

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

Calendar of Upcoming Events

- NAHRO Legislative Conference
Washington, DC
March 29-31, 2010
- FAHRO Executive Director's Retreat
T.B.D.
May 18-20, 2010
- PHADA Annual Convention
Las Vegas, NV
June 6-9, 2010



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apply, the application was still highly competitive. So it is with a great deal of excitement and pride that OHA spreads the news of this wonderful opportunity! Being an Moving to Work (MTW) agency will change how OHA does business in dramatic ways because it allows for suspension of some HUD restrictions that have, previously, kept it from being more responsive to local needs.

Monday, February 8, the Orlando Housing Authority shared breakfast with its many community partners. The event was held at the Carver Park Neighborhood Network Center and was attended by the majority of agencies and organizations with whom we have developed partnerships as part of the Moving to Work planning process. "Business as usual" will end. OHA is facing an exciting future as an Moving to Work agency, a designation that will allow OHA to create, implement and respond to the specific concerns and needs of residents of Orlando and Orange County.

The designation is for a ten year period. The first step is to sign an agreement with HUD that outlines all of the program requirements. Once that HUD agreement is in place, the Orlando Housing Authority can begin to implement the programs outlined in the Plan. The process will happen quickly in some ways, but many activities will be

phased in over the next few years.

Initially, the most significant changes will be for residents of Citrus Square Apartments and Ivey Lane Homes. These two sites were selected prior to the application submission to be the first of all the family sites to implement the Moving to Work activities. In addition to those sites, other immediate changes will include the development of a Resource Center at Ivey Lane Homes, in the vacant administrative offices. The Resource Center will be remodeled to accommodate partner agencies, computer stations and OHA staff so that employment and education programs can be made available for residents. Eventually, housing choice voucher (Section 8) recipients will be included in the Moving to Work programs.

Another program that begin quickly is the Foreclosure Prevention Program with the City of Orlando and Orange County, whereby housing choice vouchers can be provided to assist homeowners in emergency situations needing to avoid foreclosure.

We are excited as well about a partnership with the Central Florida Homeless Commission to provide temporary housing and case management. We will also be able to reduce annual recertification for elderly/disabled residents to once every three years.

Many other activities are planned. The proposal is posted on OHA's website at www.orl-oha.org. On behalf of the Board of Commissioners and staff of the Orlando Housing Authority, "Thank you" to each and every one of you who attended meetings, made suggestions, commented or otherwise participated in developing OHA's successful Moving to Work application. As the only MTW agency in Florida, OHA looks forward to continuing its innovative and effective approaches to self-sufficiency opportunities for residents!

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Board of Commissioners' Meeting

The Orlando Housing Authority Board of Commissioners will hold its regular Board Meeting Thursday, February 18, 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.

Planning and Development Activities

The Villas at Carver Park

The Villas at Carver Park's occupancy for January 2010 was 100%.

Multi-family Rental (The Landings at Carver Park), Neighborhood Network Center and Central Maintenance Facility Rehabilitation

The Landings at Carver Park's occupancy rate on January 2010 was 98.9%. The City of Orlando issued the Certificate of Occupancy August 27, 2009. The façade upgrades to the Orlando Housing Authority's Central Maintenance Facility are complete.

Grant Writing

The Orlando Housing Authority (OHA) submitted application for the following programs:

- Moving to Work: OHA has been awarded the prestigious MTW designation! OHA submitted the application to the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) December 15, 2009.
- Neighborhood Stabilization Program II (NSP II): OHA submitted an application for a NSP II grant to purchase a foreclosed apartment complex in east Orlando. OHA was not funded.
- 2009 Resident Opportunities for Self-Sufficiency: The Orlando Housing Authority submitted an application to HUD for 2009 Resident Opportunities for Self-Sufficiency (ROSS) funding to hire two (2) Service Coordinators to assess the needs of public housing residents and coordinate supportive services to meet the needs.

Agency Plan

The new "Five Year Plan" was submitted to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development by the due date: January 16, 2010.

Jackson Court/Division Oaks

The Orlando Housing Authority staff continues to hold monthly update meetings with residents of Jackson Court/Division Oaks to provide information regarding the proposed relocation/demolition. Fourteen (14) families from Jackson Court and two (2) families from Division Oaks moved into the Villas at Carver Park and The Landings at Carver Park respectively.

ORLANDO HOUSING AUTHORITY A MOVING TO WORK AGENCY!!!

The Orlando Housing
Authority was selected by the
United States Department of
Housing and Urban
Development (HUD) to
participate in the Moving to
Work (MTW) Demonstration
Program



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DIFFERENCE!



MAYOR BUDDY DYER AT ANTIOCH MANOR

Antioch Manor hosted Mayor Buddy Dyer January 15, 2010 for his first visit to the site to address the seniors about the City of Orlando and their various programs. He was accompanied by the first female City of Orlando Chief of Police, Valdez Demings.

Mayor Dyer and Chief Demings were greeted warmly as they addressed over 70 seniors in attendance. The Orlando Housing Authority purchased Antioch Manor, a HUD Section 202 residential facility in 2008. Antioch Manor is a low income project-based senior site that added 101 units to OHA's housing inventory. The Orlando Housing Authority thanks the Mayor of the City Beautiful for his visit with our seniors.



JOBS PARTNERSHIP OF CENTRAL FLORIDA

The Orlando Housing Authority partnered with Jobs Partnership of Central Florida to provide a twelve-week life and work training classes. The classes are held Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m. The training will allow Orlando Housing Authority residents to have career assessments, job placement assistance and access to training scholarships.

EMPOWERING MALES TO BUILD OPPORTUNITIES FOR DEVELOPING INDEPENDENCE (EMBODI)

It is Saturday, January 23, 2010, 1:30 p.m. The Orlando Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. invited T35 gifted and talented young African-American middle and high school males from across the Orange County, community, and their families to introduced them to EMBODI: Empowering Males to Build Opportunities for Developing Independence. The meeting was held at the Orlando Housing Authority's Training Facility. Over 100 persons attended the "Meet and Greet;" of the thirty-five (35) young men who attended, eight (8) are residents of the Orlando Housing Authority.

EMBODI is a mentorship program designed to address educational, social and emotional obstacles young men may experience. It brings together young men, ages 13-18 years of age, with positive men and women who will serve as mentors. The Programs' activities and events will focus on, but are not limited to, cultural/academic enrichment, building self-confidence, conflict-resolution strategies and any other issues impacting our youths. This is a national initiative of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. and the Orlando Alumnae Chapter. The Orlando Housing Authority is thrilled to be a partner with the Orlando Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. We look forward to participating in the planned activities. If you are aware of young males between the ages of 13-10 who could benefit from this program, please contact EMBODI Representative Roneisha Britten at 407 895-3300 x6009.



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Capital Improvements Report



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.

Complex 4-2/5 Reeves Terrace Apartments

- ◆ **Bathroom Renovations:** Twenty-one (21) bids were received December 8, 2009. The low responsive bidder is LC Construction Group. A pre-construction conference was held and a Notice to Proceed was issued February 5, 2010. 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 was issued January 27, 2010. The scheduled completion date is June 25, 2010.
- ◆ **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 Contractor has commenced work. The scheduled completion date is June 25, 2010.

Complex 4-6 Murchison Terrace Apartments

- ◆ **Supply and Install Aluminum Gutters:** Five (5) bids were received May 14, 2009; a contract award notification was issued to the low bidder, KP Construction Services. A pre-construction conference was held October 5, 2009. The work is 80% complete.

Complex 4-9 Ivey Lane Homes

- ◆ **Install Sewer Lines:** Three (3) bids were received August 5, 2009. A Contract notification has been issued to the low bidder, Camelot Development, Inc. A pre-construction conference was held and a Notice to Proceed was issued September 9, 2009. The work is 100% complete.

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 construction commenced August 3, 2009 and work is 76% complete. Modifications to the contract have been prepared and approved. The contract completion date is March 31, 2010.

Complex 4-13 Omega Apartments

- ◆ **Supply and Install PEX Re-pipe:** Four (4) bids were received August 3, 2009. A contract Notification of Award was issued to the low bidder, Bryan Plumbing, Inc. A pre-construction conference was held and the Notice to Proceed was issued August 6, 2009. The work is 100% complete.
- ◆ **Exterior Painting and Pressure Wash:** Eleven (11) bids were received November 20, 2009. The low responsive bidder was Paintsmart USA, Inc. A pre-construction conference was held and a Notice to Proceed was issued January 14, 2010. The Contractor has commence work. The 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.

Complex 4-14 Marden Meadows Apartments

- ◆ **Sidewalk Repairs:** Three (3) quotes were received. A purchase order contract was issued to the low bidder, Hughes Concrete. A pre-construction conference was held and a Notice to proceed was issued February 3, 2010. The completion date is February 12, 2010.
- ◆ **Seal and Stripe Parking Lot:** Three (3) quotes were received. A purchase order contract was issued to the low bidder, Arrow Pavement Services, Inc. A pre-construction conference was held and a Notice to Proceed was issued January 29, 2010. The completion date is June 25, 2010.

***IN ALL THAT WE DO—LET US DO IT
WITH LOVE!!***

— CHRIS COTTON
