

**Monthly Planning Report** 

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# **Planning**

Accepted 8 project applications

Received \$22,725.37 in project application fees

Reviewed 65 building permits





# **On-going Planning projects:**

- Mallory Square Master Plan (Sasaki)
- Duval Street Resiliency & Revitalization Plan (Stantec)

### **Planning Board**

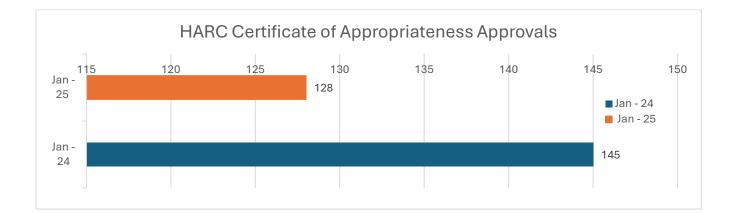
- Land Development Regulations: Postponed
- Variances: 2400 North Roosevelt Blvd
- Conditional Use: 2400 North Roosevelt Blvd

Planning Staff continues to work on other various projects, code amendments, building permit reviews, and handling daily walk in appointments.

# Historic Architectural Review Commission (HARC)

#### **Review and Compliance**

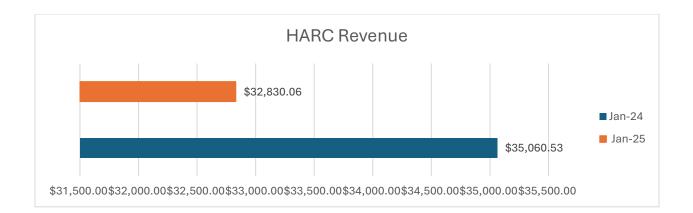
- <u>128</u> Total Certificate of Appropriateness Reviewed
- <u>121</u> Certificate of Appropriateness Reviewed by staff or 94.5% of reviewed applications.
- <u>7</u> Certificate of Appropriateness scheduled for HARC meeting.



### HARC Revenue

HARC revenue for the month of April: 32,830.06

HARC Revenue 2024-2025 FY up to April: \$230,718.41



# HARC Inspections

58 HARC Final Inspections were completed.

## **Urban Forestry**

41 applications received – 12 palms, 2 nprs, 1 emergency, 8 trimming, 15 removal, 2 conceptual landscape plans, 1 final landscape plan

### Tree Commission/ Permitting -

- Conducted 41 site inspections in response to the permit applications received; and 7 permit closeout inspections
- Posted 20 public notices on properties and uploaded twenty-two reports to the agenda on Legistar for the April 15<sup>th</sup> Tree Commission meeting
- Attended the April 15<sup>th</sup> Tree Commission meeting having a 22 item agenda where 11 dicot removal permits were approved, 2 conceptual landscape plans were approved, 2 dicot removal permits were denied, 1 request for recission of denial was denied, use of tree funds for planting was approved, and 1 admin hearing occurred for improper trimming of 3 buttonwoods. Two applications were postponed and one was withdrawn
- Urban Forestry Staff issued 11 palm removal permits, 7 heavy maintenance trim permits, 1 emergency permit and 3 NPRs

## Urban Forestry -

- Attended the Cemetery Revitalization Committee Meeting to discuss possible remedies for tree concerns within the cemetery
- Attended the Arbor/ Earth Day Eco-Fair at the Botanical Gardens to raise awareness of Arbor Day and the importance of our Community's trees, and to plant trees within the Gardens
- Requested 2 Purchase Orders 1 for a planting project, 1 for a trimming project

- Worked on budget proposals for the 25/26 Fiscal Year
- Conducted site inspections not related to permits
  - An upcoming enforcement case involving the unauthorized removal of a Tamarind and Spanish Lime tree
  - A citizen's concern involving a royal palm on Duval
  - A citizen's concern involving a ficus tree/ poinciana on Vernon
  - An upcoming engineering project involving the transplants of 19 palms and 2 trees
  - A concern from Engineering involving invasive palms damaging engineering equipment at an energy substation
  - A citizen's concern involving a mango tree on Grinnell
- Worked with Planning and Building staff to offer comments and recommendations in regard to biological review and tree review
- In total, Urban Forestry received \$2,455.00 between April 2 and May 6

# **Community Redevelopment Agency**

### Frederick Douglass Community Center BV 55021701

• AIPP invoicing and artist coordination. Installation #1 has started and will be finished in May. Installation #2 will be presented to AIPP in May and BVRAC in June for review and approval.

### Frederick Douglass Community Center- Phase Two

• The CRA manager finalized the scope of work for the grant and is waiting on the final contract from Florida Commerce.

### **Olivia Street Drainage**

• The city received costs from CTS and dollars were approved at the last commission meeting. Start of construction- TBD.

### MLK Community Pool

• CIP will be reviewed during the budget to confirm project funding/ priority.

### 3.2- The Lofts At Bahama Village

- Planning and engineering meet to discuss possible additional parking at Truman Waterfront.
- Parking needs- the community is concerned about parking when the lofts are open.
- BVRAC meeting on May 8th a project update will be given and AH Monroe will review the approved parking plan for the facility.

### **Diesel Plant Stabilization**

• CIP meeting to confirm project funding.

• Engineering is coordination a structural analysis for a new roof structure. The report is scheduled to be completed in Mid-May 2025.

### **Duval Revitalization**

• BRIC Grant- grant funding

#### **Grinnell Street Parking Deck**

- CRA manager is confirming scope of work for the parking deck and cost of the project with Engineering and Transit.
- CRA funds will be used for the project.

#### Green Street Drainage project

- Engineering to determine the next steps for the project and will review the options with Commissioner Haskle
- CRA manager requested that the project keep moving forward and for an update on the project schedule for next month's project report.

#### Piano Shop (907 Caroline Street)- No update

## Sustainability & Adaptation

- Adaptation:
  - Adaptation Plan: The draft Chapter actions are currently under final review and then will be scored.
  - Green Building Program: Routing comments have been received by most departments. Updates were made and submitted for the Planning Board in May.
  - Compact Workshop: The City's efforts to assist private landowners will be featured in an upcoming South Florida Regional Climate Compact workshop.

### • Grants:

- DOD Housing Grant: The application team continues to meet.
- DOD Wastewater Treatment Plant: Assisting Utilities with meeting Deliverables.
- FDHR Historic Adaptation Surveys Grant #1: Waterfront Playhouse and Meson de Pepe's. On the ground inspections have been completed. Final reports due mid July.
- FDHR Historic Adaptation Surveys Grant #2: Aquarium and Hospitality House. Projects have been ranked highly and are awaiting State of Florida budget approval.
- FDHR Historic Special Category Grant: Diesel Plant. Same as above.
- FDEM Watershed Master Plan: The draft plan has been submitted to the grantors for review. Final will be ready for June City Commission meeting.
- FEMA BRIC Grant: Duval & Mallory Stormwater. The BRIC Program is suspended in its current form. We are hopeful that our current application will still be considered under the new program.
- ACOE Water Quality Improvements: ACM Stoughton intends to readdress the allocation formula. Next steps are an ILA between the partners and a partner MOU with ACOE.
- Upcoming:
  - June 2: FDHR Historic Surveys Grant #3: Tift Icehouse.

- June 2: FDHR Historic Special Category Grant: Waterfront Playhouse.
- June 23: DOD DCIP: WWTP Pump Stations
- June 25: USDOT Safe Streets: Projects under discussion.
- July: HMGP Tier 3 (7/25), EPA WQ (TBA), FDEP WQ (TBA),
- Sept: FDEP Resilient Florida (9/1)

### • Water Quality:

- The Water Quality Monitoring Program Request for Proposals (RFP) garnered 5 submissions. The ranking meeting is set for May 12.
- Resiliency Manager submitted a request for a Water Quality & Environmental Coordinator for FY26.

### • Transportation:

- Monroe County Transportation Coordination Committee: The TCC's US1 Master Plan final list was passed and will go to City Commission in June for ratification.
- Sustainable Transportation Coordinator presented to the Southeast Sustainability Directors Network on the City's eBike safety efforts.
- Sustainable Transportation Coordinator has begun helping TCT members with their stalled TAF funded projects.

### • Energy

- DOE Technical Assistance (ETIPP): DOE staff will help with the final Community Workshops scheduled for June 6 & 7<sup>th</sup>. Final report is expected by end of August.
- Asset Management: Energy & Adaptation Coordinator has volunteered to lead the Maintain X software population process, once the intern has been hired.
- Elective Pay: Staff began the process of applying for federal rebates for the solar panels installed at the Bahama Village Community Center.
- ESCO: The Energy Service Company Owners Representative Task Order is on hold while Finance department verifies funds & the Green Building Program gets underway

### • Outreach

- Green Drinks: Earth Month featured the City's ETIPP efforts and survey.
- Earth Month: Energy & Adaptation Coordinator ensured educational materials were available at all Earth Day events.