



Interoffice Memorandum

AGENDA ITEM

May 24, 2017

TO: Mayor Teresa Jacobs

-AND-

Board of County Commissioners

THRU: Lonnie C. Bell, Jr., Director
Family Services Department

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lonnie C. Bell Jr.", written over the typed name.

FROM: Lavon B. Williams, Manager, Esq., AICP
Neighborhood Preservation and Revitalization Division

Handwritten initials "LBN" in black ink, written over the typed name.

SUBJECT: Consent Agenda Item – June 20, 2017
May 2017 Business Assistance for Neighborhood Corridors (BANC)
Program Grant Recipient

The Neighborhood Preservation and Revitalization Division administers the Business Assistance for Neighborhood Corridors (BANC) Program which coordinates Orange County services for economic development in targeted corridors. On March 20, 2012 the Board approved the BANC Program to revitalize once thriving commercial corridors that suffer from a lack of investment and are deficient of financial support. The BANC Program reimburses businesses up to \$10,000 for costs associated with improving or opening a business. Some of the allowable projects are a conventional rezoning, submittal fees for commercial projects, demolition costs, bringing a structure up to code, and/or façade improvements to the structure.

Businesses applying to the BANC Program must attend an informational session about the program and submit an application with three quotes. All applications are reviewed by a Business Assistance Team made up of staff from relevant Orange County Divisions. The staff reviews the applications based on project feasibility, benefit to the community, and to ensure the project complies with Orange County's urban design standards, permitting requirements, and appropriate Orange County Codes.

The staff recommends approval of The Play Palace grant application dated May 2017 (see Attachments A and B).

Action Requested: **Approval of the May 2017 Business Assistance for Neighborhood Corridors Program Grant for The Play Palace (\$5,000). District 2.**

c: Jason Reynolds, AICP, Neighborhood Preservation and Revitalization Division

Business Assistance for Neighborhood Corridors Program Profile

Business Name: The Play Palace
2817 N. Powers Drive Orlando, FL

Request Amount: \$5,000

Commission District: 2 – Bryan Nelson

Total Project Cost: \$5,000

Municipality Jurisdiction: Unincorporated Orange County

Project Type: Replace the fence

Owner/Renter: Owner

Summary: The business would like to replace their current fence.



Business Assistance for Neighborhood Corridors Program Profile

Business Name: The Play Palace 2817 N. Powers Drive Orlando, FL	Request Amount: \$5,000
Commission District: 2 – Bryan Nelson	Total Project Cost: \$5,000
Municipality Jurisdiction: Unincorporated Orange County	Project Type: Replace the fence
Owner/Renter: Owner	

Summary:

The applicant is requesting to replace the fence at the property.

The applicant has owned the property for 12 years. During this time the applicant installed new flooring, re-plastered the ceiling in the front office, installed a wall to divide the kitchen, renovated the parking lot to enlarge the playground area, upgraded two septic tanks, installed new carpet, replaced four air conditioners, and repainted the building.

In the future the applicant plans to connect to sewer, pave the parking lot, install new doors and windows, add landscaping, paint the building, and replace the sign.

The current fence is dilapidated. A new fence will improve the property's curb appeal. Additionally, a vinyl fence will make the property compliant with the Business Assistance for Neighborhood Corridors Program's design guidelines.