



**CITY OF DANIA BEACH
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT
STAFF REPORT**

DATE: May 10, 2011
TO: Robert Baldwin, City Manager
FROM: Robert Daniels, Director
Corinne Lajoie, AICP, Principal Planner *CA Lajoie*
SUBJECT: **CD-12/11** Recertification of proposed Charter School
and Related Facilities for fiscal year 2011/2012.

Beacon Investment Properties, LLC and ASPIRA of Florida, Inc. applied for a City Commission resolution of support in 2009 for the development of a charter school that would have an emphasis on the marine, automotive and aviation industries which the City Commission approved. The development concept is focused on two potential sites, one in the CRA and one in the western portion of the City. It envisions that the properties would be donated to the City and/or the CRA and leased to the applicants, who would then apply for Community Contribution Tax Credit with the assistance of the City.

The City Commission approval allowed the City Manager to apply to the State of Florida's Office of Tourism, Trade and Economic Development (OTTED) for participation on the tax credit program. The State requires each approved project within the Community Contribution Tax Credit Program to be approved for recertification at the end of each state fiscal year in order to participate in the next fiscal year. The State fiscal year starts on July 1st and ends on June 30th. The project was approved by the City Commission and recertified by the state last year.

Contact with the representative of Beacon Investment Properties, LLC confirms that discussions with potential property donors and charter school operators are ongoing.

Prior to construction of the proposed charter school the applicant will be required to submit site plans for proposed facilities, which would be reviewed by the City Commission at a future time.

CONSISTENCY WITH COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AND COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY REDEVELOPMENT PLAN

Enactment of a resolution in support of charter school and related facilities development is consistent with the City of Dania Beach Comprehensive Plan and the Community Redevelopment Agency Redevelopment Plan. Specifically, it would support the following objectives and policies of the Comprehensive Plan.

Future Land Use Element

Policy 3.6 Dania Beach shall continue to permit public schools (defined for the purpose of the land use element to mean public schools K through

12), which are classified by this Plan as a type of community facility, in the following land use categories.

- a. Residential
- b. Community Facilities

Policy 5.2 Develop incentives within the land development regulations for quality development.

The following goal and policy of the Community Redevelopment Agency Redevelopment Plan are furthered by the proposed resolution.

Redevelopment Goal 4: Attract the marine industry and help it expand.

Implementation Strategy 4.d: Coordinate with educational and work force training institutions as appropriate to provide marine related training and education centers on site in the Marine sub area.

CITY COMMISSION PREVIOUS ACTION

On May 11, 2010, the City Commission approved recertification of the property charter school application.

On August 11, 2009, the City Commission approved a resolution in support of charter school and related facilities.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Approve.

Lajoie, Corinne

From: Jim Edwards [southflorid65121@comcast.net]

Sent: Wednesday, April 13, 2011 1:43 PM

To: Lajoie, Corinne

Subject: Re: OTTED - Charter School

Corinne,

We continue to make progress toward a marine charter school being developed in Dania Beach. The site remains the same and we now have a preliminary agreement with an operator to develop the school.

So that we may continue to have the opportunity to receive corporate donations, please again this year process the OTTED application to maintain the City's status as a qualified recipient.

Thank you.

James H. Edwards, AICP

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----- Original Message -----

From: "Corinne Lajoie" <cchurch@ci.dania-beach.fl.us>

To: "Jim Edwards" <southflorid65121@comcast.net>

Sent: Wednesday, April 13, 2011 12:20:59 PM

Subject: OTTED - Charter School

I will proceed processing the OTTED annual application, in the hopes of getting it on the April 26th City Commission meeting. Can you please send me something in writing requesting that we do this, for my files.

Thank you.

Corinne Lajoie, Principal Planner

Dania Beach Mission Statement

" Dania Beach is committed to providing a unique small-town quality of living for all of its residents and guests.

We do so by maintaining beautiful neighborhoods and vibrant commercial centers throughout the City while

being fiscally responsible and having a diverse population and business community."

FORM A: AGENCY PROFILE

NAME OF SPONSOR: CITY OF DANIA BEACH

PROJECT NUMBER: CC-

NAME OF APPROVED PROJECT: CHARTER SCHOOL

CONTACT PERSON: ROBERT DANIELS

TITLE: DIRECTOR, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

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PROVIDE INFORMATION IF YOUR DONORS RECEIVED TAX CREDITS IN JULY 2010:

SUMMARIZE ACTIVITIES BASED ON APPROVED DONATIONS:

Contact with the representative of Beacon Investment Properties, LLC confirms that discussions with potential property donors and charter school operators are ongoing.

NUMBER OF JOBS CREATED, IF APPLICABLE, (July 2010 TAX CREDITS): 0

NUMBER OF STRUCTURES BUILT/REHABILITATED (July 2010 TAX CREDITS): 0

DOLLAR AMOUNT OF APPROVED TAX CREDITS (July 2010 TAX CREDITS): 0

ESTIMATED COMPLETION DATE OF PROJECT (IF APPLICABLE): July 2014

FORM B: NO CHANGES TO PROJECT
APPLICATION FOR SPONSOR RECERTIFICATION

The following correspondence is a formal request to have:

CITY OF DANIA BEACH

(Name of Sponsor)

and its project # CC-_____ recertified as eligible under the provisions of the Community Improvement Act of 1980 as amended.

I, PATRICIA A. FLURY, serving as a duly elected or appointed officer
(Printed Name)

MAYOR OF DANIA BEACH, FL

(Title)

, herewith make this request for

recertification and state that there are **no** changes in the project activities or its location as originally submitted in our project proposal submitted to the Department of Commerce or the Office of Tourism, Trade and Economic Development (OTTED).

I acknowledge that OTTED reserves the right to request additional information necessary for the processing of an application for recertification or that OTTED may deny a request if it determines that the proposed project does not meet the requirements of Florida Statutes.

(Signature)

(Date)