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POSSIBILITY OF CHOICE NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING GRANT FUNDING PROMPTS VISIT FROM REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ORLANDO AND SANFORD HOUSING AUTHORITIES TO TOUR THE TAMPA HOUSING AUTHORITY'S HIGHLY TOUTED ENCORE COMMUNITY!

The Tampa Housing Authority is entering year 4 of the implementation of the Choice Neighborhood Initiative (CNI) grant which impacts the ENCORE redevelopment and a very large portion of Ybor City. The \$30 million CNI Implementation grant was awarded to Tampa Housing Authority in 2012 and was a prescription to rehabilitate and energize neighborhoods and communities to sustainable status by replacing a distressed public housing community with high-efficiency mixed-use income housing developments that support the needs of the neighborhood.

Tampa, FL (April 28, 2017) 80 representatives from the Orlando and Sanford Housing Authorities converged at the Tampa Housing Authority's corporate offices to learn more about the Choice Neighborhood Planning Grant's Implementation process exemplified by its ENCORE redevelopment near downtown Tampa. Here, the neighborhood's vision is aimed at providing a community that would encourage public and private investments capable of offering the kinds of amenities and assets supportive of the community's vision of inclusiveness and sustainability. Currently comprised of three completed mixed-income residential buildings and one soon to be completed, the ENCORE at complete buildout will have roughly 1,500 units of mixed-income housing along with other amenities that include a Solar Technology Park, District Chiller plant, Storm-water vault, ground level retail, hotel, market-rate condo, grocery store and an African American History Museum among other planned amenities.

Eileen Pope, Tampa Housing Authority's Financial Partner representing the Banc of America, explained the funding mechanisms needed to satisfy elements of the grant while Tampa Housing Authority COO, Leroy Moore, encouraged the group to consider the residents first and the importance of getting resident involvement throughout the entire process. David Iloanya, Director of Real Estate Development presented a PowerPoint presentation covering many important aspects of the grant and the ENCORE project.

Vivian Bryant, currently serving as CEO for both the Orlando Housing Authority and Sanford Housing Authority expressed her thanks to President/CEO Jerome Ryans for the warm welcome received, as well as, her excitement at being able to showcase to the visitors what could be done, should they receive the CNI planning grant.

The group spent the entire day and also toured the Robert Saunders Library as the last stop. Everyone was excited regarding the possibilities and heaped thanks and praises for what they had seen.

The Housing Authority of the City of Tampa promotes the development and professional management of a variety of affordable housing opportunities, facilities and supportive services that nurture neighborhoods, provide economic development and self-sufficiency activities for residents while assuring equal access to safe, quality housing for low and moderate income families throughout the community.

"Building a World-Class Community, One Family and One Neighborhood at a Time"

ORLANDO AND SANFORD HOUSING AUTHORITIES VISIT TAMPA HOUSING AUTHORITY AND TOUR ITS ENCORE! COMMUNITY



Group arrives at THA's Administrative Offices.



President/CEO Jerome Ryans welcomes the group.



Sr. Vice-President/COO Leroy Moore addresses the group.



Executive Director of the Orlando and Sanford Housing Authorities, Vivian Bryant, addresses the group.