

**MERRITT ISLAND REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY  
BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE  
ANNUAL REPORT  
OCTOBER, 2004-SEPTEMBER, 2005**

**October 2004**

1. Brooke Ashley Fashion Boutique, 158 E. Merritt Island Causeway, received the MIRA Beautification Award. An article and picture appeared in the Florida Today on Wednesday, November 17, 2004.
2. Holiday Office Plaza, Inc., 262 E. Merritt Island Causeway received the MIRA Beautification Award. An article appeared in the Florida Today on Wednesday, November 17, 2004.
3. Holiday Office Plaza, Inc., 262 E. Merritt Island Causeway received the CFIP award.
4. Article concerning the MIRA Commercial Façade Improvement Project Grants appeared in the Merritt Island News and Views on Wednesday, October 20, 2004.

**November 2004**

1. Sutton's Pool Supply, Inc., 500 W. Merritt Island Causeway– Commercial Façade Improvement Application approved.
2. Nick Gigante appointed to the MIRA Board replacing Bob Barranco.

**December 2004**

1. December 5, 2004 - Beautification Work Day at MILA Elementary School
2. No Beautification Committee Meeting month of December

**January 2005**

1. Florida Today article "Own a Business Give it a Facelift" concerning the MIRA Commercial Façade Improvement Grants appeared on Monday, January 31, 2005.

**February 2005**

1. No Beautification Committee Meeting month of February
2. MIRA Commercial Façade Improvement Project Grant Workshop held February 17, 2005, approximately 45 commercial property owners attended. An article and picture appeared in Merritt Island News & Views on Wednesday, February 16, 2005. An article and picture appeared in the Hometown News on Friday, February 4, 2005 concerning the MIRA Workshop.

**March 2005**

1. First Baptist Church of Merritt Island, 140 Magnolia Avenue – Commercial Façade Improvement Application Approved
2. Paul L. Ouellette, DDS, Affordable Braces, 455 Magnolia Avenue – Commercial Façade Improvement Application Approved

3. Brevard Eye Center, 250 N. Courtenay Parkway received MIRA Beautification Award and CFIP Award. The article along with a photograph appeared in the Merritt Island News and Views on Wednesday, April 20, 2005. Gayla Schafer, Florida Today, wrote an article in the Florida Today's Communities on Wednesday, April 20, 2005 detailing the façade and beautification improvements done by Brevard Eye Center. An article appeared in Florida Today' "Week in Review" on Friday, April 22, 2005.
4. Susan Hall, Beautification Committee member requested six month leave of absence to sit on the Brevard County's Task Force.

### **April 2005**

1. No Beautification Committee Meeting month of April

### **May 2005**

1. Advanced Dentistry, 225 S. Plumosa Street received MIRA Beautification Award for the month of June. The article along with a photograph appeared in the Merritt Island News and Views on Wednesday, July 20, 2005. The article along with a photograph also appeared in the Florida Today Central Brevard Community Activities on Wednesday, June 22, 2005. The article appeared in the Florida "Around our Communities" on Friday, June 10, 2005.
2. Carrabba's Italian Grill, 60 Palmetto Avenue received MIRA Beautification Award for the month of June. The article along with a photograph appeared in the Merritt Island News and Views on Wednesday, July 20, 2005. The article appeared in the Florida "Around our Communities" on Friday, June 10, 2005.

### **June 2005**

1. No Beautification Meeting month of June
2. Duane Watson's property located at 76 E. Merritt Island Causeway - Commercial Façade Improvement Application Approved

### **July 2005**

1. Applebee's Restaurant & Grill, 100 N. Sykes Creek Parkway received MIRA Beautification Award for the month of August. The article along with a photograph appeared in the Merritt Island "News and Views" Wednesday, August 17, 2005. The article also appeared in the Hometown News on Friday, August 12, 2005.
2. Doug Robertson, MIRA Consultant resigned from the MIRA Agency.
3. Greg Lugar appointed by the MIRA Board to be Executive Director to the MIRA Agency.

### **August 2005**

1. Bussen-Mayer Engineering Group, Inc., 100 Parnell Street received MIRA Beautification Award for the month of August. The article along with a photograph appeared in the Florida Today Central Brevard Community Activities on Wednesday, September 14, 2005.

2. First Baptist Church of Merritt Island, 140 Magnolia Avenue received MIRA Beautification Award for the month of August.
3. First Baptist Church of Merritt Island, 140 Magnolia Avenue received the Commercial Façade Improvement Project Award. The article and photograph appeared in the Merritt Island News and Views Wednesday, September 21, 2005.
4. Ralph Perrone, Perrone Properties, received the Commercial Façade Improvement Project Award for his building located at 350 Myrtice Avenue. The article and photograph appeared in the Merritt Island News and Views Wednesday, September 21, 2005.
5. Doug Robertson, MIRA Consultant was presented a Service Award for his years of service to MIRA.
6. Tina Anderson promoted to the position of Special Projects Coordinator to the MIRA Agency.

### **September 2005**

1. Proposed changes to the CFIP application to require a minimum of two (2) bids if unable to obtain three (2) bids within three (3) months and then would need to verify cost with Brevard County.
2. Marcus Herman reappointed to two more years as Vice-Chairman of the MIRA Beautification Committee.

### **MIRA Staff Report**

#### **S.R. 520 Sewer Extension**

MIRA contracted with Dyer, Riddle, Mills & Precourt, Inc. to do the study including surveying, engineering, permitting, bidding, construction services and other consulting services relating to the sewer project. MIRA will be working with Transportation Engineering to do the sidewalk project along with the sewer project.

#### **Tropical Trail/Merritt Avenue Corridor Improvements**

The MIRA Board had commissioned Bussen-Mayer Engineering Group, Inc. to do two (2) projects, the first project is the Merritt Avenue Road Improvement that included installing sewer, sidewalks and road widening and the second project being the N. Tropical Trail Road Improvement for road widening, landscape and sidewalks. Appraisals on the property located at 45 N. Tropical Trail has been commissioned. Acquisition on this property will be necessary to construct stormwater retention and straighten N. Tropical Trail at S.R. 520. It has been decided that the lift station on Merritt Avenue would need to be relocated.

#### **Sykes Creek/Merritt Avenue Berm**

MIRA is waiting for Florida Power & Light to relocate the power pole and the necessary notification permit has been submitted to St. John's Water Management for the 56 linear feet of pipe that would be covered with the berm. Brevard County Roadways & Landscaping will be doing the construction of the berm and landscaping berm once the power pole has been relocated.

### **Covered Bus Shelters**

The first covered bus shelter has been constructed and placed on S. R. 520 in front of Holiday Office Plaza. The first shelter has the MIRA egret logo etched into the glass and the MIRA logo on the east side panel of the shelter. MIRA is waiting for the final aqua slanted roof to be placed before having a ribbon cutting with the District II Commission Office. The next three shelters should be in place by the end of October 2005.

### **Gateway Entry Signs**

The new east entry sign "Welcome to Merritt Island" will be located directly before the relief bridge coming onto Merritt Island from Cocoa Beach and will be placed behind the road barrier. MIRA is working with DRMP's landscape architect to get ideas on the landscaping and lighting surround the entry sign. Keep Brevard Beautification has offered to maintain the landscaping around the new entry sign when completed.