to complete infrastructure construction for Carver Park and funded jobs for equipment operations, pipe layers, and other construction tradesmen.

Additionally, many of the jobs provided employment opportunities for low-income individuals living in and near our communities. ARRA funds allowed various construction firms to hire more than seventy-five (75) employees.

The Orlando Housing Authority has selected contractors for another twenty-six (26) construction activities using American Reinvestment and Recovery Act funds. Eleven (11) of the Orlando Housing Authority's (OHA) thirteen (13) public housing sites were able to complete construction activities that will enhance public housing units and provide safe

The American Reinvestment and Recovery Act funds provided a boost to the Orlando, Florida economy by providing jobs in the construction industry. As a result of the American Reinvestment and Recovery Act (ARRA) stimulus funding, over

and decent homes for Orlando residents. Each of the contractors has hired additional workers to complete the jobs. Positions include skilled and semi-skilled tradesmen, such as painters, plumbers, electricians, engineers, window installers, carpenters and service workers.

Other American Reinvestment and Recovery Act-funded activities at Orlando Housing Authority's sites include water heater replacement, attic insulation, exterior painting, replacement of windows and doors, interior painting, tiling, bathroom renovations, plumbing re-piping, etc. ARRA funds were also used for special activities: the restoration of an historic spray pool and demolition of an obsolete residential building at Griffin Park Apartments.

Workers, contractors, materials suppliers and their families are directly impacted by the American Reinvestment and Recovery Act (ARRA) funds. The Orlando Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) was especially hard hit by the loss of home building and subsequent construction trade jobs. The stimulus money awarded to the Orlando Housing Authority brought an immediate and measureable impact to the local economy, allowing skilled and semi-skilled tradesmen an opportunity to regain their self-sufficiency and dignity. Families benefitted from income, job skill development and the rewards of working to provide for their families. We are truly grateful to President Obama and our congressional leaders for their insightful leadership. ARRA funds helped our families to improve their quality of life.

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PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES

GRANT WRITING/AGENCY PLAN/OTHER

- ◆ **MOVING TO WORK (MTW):** The Orlando Housing Authority (OHA) has been awarded the prestigious Moving to Work (MTW) designation! Staff is reviewing the MTW Agreement.
- ◆ **ANNUAL PLAN:** The new "Five Year Plan" was due to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) January 16, 2010. HUD approval is pending.
- ◆ **LAKE MANN HOPE VI:** The Orlando Housing Authority (OHA) submitted an application to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for a HOPE VI Revitalization Grant to redevelop Lake Mann Homes. The application deadline was November 17, 2009.

THE VILLAS AT CARVER PARK

- ◆ Occupancy is 100%. OHA is working to put an Endowment Trust fund in place to support the Community Supportive Services (CSS) activities in the Carver Park Network Neighborhood Network (NNC).

THE LANDINGS AT CARVER PARK

- ◆ Occupancy is 100%. The Landings at Carver Park has not received federal subsidy for the thirty (30) public housing units as of April 2010. The property has been put into the Subsidy and Grants Information Systems (SAGIS). The SAGIS project automates formula-based and competitive processes for allocating program funds to Public Housing Authorities (PHAs).

JACKSON COURT/DIVISION OAKS

- ◆ The Orlando Housing Authority's (OHA) staff continues to hold monthly update meetings with residents of Jackson Court/Division Oaks to provide information regarding the proposed redevelopment of the site.
- ◆ Architects Unlimited is preparing elevations for the Callahan Square property for Housing Authority staff to review. Callahan Square, also known as Otey Place, is the proposed site to relocate eligible Jackson Court/Division Oaks residents.



HIDDEN WAYS TO HELP YOUR HEART

The good news about heart disease is that a healthy heart is within everyone's reach. You know some of the rules: Eat less fat; eat more fruits and vegetables; and keep blood pressure and blood cholesterol levels in check. ***But there are more ways to boost heart health:***

- ◆ **DON'T SKIP BREAKFAST.** Most heart attacks occur between 7 a.m. and noon—possibly because the cells that help blood to clot, called platelets, are stickiest then. Eating breakfast appears to make platelets less sticky ... and less likely to clump together and block a vital artery.
- ◆ **LIGHTEN UP.** People who overreact to stressful situations are more likely to have heart trouble. In one study, people whose blood pressure and heart rate jumped the most during frustrating tests were also the ones most likely to have reduced blood flow to the heart.
- ◆ **MEET THE "A's."** You May have heard about the antioxidants—vitamins A, C and E, and beta-carotene—that appear to slow plaque formation in the arteries.
- ◆ **KICK TOBACCO IF YOU ARE USING IT.** Smoking affects more than your lungs. Fact is, within a few years of quitting, you will cut your risk of heart attack by at least half, similar to those who never smoked.
- ◆ **GET OFF THE COUCH.** Sedentary living—not high cholesterol—is one of the greatest risk factors in heart attack deaths. ***Tip:*** Just a half hour of moderate physical activity most days of the week can deliver fitness benefits similar to traditional exercise routines. So walk briskly. Take the stairs. Play actively with kids. Live longer!

*- the above article was reprinted from
TOPHEALTH Newsletter*

*"The trouble with life in the fast lane is
that you get to the other end in an
awful hurry."*

— John Jensen

CITRUS SQUARE WELCOMES SPRING



Friday, April 2, 2010, the Citrus Square Resident Association joined with the City of Orlando's Parks and Recreation Department for a "Welcome to Spring" event for children. The Resident Association provided goodie baskets for the kids and the City staff sponsored games and other activities. Over 20 children were able to enjoy all the fun!



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The Orlando Housing Authority is pleased to welcome Mr. Brice Aikens, Esq., to the OHA Board of Commissioners. Mr. Aikens was officially sworn-in at the March 18, 2010 Board of Commissioners meeting. We appreciate his willingness to serve and look forward to his leadership and support as OHA continues to provide quality housing and supportive services to its residents.

Welcome Commissioner!



Board of Commissioners' Meeting

The Orlando Housing Authority (OHA) Board of Commissioners will hold its regular Board meeting Thursday, April 15, 2010 at 2:00 p.m. at the OHA's Administration Building, Board Room, 390 N. Bumby Avenue, Orlando, FL 32803.

Orlando Housing Authority residents interested in attending the meeting who need transportation, please call the Community Affairs Department at (407) 895-3300, extension 6001.



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HUD's Mission Statement: To promote adequate and affordable housing, economic opportunity and a suitable living environment free from discrimination.

Orlando Housing Authority Mission Statement: To offer a choice of safe and affordable housing options and opportunities for economic independence for residents of Orlando and Orange County.



Capital Improvements Report



Complex 4-1 Griffin Park Apartments

- ◆ **Supply and Install Exterior Doors:** Invitation for Bids (IFB) was published October 19, 2009. A pre-bid meeting was held October 27, 2009. Twenty-two (22) bids were received. The contract was awarded to the next low bidder, Ovation Construction. A pre-construction conference was held and the Notice to Proceed was issued February 24, 2010. The scheduled completion date is July 1, 2010.

Complex 4-2/5 Reeves Terrace Apartments

- ◆ **Bathroom Renovations:** Twenty-one (21) bids were received December 8, 2009. The low responsive bidder was LC Construction Group. A pre-construction conference was held and a Notice to Proceed was issued February 5, 2010. The work is 38% complete. The scheduled completion date is July 23, 2010.
- ◆ **Exterior Fencing:** Six (6) bids were received December 9, 2009. The low responsive bidder was All Rite Fence Company. A pre-construction conference was held and a Notice to Proceed issued January 27, 2010. The work is 100% complete.
- ◆ **Rehab Maintenance Storage Facility:** Three (3) quotes were received. The low responsive bidder was Spires Construction, Inc. A purchase order contract was issued. A pre-construction conference was held and Notice to Proceed was issued February 8, 2010. The scheduled completion date is June 25, 2010.
- ◆ **Roofs for the Section 8 Administration Building:** Three (3) quotes were received. The low responsive bidder was MVB and Associates, Inc. A purchase order was issued February 19, 2010. A pre-construction conference was held and a Notice to Proceed was issued March 3, 2010. The scheduled completion date is July 1, 2010.

Complex 4-6 Murchison Terrace Apartments

- ◆ **Supply and Install Aluminum Gutters (20 Buildings):** Invitation for Bids (IFB) was published February 3, 2010. A pre-bid meeting was held February 11, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. Bids were due February 26, 2010 at 3:00 p.m. Two (2) bids were received and the low responsive bidder was M.E.C. Contracting Services, LLC. The purchase order has been executed and a pre-construction conference is scheduled for April 14, 2010.

Complex 4-9 Ivey Lane Homes

- ◆ **Supply and Install Re-Roofs:** Invitation for Bids (IFB) was published January 24, 2010. A pre-bid meeting was held February 4, 2010 at 9:00 a.m. Bids were due February 17, 2010 at 2:00 p.m. Britt Construction was the low responsive bidder and the contract was awarded February 18, 2010. A pre-construction conference was held and the Notice to Proceed was issued February 18, 2010. The scheduled completion date is July 1, 2010.

- ◆ **Supply and Install Water Heaters:** Invitation for Bids (IFB) was published February 3, 2010. A pre-bid meeting was held February 17, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. Bids were due February 26, 2010. Four (4) bids were received and the low responsive bidder was Stones Unlimited Builder, Inc. The purchase order has been executed and a pre-construction conference was held April 8, 2010.

Complex 4-10 Lorna Doone Apartments

- ◆ **Individual Electric Metering:** Two (2) bids were received May 4, 2009 and a contract Notification of Award was issued to the low bidder, Air Ideal, Inc. A pre-construction conference was held and the Notice to Proceed was issued July 31, 2009. The work is 80% complete. The contract completion date has been extended to May 31, 2010.
- ◆ **Seal and Stripe Parking Lots:** Three (3) quotes were received. The low responsive bidder was Arrow Pavement Service, Inc. A pre-construction conference was held and the Notice to Proceed was issued February 19, 2010. The scheduled completion date is April 25, 2010.

Complex 4-12 Citrus Square Apartments

- ◆ **Seal and Stripe Parking Lots:** Three (3) quotes were received. The low responsive bidder was Arrow Pavement Service, Inc. A purchase order was issued February 19, 2010. The scheduled completion date is March 21, 2010.

Complex 4-13 Omega Apartments

- ◆ **Exterior Painting and Pressure Wash:** Eleven (11) bids were received November 20, 2009. The low responsive bidder was Paintsmart, U.S.A, Inc. The work is 60% complete. The scheduled completion date is May 20, 2010.
- ◆ **Exterior Fencing:** Ten (10) bids were received December 1, 2009. The low responsive bidder was All Rite Fence Company. A pre-construction conference was held and the Notice to Proceed was issued January 27, 2010. The completion date is June 25, 2010.
- ◆ **Install 220 Volt Electrical Circuits and Dryer Vents:** Invitation for Bids (IFB) was published February 3, 2010. A pre-bid meeting was held February 16, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. Six (6) bids were received and low responsive bidder was Southeast Electric of Florida, Inc. The purchase order has been executed and pre-construction conference is scheduled for April 14, 2010.

Complex 4-14 Marden Meadows Apartments

- ◆ **Seal and Stripe Parking Lot:** Three (3) quotes were received. A purchase order was issued to the low bidder, Arrow Pavement Services, Inc. The completion date is June 25, 2010.