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HOMELESSNESS AND HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES UPDATE FORT LAUDERDALE

Tracking Progress on Commission Priorities for 2020



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BUILDING A BRIDGE THROUGH HELP, HOUSING AND HOPE



Sustainable Development Promotes Affordable Housing in the City

The City of Fort Lauderdale’s Development Review Committee (DRC) has processed four projects that will increase the amount of affordable workforce housing in the City of Fort Lauderdale. Two projects have received development approval, one is in the development review process, and one is under construction. In total, these projects will increase the amount of affordable housing units in the City by 331 units.

2020 Affordable Housing Projects Reviewed by the Development Review Committee

Case #	Project Name	Applicant	Address	Total Units	Affordable Housing Units	Status	City Incentive	City Commission District
R18078	Seven on Seventh	Broward Partnership for the Homeless	920 N.W. 7 Avenue	72	72	Under DRC Review	Height bonus	2
R19061	Poinciana Crossing	Housing Authority of the City of Fort Lauderdale	1801 S.W. 1 Avenue	113	113	Approved June 15, 2020	City transferred 2.3 acres to the Housing Authority for the project	4
R19014	The Adderley (F.K.A. West Village)	West Village LLC	501 N.W. 7 Avenue	455	46	Approved April 19, 2020	Height bonus / \$15 million (Community Redevelopment Agency)	3
R18080	Village View	FV Development LLC	640 N. Andrews Avenue	100	100	Under Construction	Low-Income Housing Tax Credit (Housing and Urban Development)	2



New Affordable Homes Create Path to Homeownership

The American dream of homeownership became a reality for 11 families in Fort Lauderdale’s northwest neighborhood of River Gardens/Sweeting Estate, located in City Commission District 3. To provide new homeownership opportunities and remove pockets of blighted, vacant land, the City of Fort Lauderdale conveyed land to WWA Development LLC to build single-family homes.



Construction on the housing project began in October 2019 and includes 12 homes with five different three- and four-bedroom models, as well as extensive amenities such as energy-efficient full appliance packages, granite counter tops, and tile roofs. Two of the homes are complete and the remaining 10 are near completion. The City’s Community Redevelopment Agency provided \$45,000 in purchase assistance for homebuyers at or below 160 percent of Broward County’s median income. The first homeowner to move into one of the homes is a first-time homebuyer. After dedicating years of hard work, sacrifice, and discipline to call a place her own, she is delighted to be living in her new home with her family.





Homeless Outreach Specialists Support Homeless Neighbors During COVID-19

The City of Fort Lauderdale Police Department has had an innovative and robust Homeless Outreach Program for decades, and the unit continues to work toward dignified solutions to assist the City’s homeless population during the COVID-19 pandemic. The officers’ response during COVID-19 is an example of how they meet and surpass the challenges of day-to-day support for the homeless neighbors throughout the City, especially in locations that typically encompass large groups congregating for outreach services, small groups, and individual street

contacts. Despite the challenges presented by COVID-19, the City’s Homeless Outreach Officers continue to support the City’s Hotel Voucher Program and have assisted 103 individuals with receiving safer, temporary housing. The officers are also providing homeless individuals with information about the Broward County Homeless Helpline at (954) 563-4357 for additional support.



Homeless Neighbor Returns Home Thanks to Anonymous Donor

Scott was a disabled, homeless person sleeping on the streets when Fort Lauderdale police officers Sandi Downs-Keesling and George Stengel, Homeless Outreach Specialists, provided him with a temporary hotel voucher; a voucher that would unexpectedly change his life.

The City provided Scott with temporary housing for up to 60 days, food, and case management services through its Hotel Voucher Program. Once temporarily housed in a hotel, Scott began working with the onsite case managers to apply for benefits and housing through the Supplemental Security Income/ Social Security Disability Insurance Program (SSI/SSDI) Outreach, Access, and Recovery Team (SOAR) from Henderson Behavioral Health. During this process, Scott indicated his desire to return home to Nebraska, but explained he did not have the money to do so.

Angela Blaine, the City’s Homeless Intervention Administrator, had been speaking with a private, anonymous donor who wanted to assist with the program. Blaine mentioned Scott’s situation to the private donor who was happy to purchase a one-way plane ticket so Scott could return home. The donor even went a step further and provided Scott with a premium seat, airline assistance, and luggage fees all paid in advance.

Scott had been homeless in Fort Lauderdale since last August. His family was so excited to welcome him home. The City thanks the generous donor who helped reunite Scott with his family.



Raise the Count, Fort Lauderdale! Complete Your Census.

Funding for many homelessness and housing programs and services is tied to census data. Please complete your 2020 Census and help Fort Lauderdale get its fair share of billions of dollars in federal funding for the next 10 years.

Everyone counts! Raise the count today at my.2020census.gov, 1-844-330-2020, or by mailing back your questionnaire.

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