



COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY BOARD MEETING OF: February 11, 2025

OLD BUSINESS

AGENDA ITEM 14.B

SUBJECT:

Continued Discussion and Consideration of the Preliminary Designs for the MLK Entry Feature Park on the CRA-Owned Property Located at 1101 N. Federal Highway

SUMMARY:

The property at 1101 N. Federal Highway, Boynton Beach, FL is located at the NW corner of E. Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard and N. Federal Highway (see Attachments I-III). The property is within the Federal Highway District and serves as the eastern entry to the Heart of Boynton District on the Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard Corridor.

At the March 21, 2024 meeting, the CRA Board directed staff to hire a consultant to work on conceptual plans for the project (see Attachment IV).

On August 8, 2024, the CRA entered into a consultant agreement with AW Architects Inc. to provide consulting architectural services including design, construction documents, bidding assistance (if needed), permitting and construction administration services for an Entry Feature Park.

On November 21, 2024, AW Architects presented three conceptual ideas at the CRA's Board meeting (see Attachment V). At the conclusion of the presentation, the Board directed staff to work on soliciting public's input on the three concepts.

Between November 2024 and January 28, 2025, staff solicited community input through a variety of avenues from community meetings, social media, newsletters, utility bill inserts, project boards and City/CRA events. The full list is summarized in Attachment VI. In total, the CRA received 542 survey responses.

The surveys summarize the following (see Attachment VII):

Number of responses:	542
Boynton Beach Residents:	Approximately 92% of responses were Boynton Beach Residents
Most Represented Zip Code:	261 responses from 33435 (followed by 33426 and 33436)
First Place:	Version 1: I Have a Dream (290 votes)
Second Place:	Version 3: Unity (169 votes)
Third Place:	Version 2: The Arc of Justice (78 votes)
Most Liked Features:	Natural elements, addition of seating and overall design; native plants; shade trees
Least Liked Features:	Maintenance concerns
Additional Features Desired:	Public art, emergency call button, doggie waste bags/trash can, holiday lighting installations and decorative signage; incorporate famous MLK quotes

Representatives from AW Architects will attend the February 11, 2025 Board Meeting to answer any questions and discuss the next steps on working towards a final design. The final design would be presented to the Board for final approval at a future meeting date.

FISCAL IMPACT:

FY 2023-2024 Project Fund 02-58100-203 Professional Services/Architectural Design Assistance; \$48,800

CRA PLAN/PROJECT/PROGRAM:

2016 Boynton Beach Community Redevelopment Plan - Heart of Boynton District

CRA BOARD OPTIONS:

To be determined by the CRA Board.

ATTACHMENTS:

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| • | Attachment I - Location Map |
| • | Attachment II - Pictures of Vacant Lot |
| • | Attachment III - Pictures of the Mural |
| • | Attachment IV - March 21, 2024 Board Meeting Minutes |
| • | Attachment V - AW Architects MLK Entry Feature Presentation |
| • | Attachment VI - Marketing Efforts |
| • | Attachment VII - Survey Results |