

dapac

2014-2015 UPDATE

Changing the landscape in downtown North Miami



A message from the Mayor
Smith Joseph, DO, Pharm D

It is indeed an honor and privilege to serve the City of North Miami, South Florida's municipality that's on the move. I am proud to lead a City with a dynamic downtown district that boasts a first class museum of art, offers mouth watering cuisines from a myriad of nationalities from across the globe, and a destination known for historic parades and exciting festivals.

I look forward to further creating a place with complete streets shared by walkers, bikers and drivers who desire to either live, work or recreate in North Miami.

I fully recognize the importance of capital improvement projects that serve as a catalytic economic development tool which spurs and incentivizes private investment in the City. As such, I am committed to promoting projects that enhance the aesthetic appeal of the City's downtown streetscape, improve the efficiency of the water and sewer systems and expands the vast canopy of street trees.

I am happy to have the Downtown Action Plan Advisory Committee (DAPAC) on board as important stakeholders committed to implementing the vision of the Downtown Concept Plan. You can be assured that together we will continue to work to make our downtown more than a pass-through corridor and instead a desirable, vibrant South Florida destination.



A message from the Committee Chair
John Stembridge

Location, location, location is the mantra of the real estate market and North Miami is potentially a prime commercial center. It is halfway between the Miami and Ft. Lauderdale International Airports, and between the Port of Miami and Port Everglades. These four ports facilitate millions of passengers and cargo annually representing billions in trade and commerce. Our city is now well positioned to obtain a slice of that economic pie.

Recently Mayor Smith Joseph and our council adopted a more progressive and welcoming Comprehensive Master Land Use Plan that lays the groundwork for reaching out to global companies. Much like Coral Gables was able to attract the headquarters of over 500 major corporations when it provided a larger central business district.

In addition to studying what is needed to advance our water/sewer system, landscaping, beautification, parking, business attraction and transportation, DAPAC has also discussed some of the advantages of building a major Civic Center in the central business district. In addition to global business trade shows, the Center could also host musicals, theatricals, and light sporting events which could be a larger financial magnet than anything the City currently has.

DAPAC stands ready and willing to help move North Miami into its future and fulfillment of its highest potential.

Committee Members

Mayor John Stembridge
Stembridge Furniture
Committee Chair
Chamber of Commerce

Fred Stock
Jewish Community Services
of South Florida
Committee Vice-Chair
Downtown Property Owner

Alexandra Barbot
Haitian American
Historical Museum
Arts/Cultural

Stuart Grant
FIU
Education Representative

Suzanne Isa
Isa Design & Marketing
Downtown Business Owner

Jason James
CPH, Inc.
Architect/Engineer

Clark Reynolds
FARR Building, LLC
Historian/Long Time
Business Owner

Alexis Sanfield
Luna Star Cafe
Downtown Business Owner

Max Wolfe Sturman
Max Wolfe Architect
Business Development
Board Representative

Lynda Westin
South Florida Regional
Transit Authority

City of North Miami

Tanya Wilson-Sejour, AICP
Planning Zoning &
Development Director

Brittini Duria
Senior Planning Technician

ROLES & RESPONSIBILITIES

The purpose of the DAPAC committee is to assist in the implementation of the recommendations of the adopted Master Plan; the DAPAC will also assist in the creation of the conceptual plan and community meetings envisioned for the downtown.

- Members are to regularly attend DAPAC meetings and contribute constructively out of the experience and knowledge that they possess
- Understand and articulate the DAPAC's purpose, responsibilities and work plan
- Communicate and coordinate with the member's constituent group to represent the group's perspective on key issues and convey information from the DAPAC back to the stakeholders
- Act as an ambassador for the Action Plan with peers, neighbors and colleagues to further build momentum, participation and constructive feedback on the process and the master Plan and the future revitalization of the Downtown area
- Review and provide comments/recommendations on project materials and draft plans to the city council
- Participate actively in and help market the project's community outreach efforts

ACTIVITIES

DAPAC had the pleasure of hearing the following presentations over the course of the last year:

Downtown Concept Plan
Alex David/Corradino Group

Art & Culture Focus
Babacar M'bow/MOCA Director

CRA Role
Arthur Sorey/City of North Miami

Tri Rail Coastal Link
Lynda Weston/South Florida
Regional Transit Authority

Complete Streets
Stuart Grant/FIU

City Water & Sewer Capacity
Wisler Pierre-Louis/
Public Works Director

Pending Project Grants
Natasha Colebrook-Williams/
Government Affairs

Trees in the Downtown Corridor
Kent Walia/
Sustainability Administrator

Downtown Monuments
Alexandra Barbot/Haitian
American Historical Museum

**NE 124 Street Roadway
Improvement Project**
Wisler Pierre-Louis/
Public Works Director

NE 125 Street Design
John O'Brien/
Transportation Planner

Street Tree Management Plan
Kent Walia/
Sustainability Administrator

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

1

The newly formed North Miami DAPAC **created its bylaws and governing structure.**

2

DAPAC **prepared, reviewed and approved** a final master **Downtown Concept Plan.**

This plan received an Award of Excellence from the American Planning Association for its effort to implement a comprehensive vision and create a vibrant, attractive downtown district. The APA also made special note that this plan linked goals with implementation activities.



3

DAPAC began providing feedback on a list of **9 capital improvement projects.**

Cafe Corners, 4 locations

Cost: \$20,400

NE 8th Avenue Green Trail

Cost: \$1,844,175

Griffing Park Amphitheater

Cost: \$750,000

West Dixie Green Trail

Cost: \$262,600

NE 8th Parking Garage

Cost: \$5,250,000

5 Points Intersection

Cost: \$203,137

MOCA Plaza/Civic Center

Cost: TBD

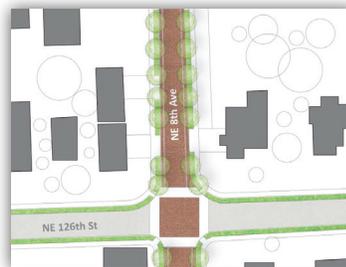
NE 125th Street Liberty

Gardens Park

Cost: \$62,550

NE 132nd Street Fountain

Cost: \$104,808



The **NE 8th Avenue Green Trail** project was approved by the CRA in September 2015 and received a grant from the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO). It will connect the City's two largest civic complexes - City Hall offices and the Arts/Culture/Design District, North Miami Senior High School and the North Miami

Public Library. Enhancements will include: New crosswalks & reconstructed sidewalks • Decorative paving • Benches & waste receptacles • Distinctive lighting & banners • Shade trees.



The **West Dixie Greenway Trail** was approved by the CRA in October 2015. Beginning at NE 125th Street and W. Dixie Highway, it will connect the commercial activity center along NE 125th Street to Griffing Park. Enhancements will include: Canopy trees and approximately 11,000 square feet of various groundcovers or flowers along path • Directional signs, benches and waste receptacles along path

- Flowering trees, sabal palms and understory plantings at 125th Street
- Iconic sculpture or gateway feature at the entrance to the Greenway Trail.



On 1/27/15 City Council adopted Resolution 2015-R-14 authorizing the designation of the **NE 132nd Street Fountain** known as the Pioneer Fountain located at the intersection of NE 132nd Street, NE 9th Avenue and West Dixie Highway as a local historic landmark. The structure was built as a public art

monument in 1923 by developer Edward Constance and stands as the oldest monument in the City. This monument is now protected from future demolition and allows the City to be eligible to apply for restoration grants.

what's next

DAPAC will continue to work on items from the list as well as adding new projects that benefit the businesses and residents of the City of North Miami.

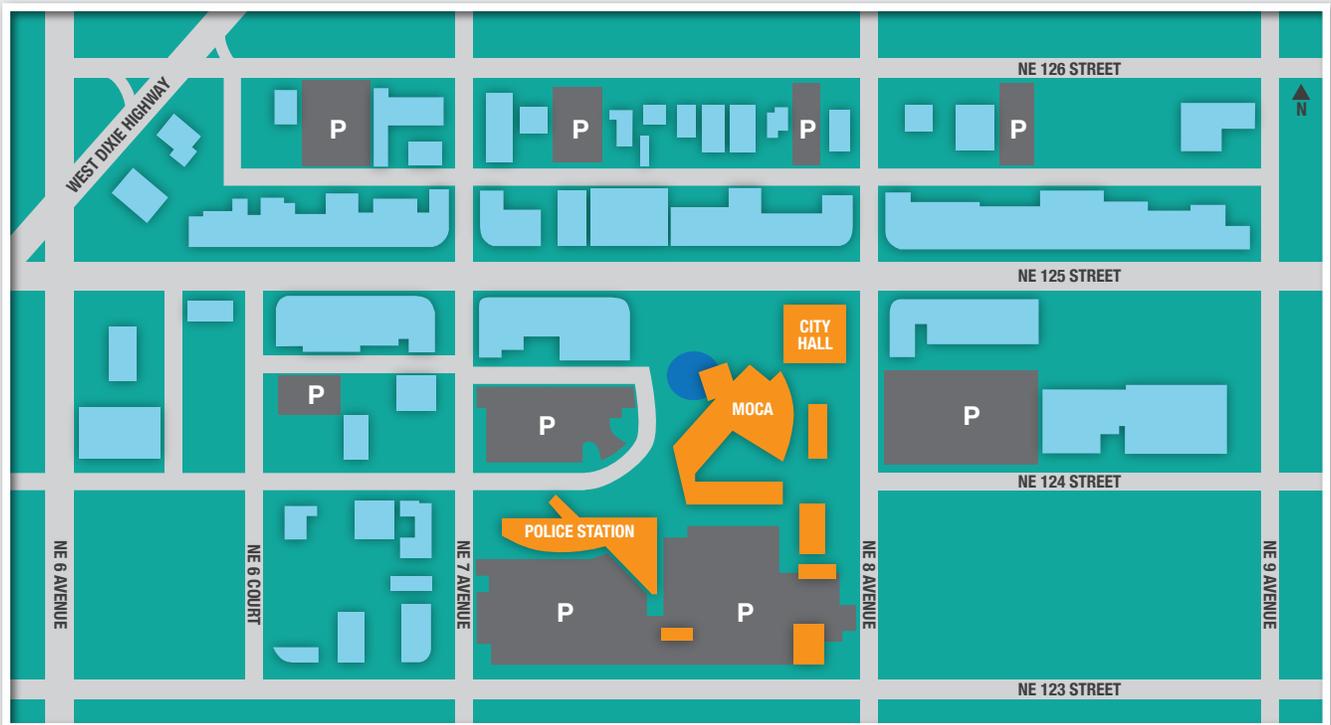
pending

- Cafe Corners, 4 locations
- Griffing Park Amphitheater
- NE 8th Parking Garage
- MOCA Plaza/Civic Center
- NE 125th Street Liberty Gardens Park
- 5 Points Intersection

new

- Assisting CRA with update of Master Plan
- Supporting implementation of tree inventory plan & plantings
- Outdoor plaza movie nights/film festival
- Branding/marketing of downtown
- Planning for NoMi train station & downtown linkage

Map of downtown North Miami



■ BUILDINGS ■ MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS ■ MUNICIPAL PARKING