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September 2, 2009

Dr. Gwendolyn Y. Brown
Chairman, Board of County Commissioner
Manatee County Florida
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Chairman,

The Palmetto Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) would like to address the Manatee county bus transportation hub on the north end of 8th Avenue in Palmetto. As you are aware, the CRA, as part of its state mandate is tasked with addressing the welfare of the CRA residents. Your hub will address many transportation needs of those citizens.

We support your efforts to create a park and ride location in the City and would request that the Commission finalize the project by purchasing the property as recommended by the Manatee Planning Organization (MPO).

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The Palmetto Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) requests that the Manatee County Commission consider a joint marketing campaign with the CRA, the Manatee County Port and the Manatee County Enterprise Zone.

In the event that a new or existing Port business may entertain developing or expanding its business in this area, each agency has something to offer. We would suggest that a plan be devised to articulate those offerings. Please contact us, if the Commission would consider exploring this further.

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The Palmetto Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) learned with interest that Manatee County wishes to issue a Request for Qualifications/Purchase for a hotel at the Manatee County Civic Center site in Palmetto. This site is in the Community Redevelopment Agency district and your actions are favorable to our plans.

The Palmetto CRA would like your Board to consider a partnership on the project. We may be interested in financing a portion of or the entire project, if the conditions for such a financing were sufficient to our requirements. We could also bring to bear into the equation a Community Development Economic Development Block Grant application, not to mention you Enterprise Zone benefits.

On behalf of the CRA and its Advisory Board, I would like to invite the Commission, if there is interest on your part, to meet with us on this exciting proposition.

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The Palmetto Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) in conjunction with the City of Palmetto has determined that, if possible, a Seventh Street extension connecting to U.S. 41 at Haben Boulevard at the Civic Center corner light would be a more efficient transportation configuration than extending 7th Street to Haben along the North side of the Center with the second light. It is our understanding that the South West Water Management District is in agreement with this assessment as is the new Mobility Study.

At your earliest convenience we would like to expedite a more detailed plan with the County and the department of Transportation to resolve this transportation question.

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