

President/CEO's Report
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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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PRESIDENT/CEO

The Orlando Housing Authority (OHA) received word from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) that it was selected as a Moving to Work agency. You may recall that OHA applied for the designation December 15, 2009, after being one of a select group of high performing housing authorities invited to apply. Even though only certain housing authorities could 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!

Board of Commissioners' Meeting

The Orlando Housing Authority Board of Commissioners will hold its regular Board Meeting Thursday, March 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 February 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 for February 2010 was 98.9%.

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.
- **Lake Mann HOPE VI:** OHA submitted an application to HUD for a HOPE VI Revitalization Grant to redevelop Lake Mann Homes. The application deadline was November 17, 2009. HUD was expected to announce HOPE VI awards last February 2010.
- **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.



SAFETY TIPS TO REINFORCE WITH YOUR CHILDREN

Every day millions of children take the streets and highways to get to and from school. For many children this experience is a new one and they may not understand the safety rules. Young children do not have the same frame of reference for safety as adults do. They may not "look before the leap," which is why it is so important for families to supervise young children and practice safety skills with their older children to make certain they really know and understand them. In an analysis of attempted nonfamily abductions the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC) found approximately 36% of attempted abductions happened when a child was going to or from school or a school-related activity. The key tips noted below will help prepare for a safer journey.

- Always **TAKE A FRIEND** with you when walking, biking or standing at the bus stop. Make sure you know your bus number and which bus to ride.
- **Say NO** if anyone you don't know or a person who makes you feel scared, uncomfortable or confused offers a ride. **Do NOT** accept a ride from anyone unless I have told you it is OK to do so in each instance.
- Quickly get away and yell, "**THIS PERSON IS NOT MY MOTHER/FATHER/GUARDIAN**" if anyone tries to take you somewhere or is following you. If anyone tries to grab you, make a scene and every effort to get away by kicking, screaming and resisting.
- **NEVER LEAVE SCHOOL GROUNDS** before the regular school day ends. Always check with the office and me before leaving school early.
- **NEVER** take shortcuts or walk through alleys to get to or from school. We will talk about which way to go to and from school. Remind me if activities you participate in cause you to leave earlier or arrive home later than usual. Remember to call me once you have arrived home.

For more information about school safety or other child-safety topics, call or visit

1-800-THE-LOST (1-800-843-5678)

www.missingkids.com

SENIOR HEALTH AWARENESS FAIR



The Orlando Housing Authority in conjunction with the Central Florida Black Nurses Association held a Senior Health Awareness Fair at the Villas of Carver Park. The sessions were open to all residents and highlighted various issues such as, benefits of eating nutritious foods, exercise programs, living will and advance directives, elderly services, body mass index calculations, blood pressure and blood screening checks. Various organizations had tables set up in the facility for residents to visit and pick up information beneficial to them. At the end of the health-fair residents were given OHA bags that included water, tea, pens, pencils, bag clips, magnets, calendars and surveys to complete and return. The event was held Saturday, February 27, 2010 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

ONE MILLION MENTORS NATIONAL CAMPAIGN



On March 5, 2010 from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Downtown Recreation Center, radio personality host Michael Baisden and co-host George Wilbourne held the One Million Mentors National Campaign. OHA had five EMBODI participants to attend this event with the Orlando Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc. The event consisted of motivational speakers and organizations that currently mentor to young males. The purpose of this event was to bring awareness to how important mentorships is to our youth.

COMMISSIONER PHIL DIAMOND'S BIKE RAFFLE GIVE-AWAY



The City of Orlando and Commissioner Phil Diamond, District 1 held a bike raffle giveaway at Citrus Square. The Commissioner raffled off four (4) bikes with helmets, reflectors and water bottles. A "safety tips" movie was shown and children who answered the safety quiz correctly received prizes.



MARDI GRAS AT CITRUS SQUARE

February 17, 2010 from 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. thirty (30) Citrus Square residents celebrated Mardi gras at their community room. This was a celebration for the entire Citrus Square community. The room was decorated with Mardi Gras masks, beads, and Happy Mardi Gras fixtures. There were games, food, music, dance and of course beads for everyone to enjoy.



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Orlando Housing Authority Mission Statement: To offer a choice of safe and affordable housing options and opportunities for economic independence for resi-



Capital Improvements Report



Complex 4-1 Griffin Park Apartments

- ◆ **Supply and Install Exterior Doors:** Invitation for Bids (IFB) 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 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.
- ◆ **Roofs for Administration Building:** Three (3) quotes were received. The low responsive bidder was MVB & Associates, Inc. A purchase order contract was issued February 19, 2010. A pre-construction conference was held and 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):** Invitation for Bids (IFB) 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 is M.E.C. Contracting Services, LLC. The contract and recommendation is complete pending approval.

Complex 4-9 Ivey Lane Homes

- ◆ **Supply and Install Re-Roofs:** Invitation for Bids (IFB) 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 is 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) 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 is Stones Unlimited Builder, Inc. The contract and recommendation is complete and pending approval.

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 80% complete. Modifications to the contract have been prepared and approved. The contract completion date has been extended to March 31, 2010.
- ◆ **Seal and Stripe Parking Lots:** Three (3) quotes were received. The low responsive bidder is 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 is Arrow Pavement Service, Inc. A purchase order contract 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 Contractor 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.

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 Notice to proceed was issued February 3, 2010. The work is 100% complete.
- ◆ **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 Notice to Proceed was issued January 29, 2010. The completion date is June 25, 2010.