

City of Fort Lauderdale

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Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301
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Meeting Minutes - APPROVED

Tuesday, July 12, 2016

1:30 PM

City Commission Conference Room

City Commission Conference Meeting

FORT LAUDERDALE CITY COMMISSION

***JOHN P. "JACK" SEILER Mayor - Commissioner
DEAN J. TRANTALIS Vice Mayor - Commissioner - District II
BRUCE G. ROBERTS Commissioner - District I
ROBERT L. McKINZIE Commissioner - District III
ROMNEY ROGERS Commissioner - District IV***

***LEE R. FELDMAN, City Manager
JOHN HERBST, City Auditor
JEFFREY A. MODARELLI, City Clerk
CYNTHIA A. EVERETT, City Attorney***

Mayor Seiler called the City Commission Conference Meeting to order at 1:36 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: 5 - Mayor John P. "Jack" Seiler, Vice Mayor Dean J. Trantalis, Commissioner Robert L. McKinzie, Commissioner Romney Rogers, and Commissioner Bruce G. Roberts

Also Present: City Manager Lee R. Feldman, City Auditor John Herbst, City Clerk Jeffrey A. Modarelli, City Attorney Cynthia A. Everett, and Sergeant at Arms Wilgienson Auguste

No public comments were submitted by email for this meeting.

CITY COMMISSION REPORTS

Events and Matters of Interest

The Mayor and members of the Commission announced recent and upcoming events and matters of interest or concern.

Mayor Seiler announced that there will be a moment of silence at the regular meeting for the Dallas Police Officers as well as Chuck Black, a Marine Advisory Board member who recently passed away. Mayor Seiler noted Mr. Black's hard work on the USS Fort Lauderdale Project.

4th of July Parade Events and Fireworks on the Beach.

Vice Mayor Trantalis attended the Idlewyld Neighborhood 4th of July Event and noted the lack of police directing traffic. Commissioner McKinzie stated the new police cadets were at every corner all the way down to North Beach and at the intersection on Las Olas. The Mayor noted the event's fireworks and music was well done. However, there was an issue with the Sun Trolley he would like to see resolved. Commissioner Roberts said the director of Sun Trolley, Robyn Chiarelli, is following up on these issues. Commissioner Rogers noted that he received compliments on the fireworks at the event. Vice Mayor Trantalis and Mayor Seiler attended the grand opening of Stompers Boots.

Vice Mayor Trantalis Upcoming Events

Vice Mayor Trantalis announced Telephone Town Hall Meeting, new bar opening up called "Last Call", first meeting of the Ad Hoc Fort Lauderdale Homeless Committee and CVCC Project at Warfield Park.

Night Out on Crime

Vice Mayor Trantalis requested information on the upcoming Night Out on Crime event as he has heard nothing thus far on when it is occurring.

Memorial Service for Fallen Fire Fighter

Commissioner Rogers, Vice Mayor McKinzie and City Manager Feldman attended the memorial service for fallen Fire Fighter Captain Glen Arnal. Vice Mayor Trantalis expressed his appreciation for the men and women who are first responders in the City of Fort Lauderdale.

Reserve at Edgewood Grand Opening

Mayor Seiler, Commissioner Rogers, City Manager Feldman, and Assistant City Manager Chris Lagerbloom attended the Grand Opening at the Reserve at Edgewood.

Central Beach Master Plan Meeting

Commissioner Rogers advised City Manager Feldman that the Harbor Beach residents were not on the list to be advised of this meeting. Vice Mayor Trantalis added that there was no public notice on this meeting. A discussion ensued in regards to properly noticing meetings in the future.

Southeast 8th Avenue

Commissioner Rogers advised City Manager Feldman that there is no bike lane on Southeast 8th Avenue. City Manager Feldman noted it may be due to the road being too narrow.

Police Sub Station at Harbor Shops

Commissioner Rogers is awaiting the opening of the police substation at Harbor Shops.

Music Events Held in the City

Commissioner Rogers has been asked questions from neighbors concerning the upcoming music festivals scheduled in the City. He stated he would like parameters for these events. Commissioner Rogers was given positive feedback on the Airshow with regard to traffic. A discussion ensued among the Commission in regards to events held in the City focusing the time required for event set up and breakdown of events and the costs.

Starlight Musicals

Commissioner McKinzie promoted the Starlight Musicals event noting it is an unbelievable event.

Housing and Community Development.

Commissioner McKinzie had a concern about the administrative aspect of Housing and Community Development. He noted that he already discussed with City Manager Feldman.

Football Camp at Carter Park

Commissioner McKinzie noted the beginning of a football camp at Carter Park which he attended.

13th Avenue Concern.

Commissioner McKinzie noted that there are individuals potentially "under the influence" in this area.

Vacation Rentals

Commissioner McKinzie drove by some vacation rentals located in the area. He observed code violations that may not have been reported and expressed concern with regard to the associated workshops. City Manager Feldman commented that everyone registered was invited to the workshops. A further discussion ensued regarding code violations and enforcement associated with vacation rentals.

National Rifle Association

Vice Mayor Trantalis acknowledged a letter from Christopher Conti, Litigation Counsel for the National Rifle Association.

CONFERENCE REPORTS

CF-1 16-0813

Emergency Purchases - Sewer Force Main Failure at 641 Southwest
6th Avenue from Envirowaste Services Group, Inc. - \$137,489

City Manager Feldman removed this item from the Agenda and will bring it back to the Commission at a later date.

CF-2 16-0854 Emergency Purchases - 20-Inch Diameter Water Main Failure at 1961
East Sunrise Boulevard - \$49,987.50

Charles King, resident of the City, addressed the Commission with his thoughts, comments, questions and concerns on this item.

City Manager Feldman addressed a question from Commissioner Roberts in regards to the funding set aside for this project. Commissioner Rogers commented that they need to correct the perception held by the residents in regards to pipe breakage in the City. A discussion ensued in regards to the invoice and cost associated with this issue.

CF-3 16-0615 Central Beach Master Plan Public Improvement Projects Update

Commissioner Trantalis and Commissioner Roberts both commented that City Manager Feldman is aware of their concerns regarding this issue. City Manager addressed a question by Commissioner Rogers. Mayor Seiler asked City Attorney Everett for a written opinion regarding when funding associated with this item must be spent. Lynn Soloman, Assistant City Attorney, spoke in response to the Mayor's question. Commissioner Rogers and Roberts expressed concern in regards to different rules for each CRA. Lynn Soloman advised that when the CRA's were created there was a resolution passed by the County delegating authority to the City to create the CRA's. The County retained jurisdiction over three items. The first was to expand the boundaries, the second is to extend the terms and the third is compliance with their land development. City Manager Feldman stated they would schedule this item for a conference meeting for more discussion and spoke in regards to the county TIF and extensions. City Manager Feldman answered further questions posed by Commissioner Rogers and Vice Mayor Trantalis. A discussion ensued among the Commission regarding the TIF.

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OLD/NEW BUSINESS

BUS-1 16-0818 Local Government Infrastructure and Transportation Local
Option Sales Taxes - Next Step and APPROVED 10 - Year
Spending Plan

Mayor Seiler asked City Attorney Everett to research whether enough signatures were gathered in regards to this item. City Manager Feldman provided a status on the proposed plan and where proceeds of the sales tax will be designated. City Manager Feldman responded to questions posed by Commissioner Rogers and Vice Mayor Trantalis.

Commissioner Rogers noted that they should be sensitive on the dissemination of information regarding how the proceeds from the sales tax will be spent. Commissioner Roberts agreed with Commissioner Rogers.

Mayor Seiler and Commissioner Roberts agreed and discussed items that should be emphasized as to where funding is going. City Manager Feldman responded to a question posed by Vice Mayor Trantalis in regards to cost associated with a proposed police substation.

Further discussion ensued on proposed items for funding and which items should be emphasized to the community. City Manager Feldman will move with the broad direction from the Commission.

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BUS-2 16-0836

Re-Employment of Retirees Receiving Benefits from the Police and Firefighters' Retirement System

Mayor Seiler stated that retired police and firefighters should be allowed reemployment to other City departments other than Police and Fire, whereas the original ordinance prohibits. He understood why, at the time, they were doing this from a departmental standpoint, within the departments of police and fire.

Commissioner Roberts stated for the record that he was advised by City Attorney Everett that he was not required to recuse himself from this discussion.

Commissioner McKinzie commented that reemployment of retirees should pertain to all classifications, not just Police and Fire. Commissioner McKinzie and Mayor Seiler discussed this further. Assistant City Manager Stanley Hawthorne explained the origin of the current policy associated with this issue. Mayor Seiler asked Scott Bayne, President of the Fort Lauderdale Professional Firefighters IAFF Local 765, to provide clarity on the origin of the current policy. Mr. Bayne advised there was a tax issue associated with the reemployment of Police and Firefighters as well as potentially disrupting the promotional opportunities for current employees. A discussion ensued with the Commission and City Attorney Everett about the various issues associated with changing this ordinance. City Manager Feldman commented on tax issues surrounding this item and asked William Coleman, Attorney with Brinkley Morgan, to elaborate for the Commission.

Mr. Coleman went on to explain the premature distribution penalty potential for some returning employees that had retired, depending on age. Assistant City Attorney Cole Cupertino spoke on the subject of whether an employee can defer a retirement benefit.

A discussion ensued among the Commission on the two items surrounding this issue which are whether to rehire retired employees and whose responsibility it is to educate the returning employees to the potential of being taxed should they return after retirement. Mr. Coleman answered further questions from the Commission and City Attorney Everett regarding this issue.

City Manager Feldman advised that going forward the ordinance will dictate the rules and everyone will have the knowledge of the tax implications associated with returning to City employment after they retire. City Manager Feldman noted that there are 18 people that currently have tax issues associated with reemployment. Mayor Seiler stated that issue will be discussed at a later date.

Lisa Slagle, Human Resources Analyst, spoke to the Commission and relayed her personal experience on returning after retirement and the tax penalty that she has since incurred.

Charles King, resident of the City, addressed the Commission with his thoughts, comments, questions and concerns regarding this item.

BUS-3 16-0855

Department of Sustainable Development Updates-Building Services
And Code Compliance Information Presentation.

City Manager Feldman introduced Anthony Fajardo, Director of Sustainable Development, and John Travers, Building Official Department of Sustainable Development, to present an update on the Department of Sustainable Development's-Building Services

A copy of the presentation given by Mr. Travers is attached to these minutes.

Mayor Seiler left the meeting at 3:59 p.m. and handed the gavel to Vice Mayor Trantalis.

Mayor Seiler returned to the meeting at 4:14 p.m.

Anthony Fajardo, Director of Sustainable Development, and City Manager Feldman answered the questions posed by the Commission.

Sharon Ragoonan, Code Enforcement, continued the address to the Commission with an informational presentation on Code Compliance. Discussions and questions ensued among the Commission.

Charles King, resident of the City, addressed the Commission with his comments, suggestion, questions, and concerns on this item.

BUS-4 16-0764 Human Resources Informational Presentation.

Deferred to August 16th, 2016 Meeting.

RECESS

Mayor Seiler recessed the Commission Conference Meeting the meeting at 5:13 p.m. The remaining items will be taken up following the Commission Regular Meeting tonight.

EXECUTIVE CLOSED DOOR SESSION

16-0803

Mayor Seiler announced the City Commission's Executive Closed Door Session under Florida Statute, Section 286.011(8) concerning:

*Alex Pierre v. City of Fort Lauderdale, James Wells and Christopher
Sousa
Federal Case No. 16-61053-Civ-Williams
State Court Case No. CACE 16-009110 (04)*

*Renee Smith v. City of Fort Lauderdale
Case No. CACE 15-016129 (04)*

*William Desilvio v. City of Fort Lauderdale
Case No. CACE 14-011442 (14)*

Mayor Seiler announced those who will be in attendance as:

Mayor John P. "Jack" Seiler
Vice Mayor and Commissioner Robert McKinzie
Commissioner Dean Trantalis

Commissioner Romney Rogers
Commissioner Bruce G. Roberts
City Manager Lee R. Feldman
City Attorney Cynthia A. Everett
Assistant City Attorney Alain Boileau
Outside Council Robert Schwartz, McIntosh and Schwartz
Daughters Court Reporting

Mayor Seiler reconvened the City Commission Conference Meeting at 11:12 p.m. following the conclusion of the City Commission Regular Meeting

BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

BD-1 16-0801 Board and Committee Vacancies

Members of the Commission discussed upcoming vacancies and possible candidates to be appointed at the August 16, 2016 City Commission Regular Meeting.

BD-2 16-0802 Communications to the City Commission

Unsafe Structures Board Minutes Communication to the City Commission

A motion was made to ask if the City Commission was aware that the Special Magistrate, not just the Unsafe Structures Board, was issuing demolition orders passed unanimously.

Commissioner Roberts met with City Staff, City Manager Feldman, members of the City Attorney's Office, and the City's Building Department regarding this issue. Commissioner Roberts stated there is a reason for doing both. Mayor Seiler stated it should be explained to the Unsafe Structures Board why this is being done. Commissioner Roberts stated City Staff and or the City Attorney's Office should do this based on conversations he had with them yesterday. Further discussions ensued and City Attorney Everett confirmed that Assistant City Attorney Rhonda Hassan would communicate this with the Unsafe Structures Board. City Attorney Everett noted for the Commission that amendments to the City's current Code are necessary due to come items being outdated.

Commissioner Roberts passed out a list of unsafe structures in the City that are currently being investigated, have been demolished or are up for being demolished. Commissioner Rogers also stated the ways to speed up the process of demolishing of some of these buildings is being investigated and noted the process needs to be clarified to refine the process. Further comments and discussions ensued on the City's various boards implementing their tasks and better ways to define these responsibilities.

A copy of the list handed out by Commissioner Roberts is attached to these minutes.

Affordable Housing Advisory Committee Communication to the City Commission

A motion was made by Ms. Barry, seconded by Mr. Parke, to submit the original version of the proposed Ordinance to that City Commission, accompanied by a letter of transmittal saying that is the version created by the AHAC as asked.

Mr. Rosenstein commented the Commission will get both copies whether the Committee likes it or not, and he thought it likely that the Commission would accept the version from the Legal department.

Mr. Cooper made a friendly amendment to the motion that changes were presented to the Committee from the Legal Department that the Committee questioned and could not receive answers on, and therefore, wanted to advise the City Commission to that point. Changes had been made with no explanation to the Committee. Ms. Barry accepted the amendment. In a voice vote, the motion passed.

Mayor Seiler requested Mr. Roosevelt Walters of the Affordable Housing Advisory Committee to clarify the Affordable Housing Advisory Committee's Communication to the City Commission asking where the ordinance referred to as being attached to the letter of transmittal to the Commission. Mr. Walters stated the ordinance is still being worked on with the City Attorney's Office and will be brought back to the Commission at a later date.

CITY MANAGER REPORTS

None

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the City Commission at this Conference Meeting, Mayor Seiler adjourned the meeting at 11:18 p.m.

Building Services Division

Performance Measures

John Travers, Building Official
Building Services Division



Department of Sustainable Development

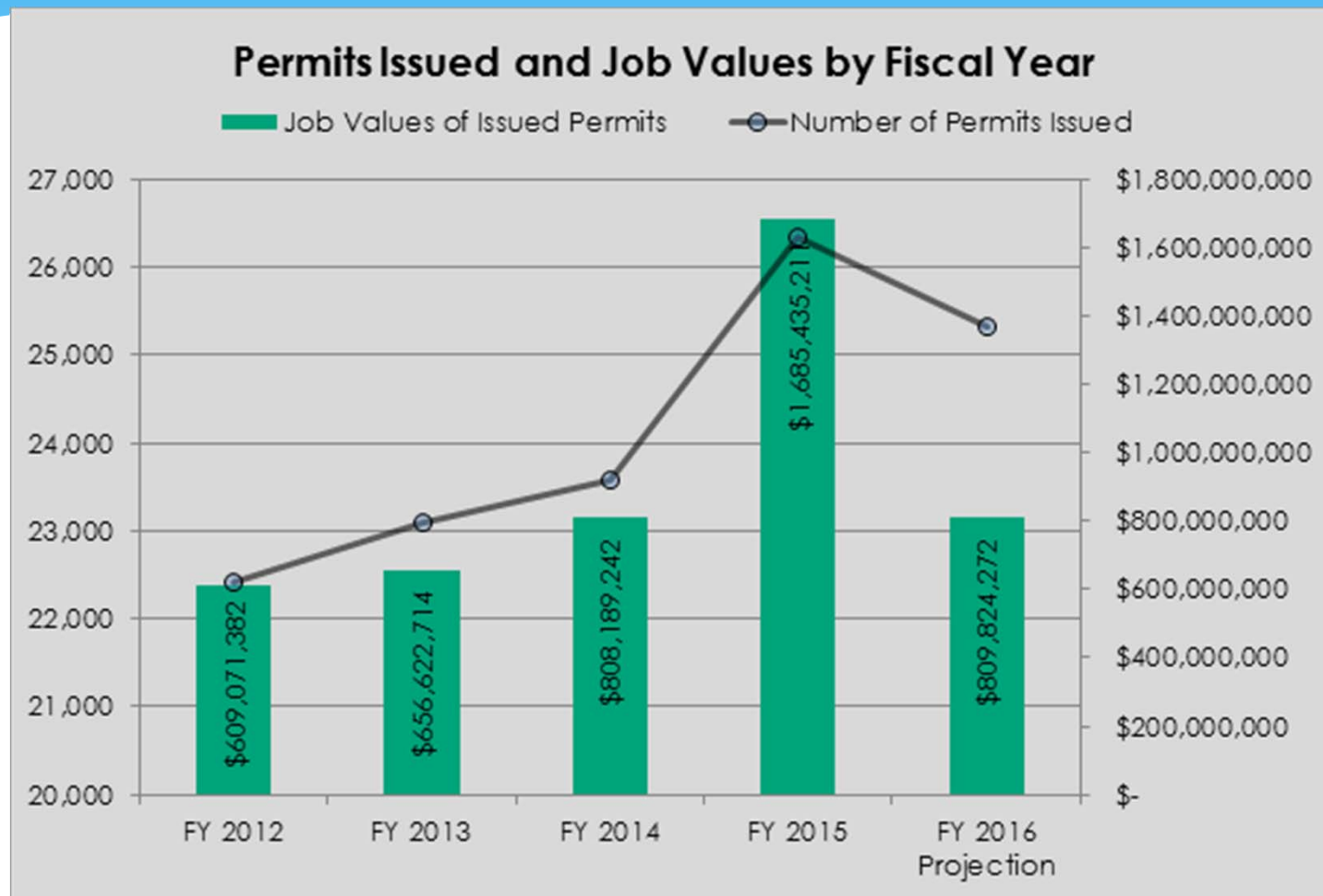
New Permits

1st – 3rd Quarter Comparisons - FY 2015 vs FY 2016

- * FY 2015 - # of new permits issued: 19,501
- * FY 2016 - # of new permits issued: 18,835
- * **3.4% decrease**
- * 2015 Job valuation (3 Qrtrs): \$632,777,454
- * 2016 Job valuation (3 Qrtrs): \$674,842,445
- * **6.2% increase**
- * **Development within the City remains steady**
- * Data compiled from Community +, Land Management Software, July 1, 2016

Additional Stats for BSD

Job Value and # of Permit Apps – 5 Year Comparison



Department of Sustainable Development

Current BSD Staffing

February, 2016

Filled FTEs (60)
70%

Vacant Approved Contract Temps
18% 7% 5%



June, 2016

Filled FTEs (80)
86%

Vacant Approved Contract Temps
3% 6% 5%

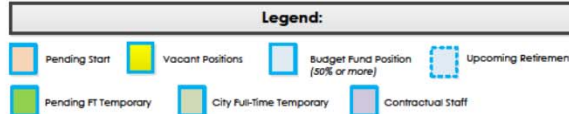


Current Vacant Approved positions: 2, 1 structural and 1 plumbing inspector

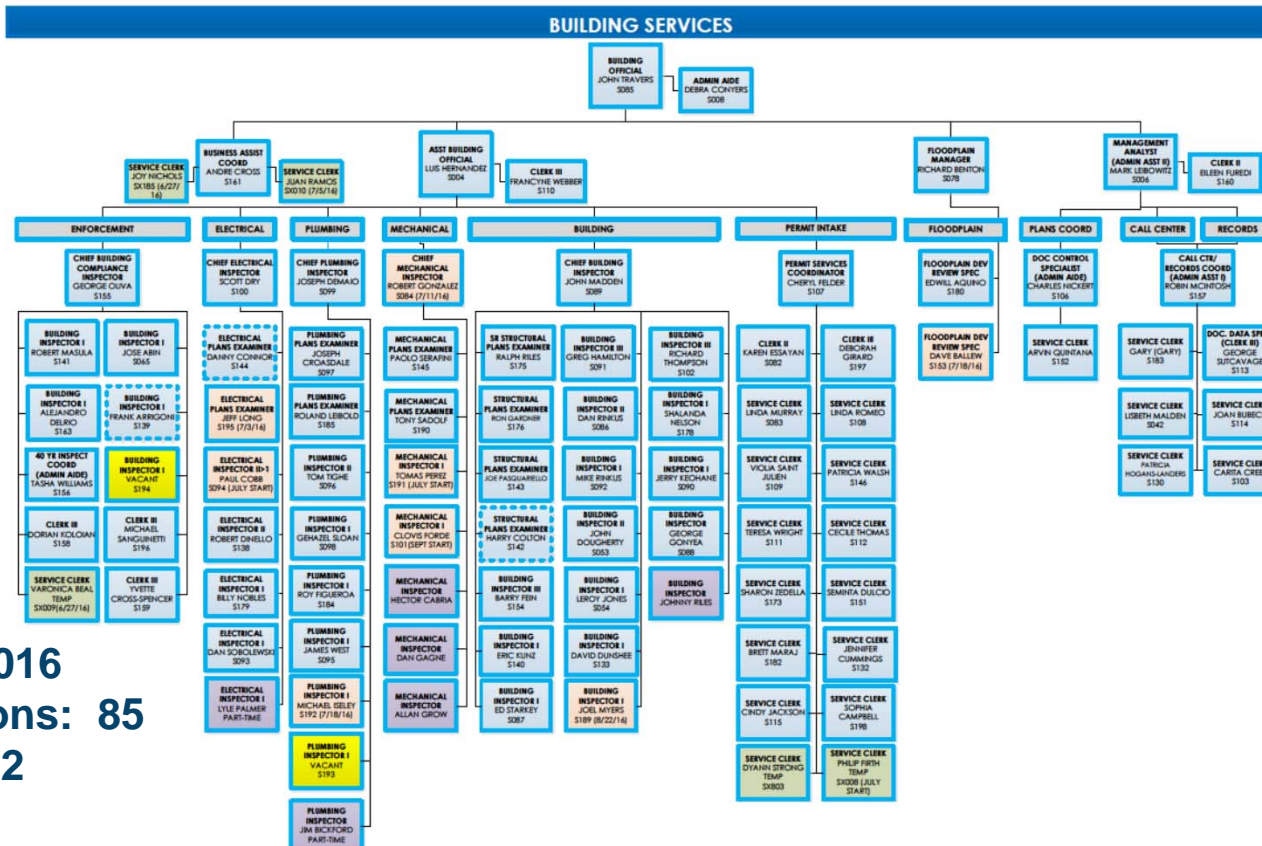


February 24th, 2016
Total positions: 77
Vacancies: 16 (4 Temps)

Current BSD Staffing



BUILDING SERVICES FUNDED ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



June 23rd, 2016
 Total Positions: 85
 Vacancies: 2

Department of Sustainable Development

Average Days to Issue a Permit

3rd Quarter of FY 2015 vs FY 2016

- * FY 2015: Residential: 30 Commercial: 38
- * FY 2016: Residential: 38 Commercial: 41
- * New hires and promoted FTEs to new positions are going through efficiency and training efforts to become proficient

Total/Daily Plan Reviews 2016 - 3rd Quarter (all disciplines)

- * April Total: 7559 = 359/day (21 working days)**
- * May Total: 8056 = 383/day (21 working days)**
- * June Total: 7650 = 347/day (22 working days)**
- * We have added more technical plan reviewers, so the daily reviews will start to increase, as these examiners become more proficient and complete their OJT**
- * Focus on Re-Checks has been implemented and results will be reportable by the end of the 4th quarter.**

*** Data compiled from Community +, Land Management Software, July 1, 2016**

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Total/Daily Inspections 2016 - 3rd Quarter (all disciplines)

- * April Total: 8458 = 402/day (21 working days)**
 - * May Total: 7999 = 380/day (21 working days)**
 - * June Total: 8633 = 392/day (22 working days)**
 - * We have added more technical inspectors, so the daily inspections will start to increase, as they become more proficient and complete their OJT**
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- * Data compiled from Community +, Land Management Software, July 1, 2016**

Process Improvements

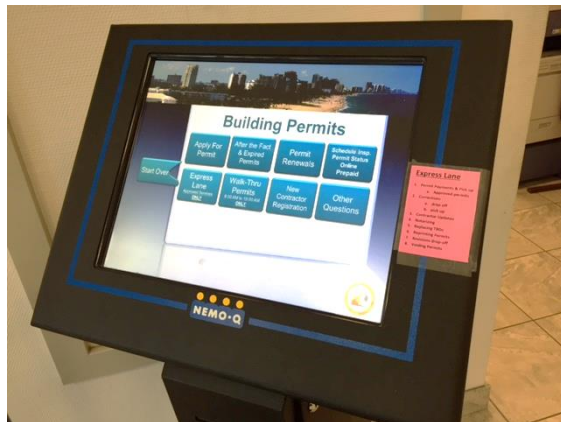
Building Services Division

Operating Improvements Already Implemented

- * **NEMO-Q Improvements – eliminating the double ticket issue**
- * **Express Lane Refinement**
- * **R.F.ID – Plan searches greatly reduced**
- * **Changed BSD hours of operation for walk-ins. Seasoned veterans knew that they could arrive at 10:25 AM and qualify for walk-in service. This meant that service clerks were still processing walk-ins through the lunch schedules of the plans examiners, causing delays. NEMO-Q cut-off time is now 09:30 AM. This allows us to complete our walk-ins by lunch break. The only change to the public is their arrival time at DSD.**

Kiosk Improvements

NEMO-Q



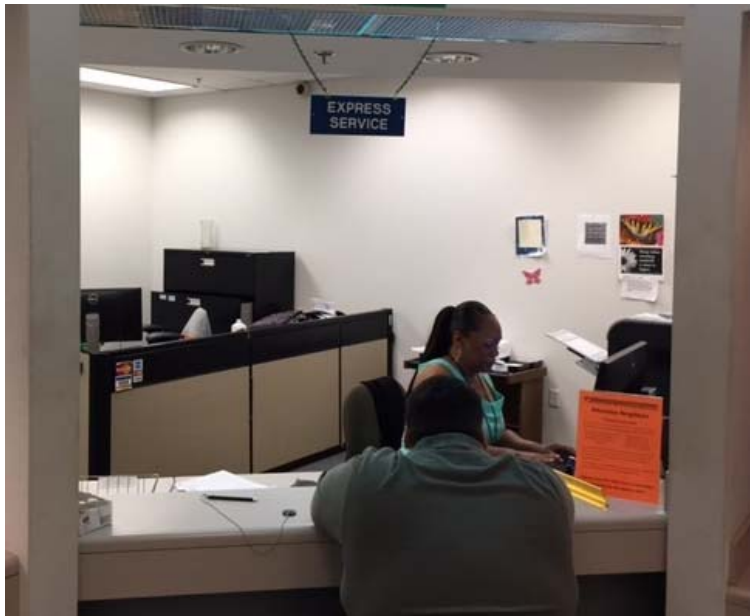
- * Further clarification has been added to refine the initial permit intake process



- * The handicap accessible electronic kiosk is now being used as a 2nd means of receiving a serving number

Permit Express Lane

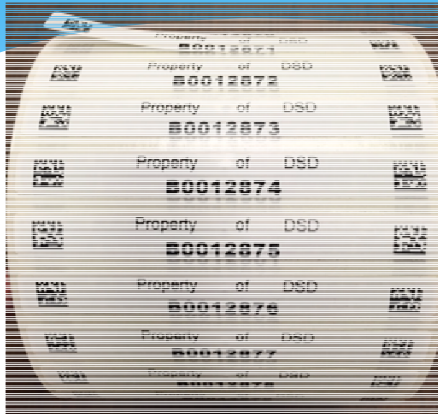
For Quick Transactions



- * Corrections drop off/pick up
- * Revision submittal
- * Permit payment/pick up
- * Print/Reprinting permits
- * Replacing TBD subs
- * Contractor license updates
- * Notarizations

R.F.I.D.

Radio Frequency Identification



- * Has drastically decreased the time it takes to locate a permit
- * New Quality Assurance process incorporated into tagging

New Fleet of Hybrids

Toyota Prius (20)



- * Gas consumption this FY is 16% less than last year, including additional loaned vehicles for new inspectors (data from Fleet).
- * I will need additional vehicles as we complete the training of our new inspectors. Loaned vehicles are being re-purposed to other departments.

DSD Exit Survey

- * We are still conducting an online exit survey for neighbors that use our services. This allows us to respond to issues directly related to our service performance.**

Process Improvements

Building Services Division On Our Horizon

- * **Future Digital Plan Review – The 1st touch screen active monitor has arrived. IT will set it up for plan examiners to receive training. Remainder of the screens are in the process of ordering. We are working on a new Land Management Program. These improvements will continue to increase our efficiency in plan review.**



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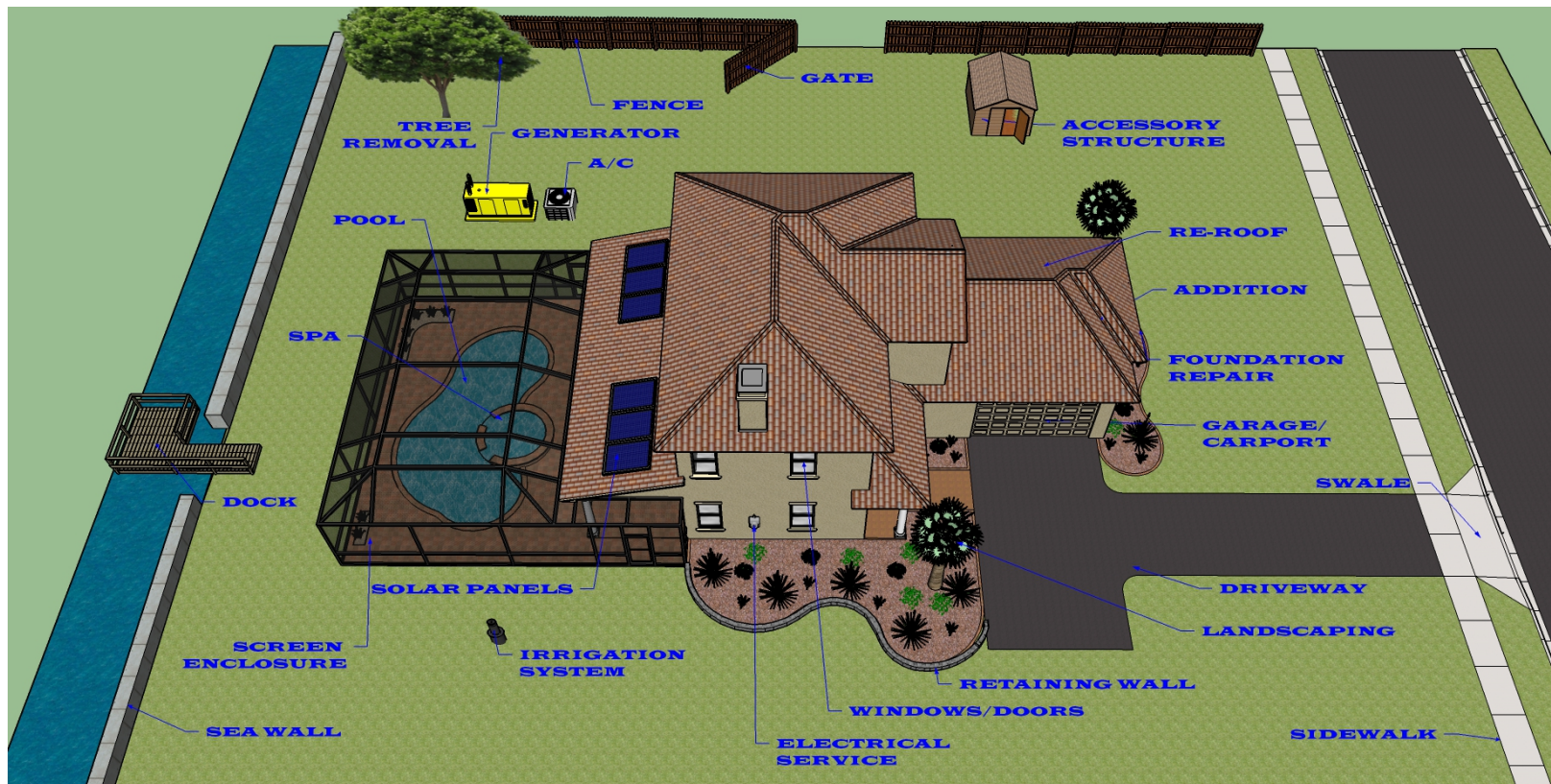
Process Improvements

Building Services Division On Our Horizon

- * City Website Permit Information – House Bill 535 now mandates that all permit issuing agencies have online services in operation by July 1, 2017. We already have the majority of our permit apps available online and are moving toward total online processing with credit card (PCI) compliance requirements.**

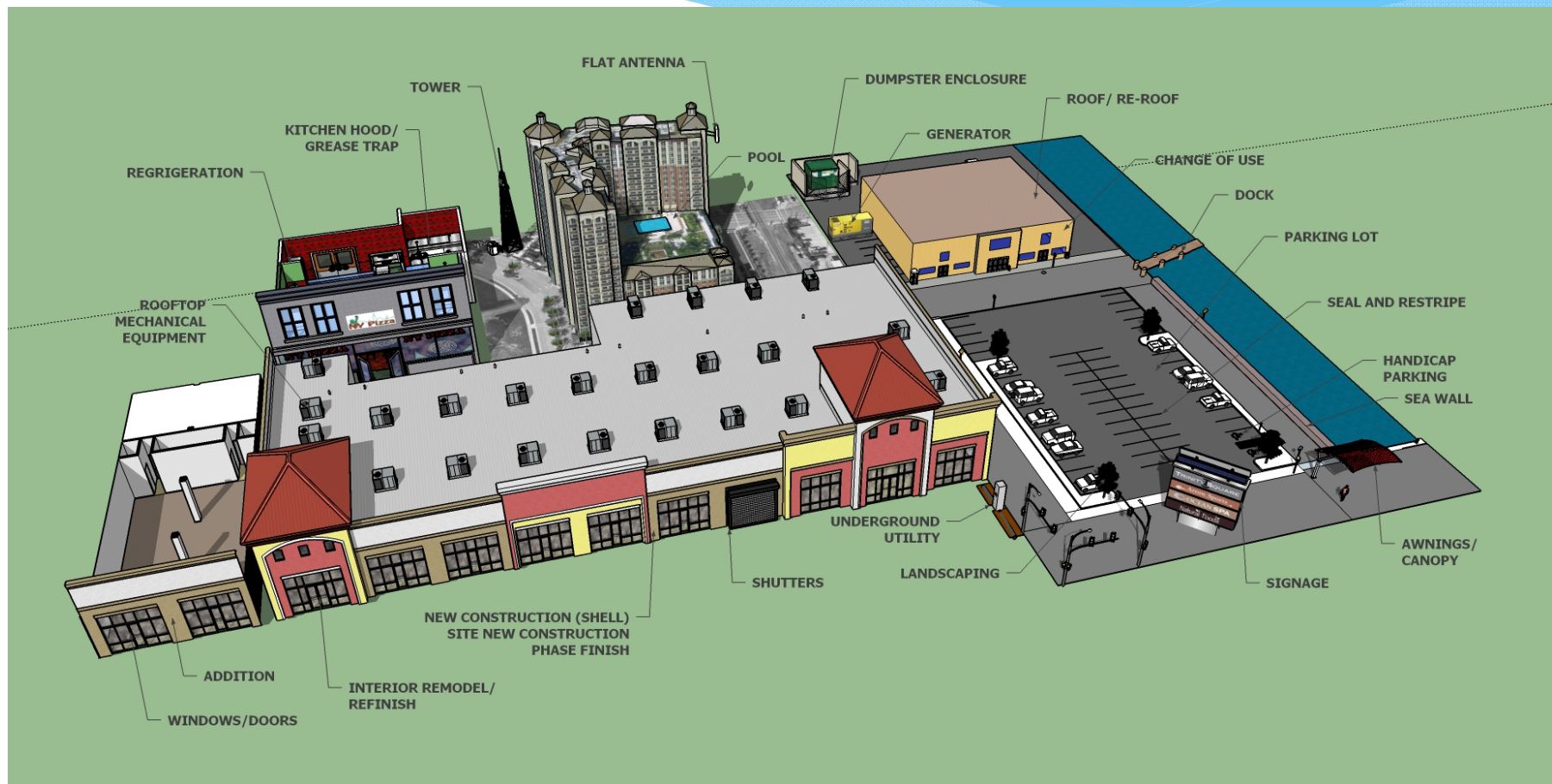
Interactive Website - Residential Diagram

Selecting a component will pull up a checklist of all needed submittals for a permit



Interactive Website - Commercial Diagram

Selecting a component will pull up a checklist of all needed submittals for a permit



Future Lobby and Employee Area Improvements

- * FY 2017 has funding for a study to remodel the Lobby area of DSD to make better use of underutilized floor space and provide a dedicated cashier area
- * Future movement of HCD Division to another location will provide us with the additional work space cubicles needed for the new FTEs shown in an earlier slide

Building Services Division

Performance Measures

Thank you for your time



Department of Sustainable Development



Department of Sustainable Development Code Compliance Division Presentation



July 12, 2016

Mission

The Code Compliance division's mission is to protect the health, safety, and welfare of our neighbors by conducting a comprehensive code compliance program that fosters voluntary compliance efforts and prompt correction of violations.



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Code Compliance Division

Goals

The goal is to achieve voluntary compliance through education and outreach.



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Code Compliance Division

Who We Were

Code Inspections

- 1 Manager
- 1 Assistant Manager.
- 5 Supervisors (Responsible for approximately 27 Code Compliance officers).
- 27 Code Compliance Officers (Including 4 Business Tax Receipt Inspectors).



Who We Are

Code Inspections

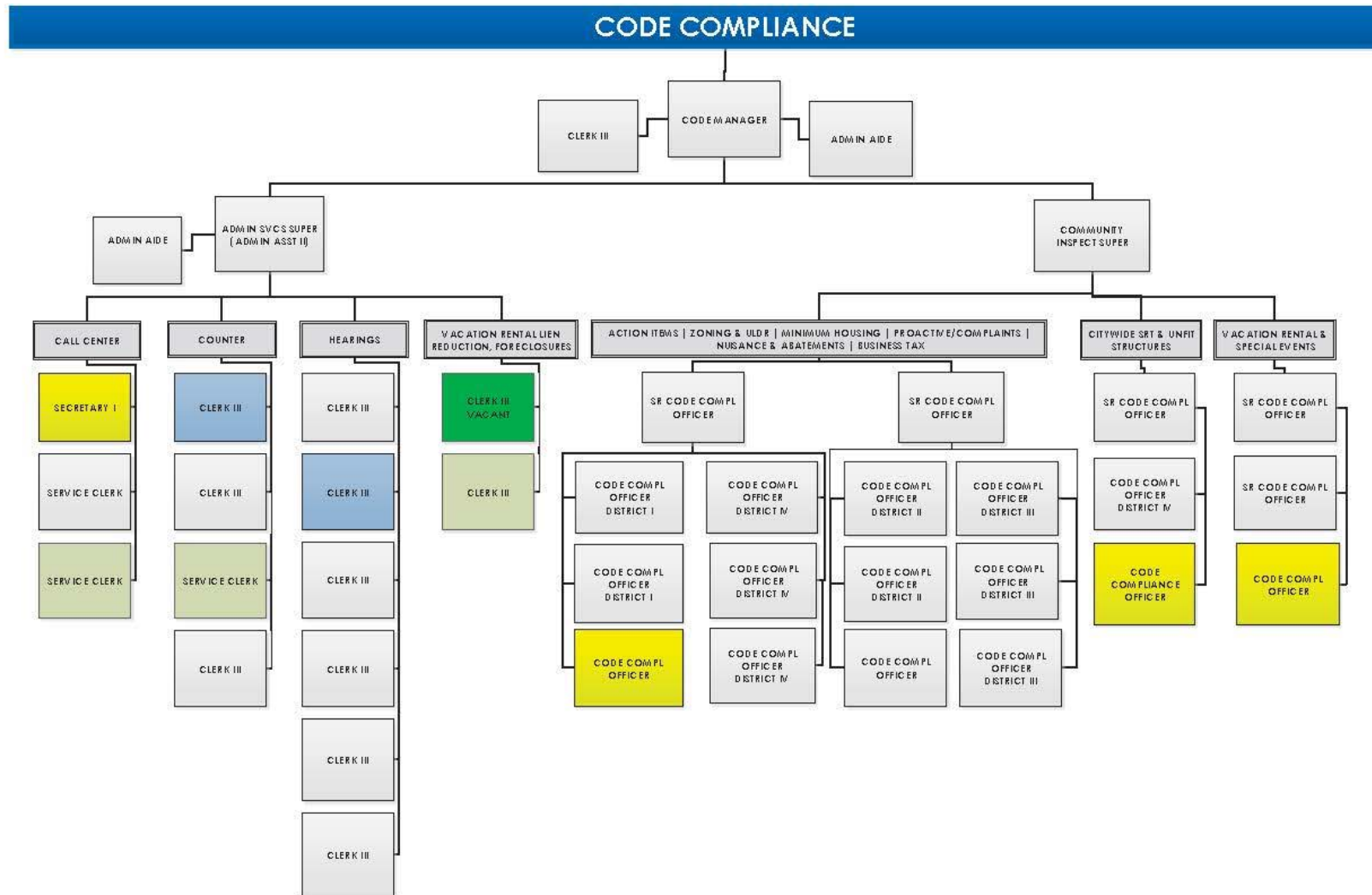
- 1 Manager
- 1 Supervisor (Responsible for 17 Code Compliance Officers)
- 17 Code Compliance Officers



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Code Compliance Division

Current Organizational Chart





Administrative Services

(Excludes Community Inspections)

- Lien Reduction Program (131 cases)
- Vacation Rental Registration Program (161 applications received, 191 cases for unregistered rentals opened)
- Call center (65+ cases/daily)
- Front Counter Customer Service
- Lien/Fine Payment Intake
- Contract Management (911 Restoration, Monroe Lawn Services, The BG Group, etc.)
- Special Assessments for Nuisance Abatement
- WaterWorks Program outreach
- Code@fortlauderdale.gov email response.
- Laserfiche Project
- Technology Integration (One Solution)
- Record and release liens
- Lien payoff quotes
- Archiving



Community Inspections Administration

- Special Magistrate (twice per month)
- Sea Turtle Outreach (annual)
- Lot Clearing
- First Class and Certified Mail for Notice of Violations and Notice of Hearings
- Print Notice of Violations
- Schedule Initial inspections
- Case Entry for special projects
- Courtesy Letter mailings for Neighborhood Outreach Program

Building Administration

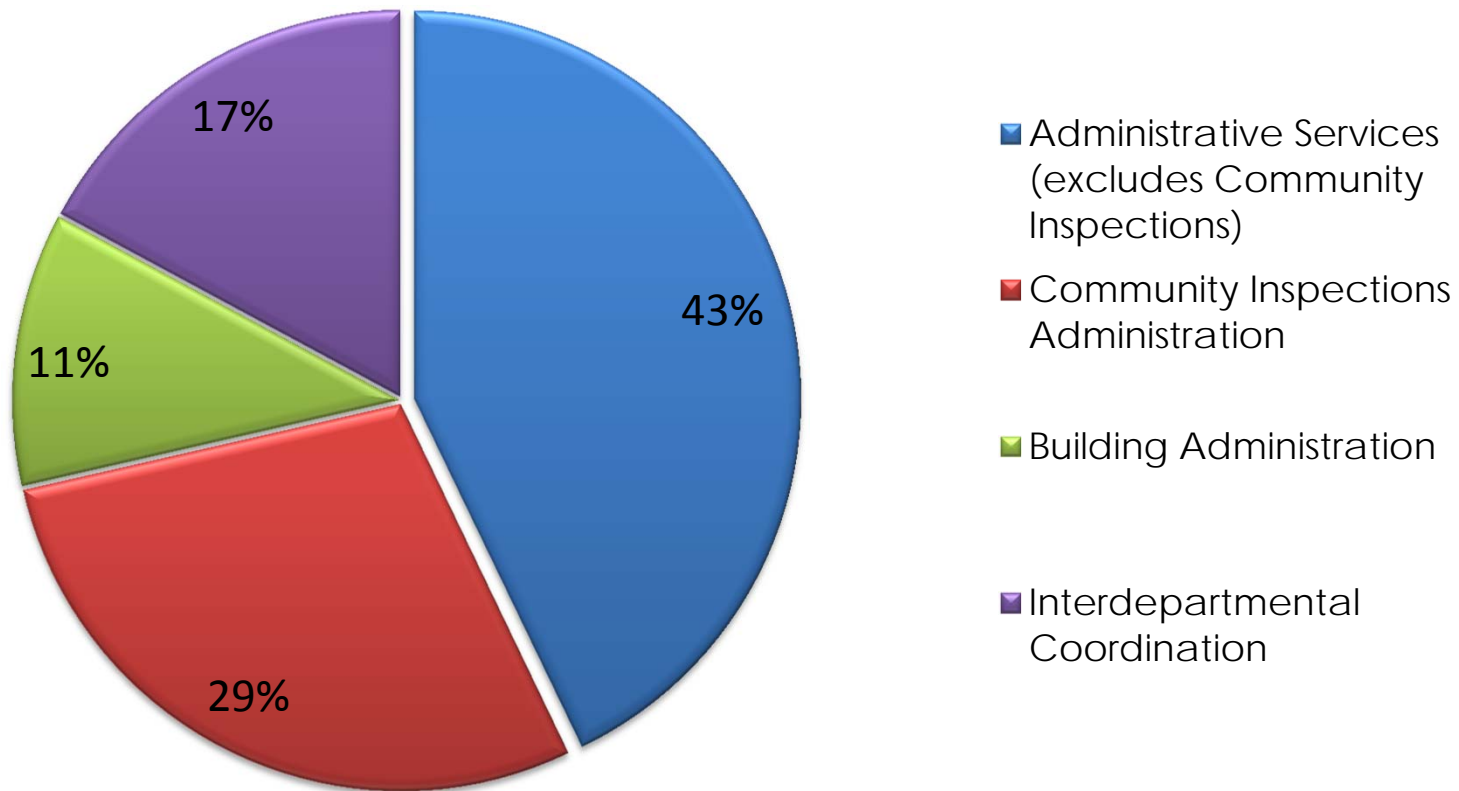
- Code Enforcement Board (once per month)
- Unsafe Structures Board (once per month)
- Nuisance Board Ups
- Demolitions

Interdepartmental Coordination

- Collections
- Lien foreclosure
- +750 - 900 Expedited and Standard Lien Searches monthly
- 75-100 Bulk Trash cases monthly
- Bankruptcy research



Administrative Services (12 Admin Staff)



Code Compliance Services

Code Inspections

- City Manager and Commission Action Items
- Daily Patrols through the Neighborhoods
- ULDR/Zoning
- Business Tax Receipts Enforcement (**New**)
- Minimum Housing Enforcement
- Public Nuisance Enforcement and Abatement Action
- Bulk Trash, Illegal Dump, Trash Cart, and Enclosure Maintenance Enforcement
- Work without a Permit (**New**)
- Illegal Tree Removal/Hat-racking Enforcement.
- Noise Control Enforcement



Code Compliance Services

Code Inspections

- Case Management and Resolution
- Civil Citations
- Illegal Snipe/Bandit Sign Removal (**New**)
- Vacant Property Registration (**New**)
- Community Outreach and Beautification Program (**New**)
- Special and Rapid Response Team Projects (**New**)
- Volunteer Program for Sign Removal (**New**)
- Volunteer Program for Vacation Rental Registration Compliance (**New**)
- Vacation Rental Registration Enforcement (**New**)
- Participation in Special Event Review (**New**)



Code Compliance Services

Code Inspections

- Participation in the Commission District Joint Meetings, Homeowner/Civic Association Meetings, and Council of Fort Lauderdale Civic Association Meetings (**New**)
- In conjunction with FL PD, enforcement of illegal sale of parking associate with major special events such as Tortuga, Air & Sea Show, Memorial Day, July Fourth, SWATCH Volleyball, International Boat Show
- Citywide Towing Enforcement on city owned lots
- Seawall Elevation Enforcement (**New**)

There are currently 17 Code Inspectors covering our 38 square mile coastal community, serving over 175,000 neighbors, and coordinating, planning, and implementing approximately 24 programs/services.



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Code Compliance Division

Department Objective	Performance Measures	FY 2014 Actual	FY 2015 Actual	FY 2016 Projection	FY 2016 Target	FY 2017 Target
Ensure well-maintained private and public property (NE 5-2)	Average number of code inspections completed per code officer	2,195	2,510	2,100	2,400	No Target
	Number of code violation cases	8,021	6,947 ¹	7,000	7,500	No Target
	Percentage of code violation cases resolved through voluntary compliance	76.1%	78.1%	75.0%	75.0%	75.0%
	Average number of days from complaint to first inspection	1.48	1.32	1.5	1.40	2 days
	Satisfaction with cleanup of litter and debris on private property	49%	52%	58%	53%	60%
	Satisfaction with mowing/cutting of weeds/grass on private property	45%	55%	58%	56%	60%
	Call system abandoned call percentage (Code Compliance queue only)	5.49%	8.55% ²	8.5%	8.00% ³	8.00%

¹ Code violation case volumes have declined in FY 2015 due to a Division restructuring. Senior code enforcement officers are no longer assigned to individual neighborhoods and have assumed a more supervisory role, with a focus on high-priority action and special response items.

² The percentage of abandoned calls has increased in FY 2015 due to the transfer of the Division's dedicated call center operator.

³ According to the International Finance Corporation, the global benchmark for abandoned calls is between 5% and 8%.

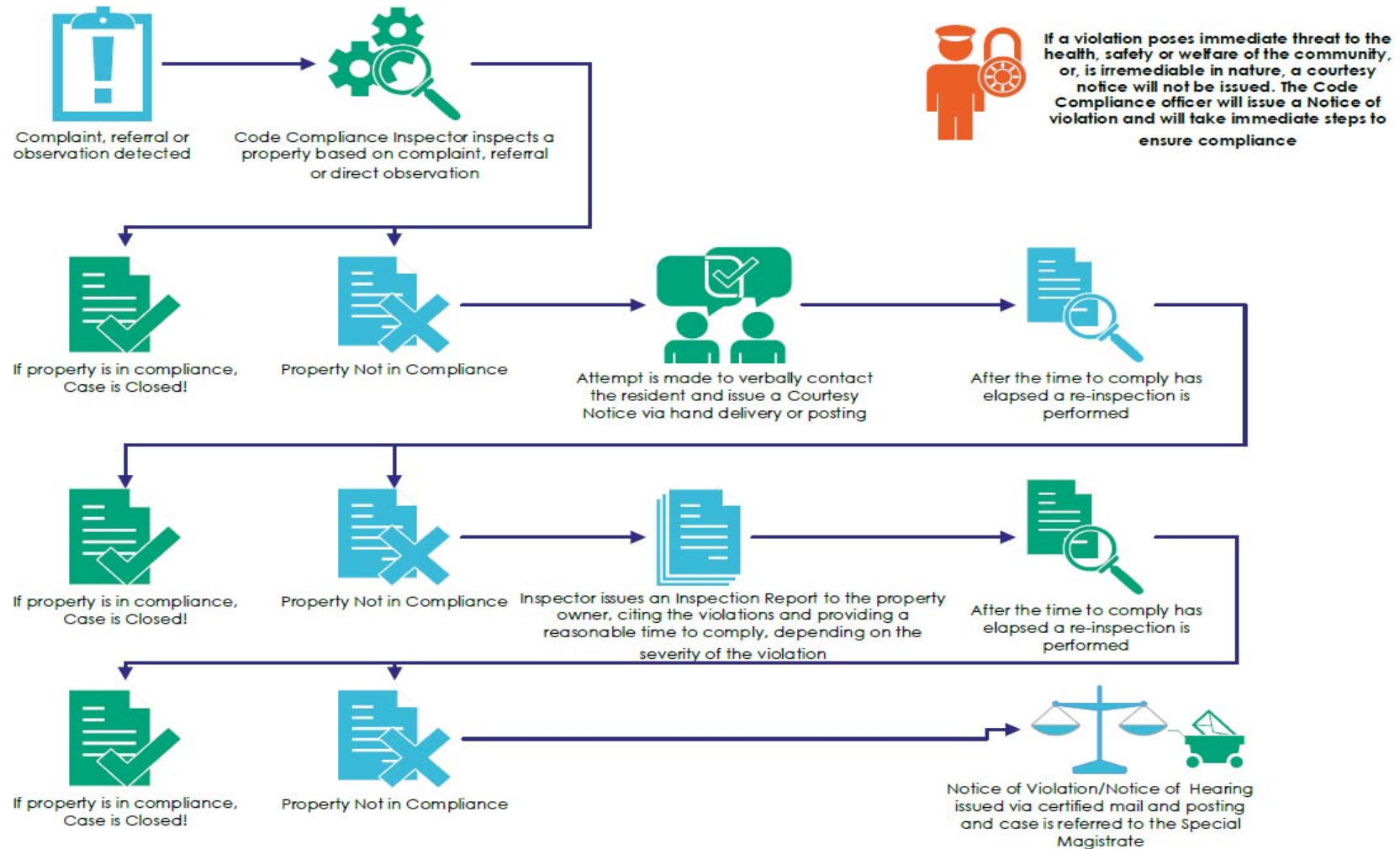


Regulatory Environment

- City of Fort Lauderdale Code of Ordinances
- Florida Statute Chapter 162 – County or Municipal Code Enforcement
- Florida Statutes Chapter 112 – Standards of Conduct (Code of Ethics for Officials, Employees, Attorneys)
- Florida Statutes Chapter 838 – Bribery; Misuse of Public Office
- Florida Statutes Chapter 119 – Public Records
- Florida Statutes Chapter 286 – Public Business (Sunshine Law)
- Florida Statutes Chapter 90 – Evidence Code
- Florida Constitution Article I, Section 23 – Right of Privacy
- United States Constitution 4th Amendment - Search and Seizure
- United States Constitution 5th Amendment – Rights of Persons
- United States Constitution 14th Amendment – Rights Guaranteed, Privileges and Immunities of Citizenship, Due Process and Equal Protection



Compliance Inspection Process



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Code Compliance Division



Community Beautification Program

REDEFINING COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Building Community through Public Outreach

Program is comprised of 4 components

1. Redefining Community Outreach
2. Neighborhood Beautification Alliance
3. Leave No Business Behind
4. Special Response Team





Community Beautification Program

REDEFINING COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Building Community through Public Outreach



CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
CODE COMPLIANCE DIVISION

Thank You
for keeping
your property
looking great!



Community Beautification Program

REDEFINING COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Building Community through Public Outreach

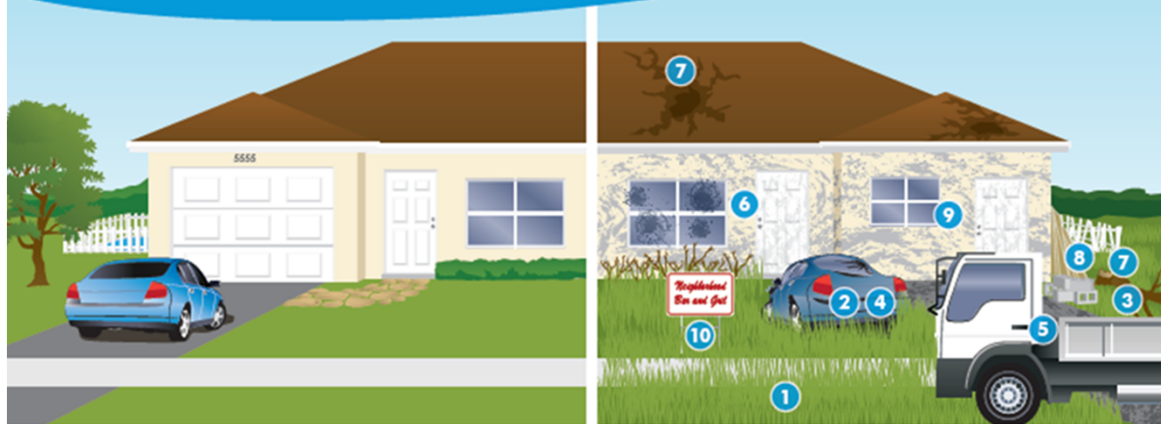
- Our tool shed:
 - Communication strategy
 - Public education and outreach
 - Neighbor-centric
 - Voluntary compliance
 - Resources and coordination of assistance
 - Consistency in message and standards





CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE

CODE COMPLIANCE DIVISION



COMMON CODE VIOLATIONS

1. YARD MAINTENANCE STANDARDS

Maintenance of yards and swales/rights-of-way abutting property are the responsibility of the property owner. The right-of-way must be free of obstructions caused by trees, vegetation, or other objects.

2. INOPERATIVE MOTOR VEHICLES

Inoperative and/or derelict vehicles are not permitted. A vehicle is considered inoperative if a current tag isn't displayed and/or it is not fully equipped to legally and safely operate on public streets.

3. JUNK, TRASH AND DEBRIS

Junk, auto parts, furniture, trash, tires, building materials, tree trimmings, and any other debris cannot be left in the yard and must be properly disposed of.

4. PARKING

Parking is permitted for passenger cars and motorcycles in residential properties only on a legal driveway or in a garage.

5. COMMERCIAL EQUIPMENT

Commercial equipment and vehicles cannot be parked or stored in a residential area unless they are in a fully enclosed structure.

6. MAINTENANCE OF STRUCTURES

Exterior building structures and walls shall be maintained in a secure and attractive manner.

7. CONDITION OF STRUCTURES

Any wood, siding, shingles, roof covering, railings, fences, walls, ceilings, porches, doors, windows, screens, and other exterior parts of a structure must be maintained in weather tight, rodent proof, sound condition and in good repair. An owner may need to board up a vacant structure.

8. OUTDOOR STORAGE

Outdoor storage is prohibited. You may not keep indoor furniture, household appliances, auto parts, building materials, or any other similar items outside.

9. ILLEGAL DWELLING UNITS

Dwelling units added to interior/exterior of a structure without proper permits are illegal regardless of how long they have existed.

10. PROHIBITED BUSINESSES

Most businesses are not allowed to operate in residential areas. Engaging in a business requires a Business Tax Receipt and zoning approval.



CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
**Department of
Sustainable Development**

Code Compliance Division

Violation Priorities

TYPE OF COMPLAINT	PRIORITY	SCHEDULE	COMMENTS
Raw sewage spills / leaks	Immediate	Call Environmental	Leaks on property, backup in buildings
Discharge into storm drains	Immediate	Call Environmental	Dumping of oil and other contaminates
Life safety/Imminent threat	Immediate	Call Area Building Inspector	Publically exposed electric, public stair railings, ETC.
Fire damage	Immediate	Call Area Building Inspector	Referred from Fire Department
Car hits house	Immediate	Call Area Building Inspector	Referred from Fire Department
Boat sinking in waterway	Immediate	Call Marine Patrol	Boat taking on water in the City's waterways
Intersection site triangle overgrowth	High	1 day	Overgrowth covering stop sign or other traffic device
Tree abuse/Hat racking	High	1 day	Illegal tree removal, hat racking
Pool green, stagnant water	High	1 day	Pools in disrepair, trash in pools, green water
Work without permit	High	1 day	Structure built or altered without a permit
Outside storage	High	1 day	Storage of items on property
Overgrowth, trash and debris	High	1 day	Overgrowth, rubbish, and junk on property or swale
Parking lot issues	High	1 day	Potholes, striping, wheel stops,
Minimum housing issues	High	1 day	Illegal addition, interior building concerns



Violation Priorities

Dumpster issues (commercial)	Medium	1-2 days	Overflowing, disrepair, enclosure maintenance
Graffiti	Medium	1-2 days	Property owner responsibility
Fence in disrepair	Medium	1-2 days	Broken fence, missing slats, chain link missing top bar
Inoperable vehicle	Medium	1-2 days	Vehicles with no tags or not road worthy
Illegal signs	Medium	1-2 days	Signs on swale or medians
Paint chipping or peeling	Medium	1-2 days	Structure requiring painting
Commercial vehicles	Low	2-4 days	Commercial vehicles parked overnight in residential areas
Signs in disrepair	Low	2-4 days	Sign maintenance
Setback violations	Low	2-4 days	Structure built too close to adjacent property
Waterway site triangle overgrowth	Low	2-4 days	Waterway overgrowth in rear yard
Boat in disrepair	Low	2-4 days	Boat maintenance
Swale, items placed in swale areas	Low	2-4 days	Basketball nets, obstructions.
Animal complaints	Low	2-4 days	Too many dogs, barking, odor
Turtle lighting complaints	scheduled as resources and timing allow		
Noise \ Lighting complaints	scheduled as resources and timing allow		
Swale installation or pyramids	scheduled as resources and timing allow		
Trash cart complaints	scheduled as resources and timing allow		





Community Beautification Program

REDEFINING COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Building Community through Public Outreach

- Increased 55% to 58%: 2015 Neighbor Survey in enforcing of mowing and cutting of weeds and grass on private property
- Increased from 52% to 58%: 2015 Neighbor Survey in removal of litter and debris on private property





Community Beautification Program

REDEFINING COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Building Community through Public Outreach

- Increased from 56% to 60%:
2015 Neighbor Survey in
enforcing the maintenance of
residential property
- Decreased from 60% to 59%:
2015 Neighbor Survey in
enforcing the maintenance of
business property





Community Beautification Program

NEIGHBORHOOD BEAUTIFICATION ALLIANCE

Neighbor-2-Neighbor



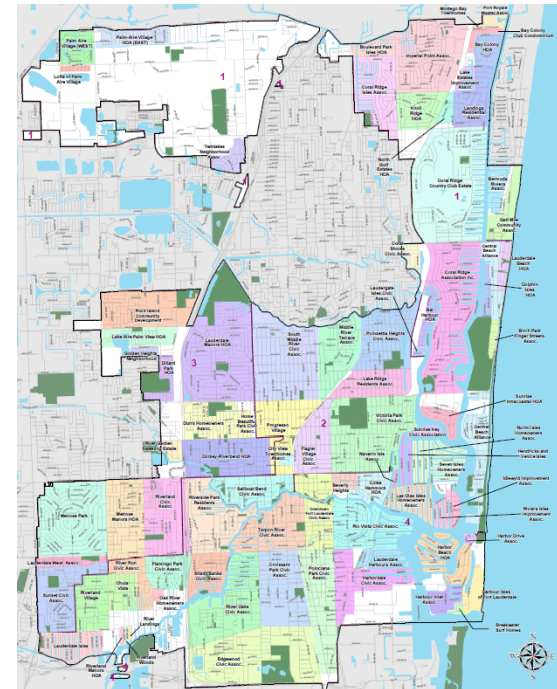


Community Beautification Program

NEIGHBORHOOD BEAUTIFICATION ALLIANCE

Neighbor-2-Neighbor

- Building community:
 - Engaging our HOA/Civic associations
 - Compliance through HCD subsidies
 - Distribution of educational material
 - Identifying properties for re-use



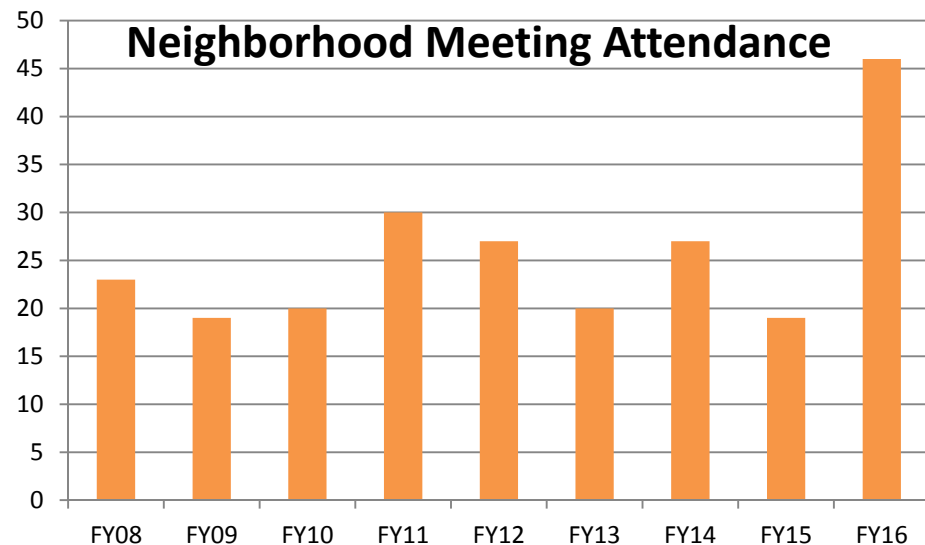


Community Beautification Program

NEIGHBORHOOD BEAUTIFICATION ALLIANCE

Neighbor-2-Neighbor

- 4 HOA-lead neighborhood tours (FY 2016)
- 46 Neighborhood meetings attended by code personnel (FY 2016)





Community Beautification Program

LEAVE NO BUSINESS BEHIND

One business at a time, block by block

- Economic development and community reinvestment:
 - Activate the commercial corridor
 - Heighten awareness of regulations, standards, and incentives
 - Collaboration among stakeholder





Community Beautification Program

SPECIAL RESPONSE TEAM

Multi-disciplinary approach to nuisance abatement

- Tactical compliance strategies: Coordinated effort between Code Compliance, Police, Fire, Environmental, Business Tax, Zoning, Building, Parks and Rec, Broward County.
 - Blight and criminal abatement
 - Multi-agency planning and coordination
 - Faster prosecution of cases





Community Beautification Program

SPECIAL RESPONSE TEAM

Multi-disciplinary approach to nuisance abatement



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Community Beautification Program

SPECIAL RESPONSE TEAM



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Process Improvements Completed

People

- ✓ Train code enforcement staff
- ✓ Restructure the division

Technology

- ✓ Equip code officers with new laptops, vehicle mounts and mobile printers
- ✓ Install water billing application on laptops
- ✓ Consistent complaint and violation types

Legislation

- ✓ Lien settlement guidelines
- ✓ Implementation of vacation rental registration ordinance

Process

- ✓ Create lien foreclosure process
- ✓ Create “dirty dozen” list
- ✓ Develop response time by violation type
- ✓ Compliance of City-owned property
- ✓ Establish work without a permit procedure



Sustaining Our Momentum

- Proactive approach
 - Top 10 property maintenance checklist
 - Monthly community outreach detail
 - Weekly patrol of commercial corridor
 - Placement of hard costs on property tax roll
 - Residential Rental Inspection Program
 - Re-occupancy Certification Program
- Mitigating blight
 - Lien foreclosure on chronic nuisance properties
 - Demolition of uninhabitable structures

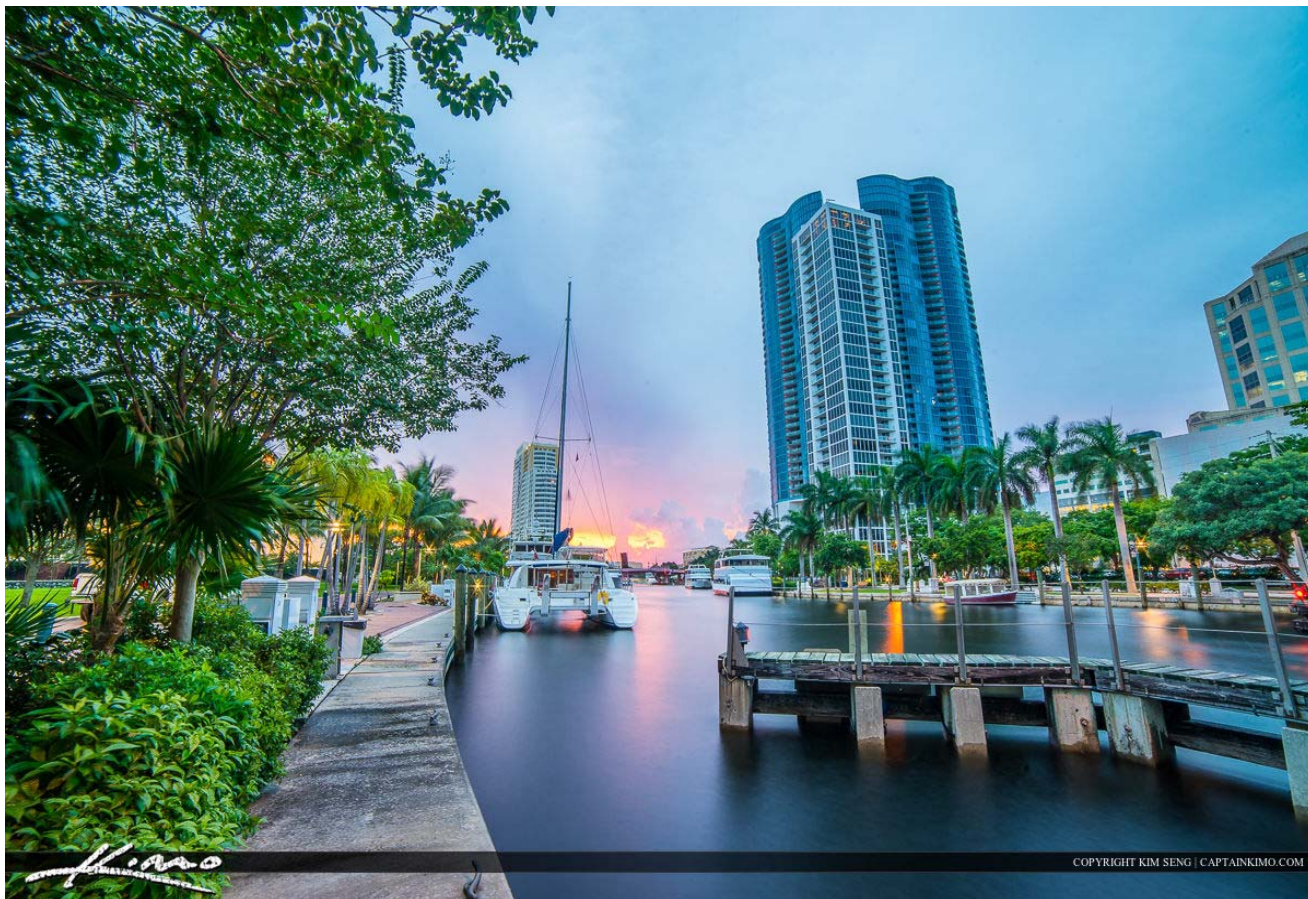


Sustaining Our Momentum

- Continuity and consistency in our code compliance efforts
 - Civil citation ordinance amendment and technology
 - Vacant lot case initiation for chronic violators
 - Bi-weekly evening inspections
 - Communication with other departments for maintenance of city owned property
 - Train pertinent city agencies on code practices or issues and coordinate information exchange



***Working together to make Fort Lauderdale
the place you never want to leave!***





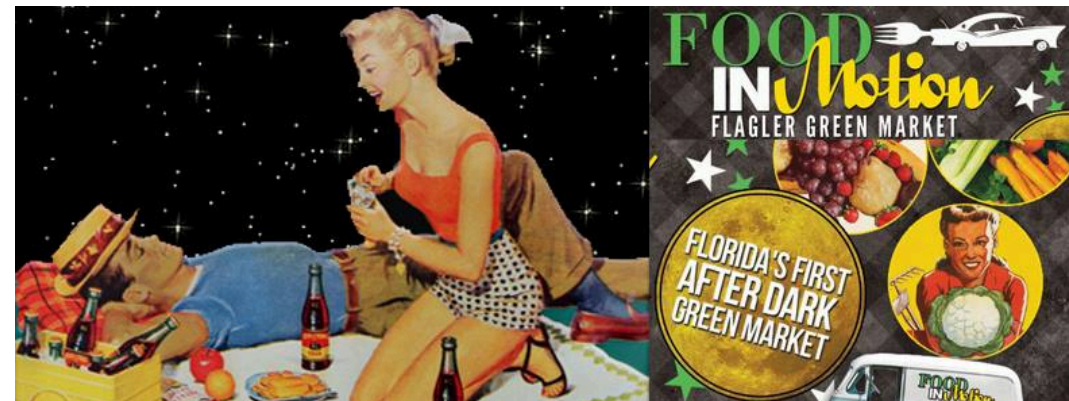
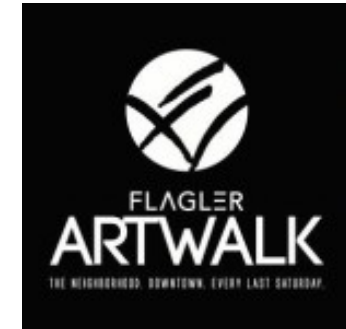
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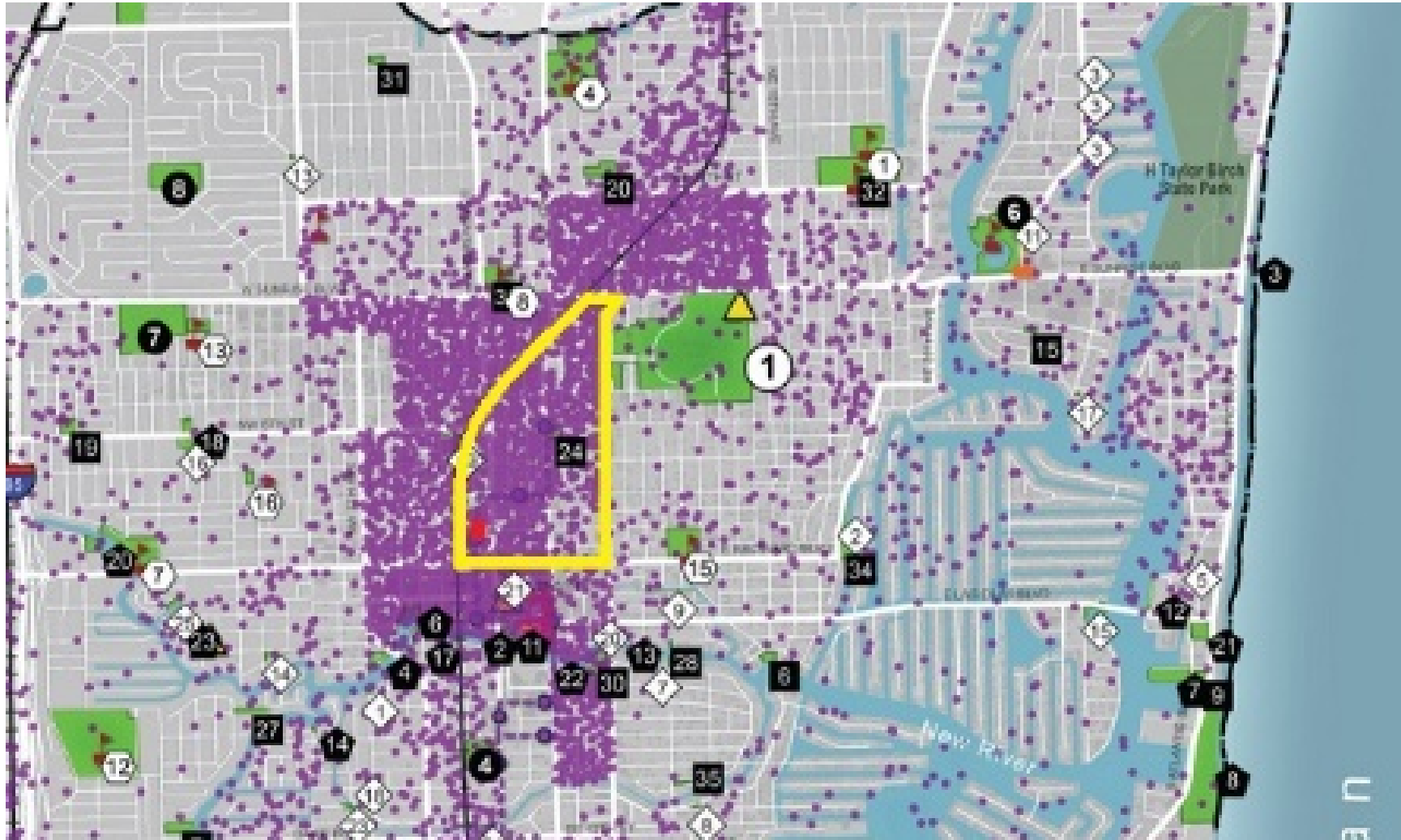
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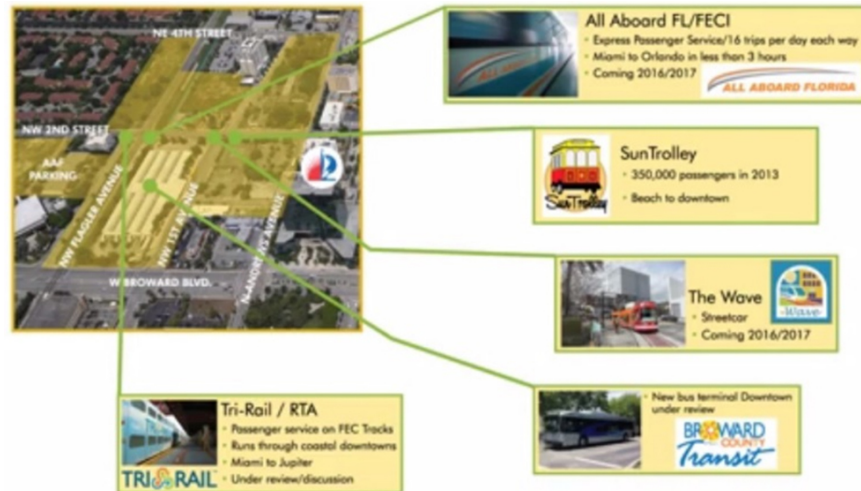
Projected Growth Over 20 Years







We are the Transportation hub for Broward County





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- Needed to meet density guidelines for open space
- Adjacent to the NEW transportation hub
- Supported by developers
- The cost to replace this critical space could be \$30-40 million in 10 years
- A “new reality” was adopted for this land eight years ago.





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- Flagler Village needs a major park.
- We have a property abandoned by the city over a decade ago
- This is now our reality
- We will take your density... just give us our park!



CHAPTER 1: *PRESS PLAY* FORT LAUDERDALE 2018 GOALS



INFRASTRUCTURE

GOAL 1: Be a pedestrian friendly, multi-modal City.
GOAL 2: Be a sustainable and resilient community.



PUBLIC PLACES

GOAL 3: Be a community that finds opportunities and leverages partnerships to create unique, inviting, and connected gathering places that highlight our beaches, waterways, urban areas, and parks.
GOAL 4: Be a healthy community with fun and stimulating recreational activities for our neighbors.



NEIGHBORHOOD ENHANCEMENT

GOAL 5: Be a community of strong, beautiful, and healthy neighborhoods.
GOAL 6: Be an inclusive community made up of distinct, complementary, and diverse neighborhoods.



BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

GOAL 7: Be a well-positioned City within the global economic and tourism markets of the

Meets each of the first six (6) Press Play Fort Lauderdale 2018 Goals:

1. Pedestrian friendly- multi-modal
2. Sustainable
3. Connected gathering places that highlight our parks
4. Healthy and fun community
5. Healthy and beautiful neighborhoods
6. Distinct neighborhoods

FORT LAUDERDALE

BUILDING A LIVABLE DOWNTOWN



Master Plan, page 56:

"There is both an actual shortage of usable green spaces in the Downtown and a poor distribution of those that exist... For its size and activity, Downtown Fort Lauderdale has a very small amount of public parkland, a critical amenity needed to support residential neighborhoods. Strong neighborhoods require a variety of open space types, from small pocket parks to recreational playing fields."

FORT LAUDERDALE

TOD DISTRICT DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP



Gateway to:

- Rail, Bus, Pedestrian, Bike
- Residential
- Commercial
- Government



PARK IMPACT FEE CALCULATOR

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In 2006, the City Commission amended Ordinance C-06-14, Unified Land Development Regulations, Section 47-25, Parks and Open Space and created Section 47-38, requiring changes to the way the **Park Impact Fees** are collected and spent. The revised impact fees are imposed on each new dwelling unit and hotel/motel room proposed by every project applying for a building permit.

- Read [Municipal Ordinance C-06-14](#).
- Download the [Park Impact Fee Supplemental Form for New Residential Construction](#)

This impact fee calculator will assist you in determining the appropriate fees.

Impact Fee Calculator

Enter the appropriate number of dwelling units to see the required Park Impact Fees (your browser must allow Active Content).

Dwelling Unit Size	Qty x Price		Total
Less than 500 sq ft	<input type="text" value="2500"/>	x \$1650	\$4125000.00
501 to 1000 sq ft	<input type="text" value="4000"/>	x \$1875	\$7500000.00
1001 to 1500 sq ft	<input type="text" value="2500"/>	x \$2175	\$5437500.00
1501 to 2000 sq ft	<input type="text" value="0"/>	x \$2375	\$0.00
2001 to 2500 sq ft	<input type="text" value="0"/>	x \$2500	\$0.00

The city collects \$2,000 on average for PARKS for every new unit developed.

\$8,000,000 - what's on the books
\$8,000,000 -the last ten years
\$8,000,000 - the next ten years
\$24,000,000

This project is tailor made for CRA funding.

And what will it cost to purchase this land in 5 years?



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