

CITY OF TAMPA
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT
COMMUNITY NEEDS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FY2006-2007
December 5, 2006

ADDITIONAL REQUEST

Block Club: Area II

Neighborhoods: Palmetto Beach, Historic Ybor City, Belmont Heights/Jackson Heights, College Hill Community, Live Oak Square, South Nebraska, Woodland Terrace, and River Cove.

Boundaries: Sligh Avenue and Hillsborough River (north); Hillsborough Bay (south); 40th Street (east); 15th Street (west).

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Need and Recommendation 1. Palmetto Beach Childcare Center.

In Fiscal Year 2003, Palmetto Beach Childcare Center was awarded \$90,000 in CDBG funds. Please provide project status.

Response: From Stuart Campbell, Urban Planner III, Housing and Community Development, 274-8228. In 2003, the City Council approved Resolution 2003-0359 awarding \$90,000 of CDBG to the Palmetto Beach Community Association to renovate the existing modular units used for a community childcare facility. However, the agreement was never executed by the Palmetto Beach Community Association, Inc. because they wanted to change what the CDBG funds could be use for.

There are several letters from the city that reference the city's financial support of this project, but no executed agreements. My recommendation is to send the organization a letter notifying them the city intends to close out the CDBG funding commitment within 60 days. Request they respond in writing with any project details or project updates prior to withdrawing the funding.

Update: From Stuart Campbell, Urban Planner III, Housing and Community Development, 274-8228. Upon completion of the CDBG Format II Environmental Assessment, it was discovered that the existing childcare facility was located too close to a group of above ground fuel storage tanks. The

city agreed to work with Palmetto Beach Community Association to find another suitable site to relocate the childcare facility, but no acceptable sites were located. In May, 2006, the city de-obligated \$90,000 to comply with the timeliness requirements of the CDBG program.

On November 2006, representatives of the Palmetto Beach Community Association contacted the city about a potential new site for the childcare facility. According to Greg Grotocloss, the proposed site located at 2224 Clark Street, appears to be located outside the CDBG restricted area. It is recommended that the Palmetto Beach Community Association reapply for CDBG funding for capital improvements during the next available funding cycle. Prior to making application for CDBG funding, it is strongly recommended that the application includes detailed construction cost estimates, identifies leveraged funding and readiness to proceed.