

Planning and Grant Managers Report

RIVERFRONT PARK PIER: The City Commission awarded the contract for renovations to the Riverfront Park at the June Commission meeting. Completion of this renovation will result in a brand new 420' boardwalk/pier which will allow access for pedestrians to the riverfront and allow for the unloading of the commercial vessels along the north and south ends of the pier.

BATTERY PARK MARINA RENOVATIONS: Construction is well underway for the Battery Park Marina project. Renovations to the marina basin are expected to be complete August 1, 2008 with the completion of the piers expected soon thereafter. The new boat ramps, loading piers and steel seawall will be a great enhancement to the entire Battery Park Marina.

HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL RENOVATION: In 2004, the City acquired the Holy Family Catholic School located on 7th Street and has been actively seeking sources for renovation to this historic building. Currently, we are in the process of having the roof section of the sanctuary completely replaced. Funding sources are being sought in order to completely renovate this outstanding building so that it may be used as the African-American Heritage Museum and Community Center.

POLICE STATION AND FIRE DEPARTMENT: Plans are moving forward on the new Police Station and Fire Department to be located at 127 Avenue E.

SCIPIO CREEK MOORING BASIN: In 2006, the City was awarded \$250,000 from the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission and \$65,000 from the Franklin County Tourist Development Council for installation of a haul-out slip and boat repair yard to be located at the Scipio Creek Mooring Basin. Currently, Baskerville Donovan, Inc. is finalizing the necessary surveys for this project and we hope to begin construction by the end of the year.

VETERANS MEMORIAL PLAZA: Apalachicola is honored to be receiving this great statue in honor of all Vietnam Veterans. The statue will be arriving in Apalachicola within the next several weeks and the grand opening and ribbon cutting is scheduled for July 12, 2008.