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CRA MOVES FORWARD WITH RENOVATION OF BOYNTON HARBOR MARINA

Board Approves Selection of Shoreline Foundation, Inc. to Reconstruct Marina Slips



Boynton Beach, FL – When the Boynton Beach Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) announced plans, in 2008, to expand the scope of the Boynton Harbor Marina revitalization project from a fishing/boating facility to a pedestrian-friendly downtown destination; the agency hired MSCW, a civil engineering firm, to design the “concept.” In March of this year, the agency, looking for a company to spearhead the second step needed to turn the *vision* of a marina-anchored, mixed-use village, into reality, issued a Request for Proposal (RFP) to solicit general contractors and cost proposals for the marina slip reconstruction portion of the project. At their September 8 CRA Meeting, Board Members voted unanimously to award the job to Shoreline Foundation, Inc. <http://www.shorelinefoundation.com>. The project is scheduled to begin in October, 2009.

Selection of Shoreline Foundation, Inc., whose headquarters are located in Pembroke Park, FL., was based on their extensive expertise in creating marine and port facilities throughout Florida and the Caribbean. The RFP Review Team was also impressed with the firm’s project methodology, price and qualifications. The \$700,000 fee will include updated electrical, exterior lighting, utility pads, two new fish cleaning stations with 19 newly fitted, uniform sized slips and gangways.

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“Each client is a valued customer for whom we provide complete knowledge of project management, quality control, job safety, and equipment maintenance,” noted Jon Klion, Shoreline’s Senior Project Manager. “We are also very cognizant of boat owners and businesses during this renovation process and our team of professionals have devised a workable timetable that limits the impact on owners, whose livelihood depends on access in and out of the Boynton Harbor Marina.” The current slip renters will remain in operation during construction.

The CRA purchased the marina in March 2006 as a move to preserve public access to the waterfront. The initial marina purchase was financed from a bond issued in 2004. To support restoration efforts, the CRA also applied for and received \$2 million from a Palm Beach County \$50 million Waterway Bond Grant, earmarked to help preserve public waterfront. The marina renovation project is an integral component to the Boynton Beach Downtown Master Plan and has also been identified by Palm Beach County’s Overall Economic Development Program as one of four “Marina Villages” under the County’s Strategic Economic Development Plan. The Boynton Harbor Marina will be the first of the proposed villages to be developed and will set the precedent for design, materials, structures, safety and accessibility standards for future projects.

“We’re thrilled to be collaborating with Shoreline Foundation on this significant project,” said Mayor and CRA Board Chair Jerry Taylor. “They are one of the premier developers and builders of marina destinations in Florida and are familiar with the waters around Boynton Beach, having built the private marina, located north of the Marina Village townhomes, in 2005. More importantly, their reputation is one of efficiency in bringing a construction project in on time, on budget.” The project is slated for completion in March, 2010.

The Boynton Beach CRA is committed to serving the community by guiding redevelopment activities and stimulating economic growth within its 1,650-acre district. The organization focuses on creating a vibrant downtown core, providing affordable housing, and revitalizing neighborhoods. For more information on the CRA, its programs and activities, call (561) 737-3256 or visit www.boyntonbeachcra.com.

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