



**Agenda
City of Cocoa
Diamond Square Community Redevelopment
Agency Regular Meeting**

**June 15, 2026
6:00 PM**

415 Stone Street, Cocoa, FL 32922

I. CALL TO ORDER

1. Invocation
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES

1. Agenda: Regular Meeting of Diamond Square CRA for June 15, 2026.
2. Minutes: Regular Meeting of the Diamond Square CRA for May 18, 2026.

III. DELEGATIONS

IV. PRESENTATIONS

V. ACTION ITEMS

1. Request Agency approval for an application for the agency's Paint Grant Program in an amount not to exceed \$1,000 for the property located at 710 Carissa Ave, Cocoa, FL 32922 and to authorize the City Manager to execute a Paint Program Agreement.
2. Request Agency approval for an application for the Beautification Grant Program in an amount not to exceed \$500 for the property located at 710 Carissa Avenue, Cocoa, FL 32922 and to authorize the City Manager to execute a Beautification Grant Agreement.

VI. ATTORNEY'S REPORT

VII. UPDATES AND STAFF REPORTS

VIII. NEXT MEETING DATE - JULY 20, 2026 at 6:00 PM

IX. ADJOURNMENT

NOTICE TO PUBLIC:

This is a public meeting. All interested parties may attend. The facility wherein this meeting will

be held is accessible to the physically handicapped. Please be advised that more than one member of the City Council may attend. Pursuant to Section 286.0105, Florida Statutes, the City hereby advises the public that: if a person decides to appeal any decision made by this board with respect to any matter considered at its meeting or hearing, that person will need a record of the proceedings and for such purpose, affected persons may need to insure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, and such record shall include the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based. This notice does not constitute consent by the City for the introduction or admission into evidence of otherwise inadmissible or irrelevant evidence, nor does it authorize challenges or appeals otherwise allowed by law. This agenda is posted on the Municipal Bulletin Board and at the Central Brevard Library and Reference Center in Cocoa for public review.

DIAMOND SQUARE CRA AGENDA ITEM

Memo Date: 11/19/2025
Agenda Date: 6/15/2026
Prepared By: Peyton Fink, Redevelopment Coordinator
Through: Charlene Neuterman, Community Services Director
Requested Action: Request Agency Approval of the Agenda from the Diamond Square CRA Regular Meeting on June 15, 2026, either as written or with amendments.

BACKGROUND:

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PRIORITY AREA CONNECTION:

Economic and Community Development

BUDGETARY IMPACT:

PREVIOUS ACTION:

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

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DIAMOND SQUARE

REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY

Tracy Moore
Chairperson

Crystal McQueen
Vice Chairperson

Larry Brown
Board Member
*(Appointed
by Brevard
County)

Delores Martin
Board Member

Jackie Isom
Board Member

Angelia Smith
Board Member

Amy Robinson
Board Member

DATE: Monday, June 15, 2026
TIME: 6:00 p.m.

Location: Dr. Joe Lee Smith
Community Center
415 Stone Street

I. CALL TO ORDER
INVOCATION
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
ROLL CALL

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES

AGENDA: Regular Meeting of June 15, 2026
MINUTES: Minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 18, 2026

III. DELEGATIONS

IV. PRESENTATIONS

V. ACTION ITEMS

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VIII. NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting of the Diamond Square Community Redevelopment Agency is Monday, July 20, 2026, at 6:00 PM. The meeting will be held at the Cocoa City Hall, Council Chambers, located at 65 Stone Street, Cocoa, FL 32922.

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Economic and Community Development

BUDGETARY IMPACT:

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**MINUTES
CITY OF COCOA
DIAMOND SQUARE CRA
REGULAR MEETING
May 18, 2026**

The Regular Meeting of the Diamond Square Community Redevelopment Agency was held on May 18, 2026, at the Dr. Joe Lee Smith Community Center, 415 Stone Street, Cocoa, FL, as publicly noticed.

I. Call to Order

Vice Chairperson Smith called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

Invocation: Agency Member Robinson provided the invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance: Agency Member Robinson led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

ROLL CALL:

Crystal McQueen	Chairperson
Angelia Smith	Vice Chairperson
Larry Brown	Agency Member
Jackie Isom	Agency Member
Tracy Moore	Agency Member
Amy Robinson	Agency Member
Delores Martin	Agency Member
Joseph Colombo	Agency Attorney
Peyton Fink	Recording Secretary

PRESENT:

Angelia Smith	Vice Chairperson
Larry Brown	Agency Member
Amy Robinson	Agency Member
Delores Martin	Agency Member
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ABSENT: Chairperson McQueen, Agency Member Moore, and Agency Member Isom.

STAFF PRESENT: City Manager Whitten, Community Services Director Neuterman, and Board Liaison Goins.

II. Approval of Agenda and Minutes:

AGENDA:

Agenda - Regular Meeting of May 18, 2026.

***MOTION by Agency Member BROWN; SECONDED by Agency Member ROBINSON to approve the Agenda for the Regular Meeting of May 18, 2026, as written.**

AYES: SMITH, BROWN, ROBINSON, MARTIN

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY (4-0)

MINUTES:

Minutes- Regular Meeting of April 20, 2026

***MOTION by Agency Member BROWN; SECONDED by Agency Member ROBINSON to approve the Minutes for the Regular Meeting of April 20, 2026, as written.**

AYES: SMITH, BROWN, ROBINSON, MARTIN

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY (4-0)

III. **Delegations:**

1. Anita Gibson spoke about a non-Diamond Square related issue between her and Habitat for Humanity. There was discussion among staff and the agency members regarding what could be done. The City Manager stated that it was an issue between Mrs. Gibson and Habitat for Humanity, but he will reach out to Habitat one more time.

IV. **Presentations:**

V. **Action Items:**

1. Request Agency approval to award the \$10,000 Diamond Square Program Initiative to Sherry Amos "Summer Enrichment Program" at the Learning and Achievement Center.

Director Neuterman gave an overview of the agenda item. She explained that this application was submitted by Sherry Amos for \$10,000 and the paperwork has been completed so she is eligible to receive funding. Staff supports this program due to the academic growth and enjoyment that it provides to so many kids, and we recommend that it receives funding from the DSCRA.

Mrs. Amos spoke of the program and its success through the years. She also spoke on the activities involved in the program such as trips to the library and some ideas that she has for the future.

***MOTION by Agency Member BROWN; SECONDED by Agency Member ROBINSON to award the \$10,000 Diamond Square Program Initiative to Sherry Amos "Summer Enrichment Program" at the Learning and Achievement Center.**

AYES: SMITH, BROWN, ROBINSON, MARTIN

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY (4-0)

2. Request Agency approval of a budget transfer in the FY26 Budget, BAF# 2026-063-T, to transfer funds of \$100 from Travel & Per Diem and into the Other Charges and Obligations account.

Director Neuterman spoke on this item by explaining how funeral flowers were purchased on behalf of the Diamond Square CRA and the expense was coded incorrectly. So, staff are requesting agency approval to transfer funds so the expense for flowers can be reclassified into a different account number.

***MOTION by Agency Member ROBINSON; SECONDED by Agency Member BROWN to Approve a budget transfer in the FY26 Budget, BAF# 2026-063-T, to transfer funds of \$100 from Travel & Per Diem and into the Other Charges and Obligations account.**

AYES: SMITH, BROWN, ROBINSON, MARTIN

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY (4-0)

3. Request Agency approval of Fiscal Year 2027 Budget Priorities based on the anticipated budget for the fiscal year

An overview of this agenda item was given by Director Neuterman. She explained the projections for the FY 27 budget and gave information on some of the expenses such as the Façade Grant and the Neighborhood Restoration program. She went on to state that we are anticipating a similar budget, and the amount is lower due to infrastructure requests, which the CRA is allowed to pay for. We are still waiting for quotes on signs, and we will hopefully have them in a few months. Director Neuterman ended by saying that she will entertain any suggestions.

There were questions regarding signage and if it would come out of this year's budget. Director Neuterman responded that it will and we need to bid because of how high the quotes are. She further stated that we can bring back pricing and any updates on the signage.

Agency Member Robinson wondered if sidewalks can go into next year's budget, and Director Neuterman responded that it can. The CRA could also help Public Works. It was then mentioned that the sidewalks in disrepair have been dealt with by Public Works so we would need direction to add this to the budget. Director Neuterman also noted that we are still waiting to see our revenue so there is time to respond to these priorities.

Agency Member Brown asked for information on who pays for the sidewalks in Districts outside of Diamond Square, to which Director Neuterman responded that sidewalk repairs do come out of the City's budget, but the CRA has funds for infrastructure. Agency Member Brown then wondered what else could be done with the funds, to which Board Liaison Goins suggested a new project. Since there is limited parking at Provost park, he believes that with the City Manager attempting to purchase two lots in the same area it would be beneficial for the community if the DSCRA were to build on them.

The Vice Chairperson asked about the drainage problems on Carolina Avenue and if they were addressed. Board Liaison Goins does not recommend that the money from the DSCRA go towards this, but it is being dealt with.

Director Neuterman stated that at the agency's direction we can put money aside for infrastructure and bring the items back to the agency for review. She further explained that we would need to identify what the projects are in order to have them as a budgetary item. Once we get the revenue numbers from the County, we will have a better dollar amount for the budget. She also noted that the Cocoa CRA has funds set aside for parking improvements and it is an important discussion to have.

Agency Member Brown inquired on how many grants the DSCRA has done and if the homebuyer assistance program will be available to the homes being built in this area. Director Neuterman responded that we have used most of the Commercial Façade Grant money and have had quite a few applications for the Paint and Beautification Grants. The homes in the area can qualify for the homebuyer assistance program. The income will just need to be verified to know exactly what area of funding they will receive. There will probably be no one that qualifies this Fiscal Year.

It was also noted that infrastructure will go under contingency as needed, and there is no priority list at the moment. The agency does not need to approve this item as they can make a motion for staff to provide more options.

Agency Member Robinson made a motion for staff to provide updated options for the FY27 budget priorities, and it was seconded by Agency Member Brown.

***MOTION by Agency Member ROBINSON; SECONDED by Agency Member BROWN for staff to provide updated options for the FY27 budget priorities based on the anticipated budget for the Fiscal Year.**

AYES: SMITH, BROWN, ROBINSON, MARTIN.

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY (4-0)

VI. **Attorney's Report:**

VII. **Updates and Staff Report:**

1. Board Liaison Goins mentioned that with summer camp starting up there will be a 4-day period when students will not have meals, so he would appreciate it if people could donate anything. He is guessing that the number of kids is 25-30 but he will ask how many put in for scholarships for a more accurate number. Agency Member Robinson asked if they could provide a list of what is needed, to which Director Neuterman and Board Liaison Goins responded that they would check with Delvin. Shauna Gin would also like the list sent to her.
2. Shauna Gin from Cocoa Housing Authority took a moment to compliment Public Works. When she calls in about sidewalks they are always fixed quickly.
3. The Board Liaison spoke about the movie night that had been recently put on by the City and would like to have these types of events more often. He then briefly mentioned

the need for parking at Provost Park before stating that he would like it if we highlighted what we are doing for Mrs. Amos or how crime is down. Director Neuterman responded to this by saying that we can reach out to Communications to try and highlight the Summer Enrichment Program in our newsletter.

4. Agency Member Brown asked for an update on construction at Fiske Blvd and the anticipated completion date for the new homes. Director Neuterman responded that the pedestrian crossing is an FDOT project, and it is anticipated to be completed sometime in August 2026. The City Manager spoke on the new homes by sharing that the City is going to be issuing 15 permits and some may be completed before the next fiscal year.
5. Provost Park was discussed, the City Manager emphasized that you build communities through kids and families so in addition to the sports facilities there is going to be the mural showcasing significant figures in Cocoa's history. In addition to this, Soccer Mini Pitch is coming, and it is going to be significant. At tomorrow's council meeting there will be photos provided showing a more diverse park than what it is given credit for. Agency Member Brown wondered if Provost Park could be referred to as a sports complex center. The City Manager responded that there would be enough amenities to build two more multi-purpose fields and then it could be called a sports complex. It was noted by Board Liaison Goins that we need something in the area to draw people in and would pitch it to be the Provost Sports Complex.
6. The Board Liaison wanted to know what the agency members thought about keeping the lights on after dark at the Provost basketball courts. The agency members were in favor of it, as it would give the kids in the area something to do. It was pointed out that staff for this would be provided by the county and if you want real control then the City would need to take control of the parks. It is a good conversation to have though. Board Liaison Goins wanted to hear the agency members' thoughts on this subject due to a petition he had received regarding the subject.

VIII. **Next Meeting Date:**

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the **Diamond Square Community Redevelopment Agency** will be on **Monday, June 15th**, at **6:00 pm** at the Dr. Joe Lee Smith Community Center unless a business need arises earlier.

IX. **Adjournment**

***MOTION by Agency Member BROWN to adjourn by; SECONDED by Agency Member ROBINSON**

AYES: SMITH, BROWN, ROBINSON, MARTIN

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY (4-0)

THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED at 7:06

Crystal McQueen, Chairperson

Respectfully Submitted by:

Peyton Fink, Recording Secretary

DIAMOND SQUARE CRA AGENDA ITEM

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In this case, Yolanda Moragne has submitted a Residential Paint Grant application for an amount not to exceed \$1,000 for her property located at 710 Carissa Avenue, Cocoa, FL 32922. This grant would allow Mrs. Moragne to make renovations to her house to keep the exterior up to date. The house is 1,645 square feet while the color selection is Haint Blue for the walls and White for the trim. Staff request approval of the grant application for an amount not to exceed \$1,000.

PRIORITY AREA CONNECTION:

Investment in Public Infrastructure
Economic and Community Development

BUDGETARY IMPACT:

Budgeted? Yes

Source/Use of Funds

<u>Account Number</u>	<u>Amount</u>
111-3230-559.83-00	\$1,000 NTE

PREVIOUS ACTION:

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

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DIAMOND SQUARE

REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY

65 Stone Street Cocoa,
FL 32922
(321) 433-8577 (phone)

DIAMOND SQUARE COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY

RESIDENTIAL PAINTING PROGRAM GUIDELINES AND APPLICATION



I. Purpose

The Diamond Square Community Redevelopment Residential Paint Program (hereinafter the "Program") was established by the Diamond Square Community Redevelopment Agency (the "CRA") to encourage residents of the Diamond Square area to improve the exterior of their residences, thereby reducing blight conditions and improving the aesthetics of the community. Through the Diamond Square Redevelopment Plan the CRA is authorized to "support and encourage improved appearance and design of both public and private projects. Strategies may include, but are not limited to, developing design guidelines, providing design assistance, facade grant and/or paint programs, incentives, and partnerships with both the public and private sector." The Program allows eligible applicants to share with the CRA the cost of painting an existing residential property within the Diamond Square Redevelopment Area.

II. Availability of Funds

This Program is subject to the availability of funds in the CRA's Diamond Square Redevelopment Area. If such funds are available and allocated to this Program, the funds will be awarded on a first-come, first-serve basis to home owners meeting all Program guidelines. Up to \$1,000.00 that include pressure washing, paint and paint supplies to be awarded per approved project. The recipient shall be responsible for painting and any additional costs associated with the project. The CRA reserves sole discretion in the review of applications and in awarding funds under this Program.

III. Eligibility

The residential dwelling (hereinafter the "Home") must be located within the Diamond Community Redevelopment Area.

1. The Applicant/Home Owner must reside in the Home requesting participation in the Paint Program.
2. The Home shall have no existing code violations and the owner shall not be named in any outstanding code enforcement liens.
3. **The home must have homestead exempt tax status.**
4. The project shall consist of painting the exterior of the Home. Interior painting projects are not eligible. Current members of the CRA or City Staff are not eligible. The exterior of the Home will be pressure washed by a contractor after the application is approved. CRA staff will verify completion of the pressure washing.
5. Applications may be considered according to an "application cycle" established by the CRA.

IV. Applicant Requirements/Program Process

1. The applicant must obtain and submit a completed CRA Paint Program application to CRA staff with all required attachments:
 - a. Proof of home ownership.
 - b. Colored photographs of all sides of the Home (before photos).
2. Within 30 business days the CRA staff will review the application and notify the applicant, in writing, of its approval, denial for failure to meet Program requirements or to request missing or additional information needed to complete review.
3. The CRA will have the home exterior pressure washed after CRA approval of application and prior to selection and purchase of Paint and paint supplies.
4. The application must include the chosen color scheme for both the building and trim.
5. Upon Application Approval, recipient will work with the Painting Vendor for specific color palate selections and for paint supplies that will be sufficient in order to complete an industry-standard paint job.

- 1. Upon selection and transfer of paint and supplies to the applicant, the CRA will issue payment directly to the paint supply company.
- 2. Work must commence on the project within 30 days of the applicant's receipt of the paint and paint supplies. All work must be complete within 60 days from the commencement date. **Commencement Date begins upon the approval of the application by the DSCRA Board.**
- 3. Upon completion of the work, the applicant must contact the CRA staff to arrange a completion inspection. All work will be inspected by the CRA after completion of the project for the limited purpose of verifying the work was completed in accordance with these guidelines. In the event completed work is not in compliance of the guidelines, CRA will notify the applicant of non-compliance within 15 days.

V. CRA Limit of Liability

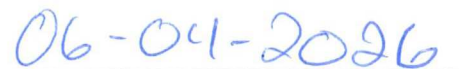
The CRA's liability under this Program shall be solely limited pressure washing and to the purchase of paint and painting supplies in an amount not to exceed \$1,000.00, approved in advance by the CRA for work completed in accordance with these guidelines, as evidenced by an executed Affidavit of Completion. The CRA expressly disclaims any other liability, warranty or guarantee, express or Implied.

Applicant must sign acknowledging receipt of the Program Guidelines.


Homeowner Signature


Date


Diamond Square Community
Redevelopment Agency Representative


Date

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Applicant/Name: Yolanda Y. Morgan Drivers License # [REDACTED]

Carissa Ave.

Home Address: 710 ~~Carissa Ave~~ Cocoa Florida 32922
Street City State Zip Code

Telephone: [REDACTED] E-Mail: [REDACTED]

Initial boxes:

☐ I am the building owner and have attached proof of ownership such as recorded deed or recent property tax bill.

☒ I live in the home at the address given above.

Exterior Paint for Walls and Trim:

1,645 square feet of home

Hint Blue Color Selection - Walls

White Color Selection - Trim

You must attach color photographs of the existing building showing all exterior sides of the building.

Paint Grant Program Affidavit:**Removed We**

By signing and submitting this application, I attest and certify that and acknowledge that:

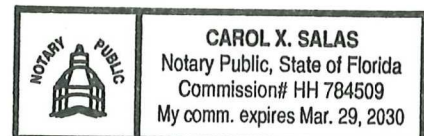
1. I have been provided a copy of and have read, understand and will comply with the Diamond Square Residential Paint Program Guidelines.
2. I certify that I am both the Applicant and Homeowner.
3. I certify that I live in the home.
4. I understand the Home must be located in the Diamond Square Redevelopment Area to be eligible.
5. I attest the Home has no existing code violations and the Home Owner is not named in any outstanding code enforcement liens.
6. The home has homestead exempt tax status.
7. I understand that the exterior of the Home will be pressure-washed by an approved contractor determined by the CRA before receiving the paint and paint supplies.
8. Upon application approval, the Recipient will consult with CRA staff and/or a paint supply representative to determine what paint and supplies will be sufficient in order to complete an Industry-standard paint job.
9. I understand that work must commence on the project within 15 days of receipt of the paint and paint supplies.
10. I understand that all work must be complete within 60 days of receipt of the paint and supplies the grant commencement date.
11. I understand the Commencement Date is the date of the application approval by the DSCRA.
12. I understand that the CRA will provide pressure washing, paint and paint supplies in an amount not to exceed \$1,000.00 to be used to paint the exterior residential structure listed on the application, and that I am responsible for labor and any other costs or overages.
13. I further understand that failure to comply with the Guidelines will result in ineligibility to participate in this Program.
14. I understand that the CRA's liability under this Program shall be solely limited to pressure washing and the purchase of paint and paint supplies in an amount not to exceed \$1,000.00.
15. I further understand that the CRA expressly disclaims any other liability, warranty or guarantee, express or implied, for the work completed by the applicant.
16. Upon completion of the project, ~~and final inspection by the CRA, I agree to execute an Affidavit of Completion with the CRA. I agree to notify the DSCRA/Staff member of completion of the painting.~~
17. ~~I/we understand that approval under this Program does not constitute a permit or approval of the City and that the homeowner is responsible for obtaining such permits, if required, by the City or any other governmental entity.~~
18. I understand that the CRA does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, gender, age religion, national origin, marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity, or disability (protected characteristics) and will not tolerate any such discrimination by or against its employees or citizens utilizing CRA programs.
19. I understand that the presence of any lead-based paint and the abatement of such is the sole responsibility of the Applicant/Home Owner and the CRA disclaims any liability, warranty or guarantee, related to the presence of lead-based paint on the Building.
20. I understand that applications may be considered according to an " application cycle" established by the CRA.
21. I certify that all information in the application, and all information furnished in support of this application, is true and complete to the best of my/our knowledge and belief.
22. I understand that I have a continuing obligation to inform the CRA (in writing) of any changes to the information provided in this application.
23. I understand that verifications of this information may be obtained or made by the CRA.
24. If approved by the CRA Manager in Section V below, this application shall constitute a binding agreement between the CRA, the Applicant and the Building Owner

Yolanda Moragne
Signature of Homeowner

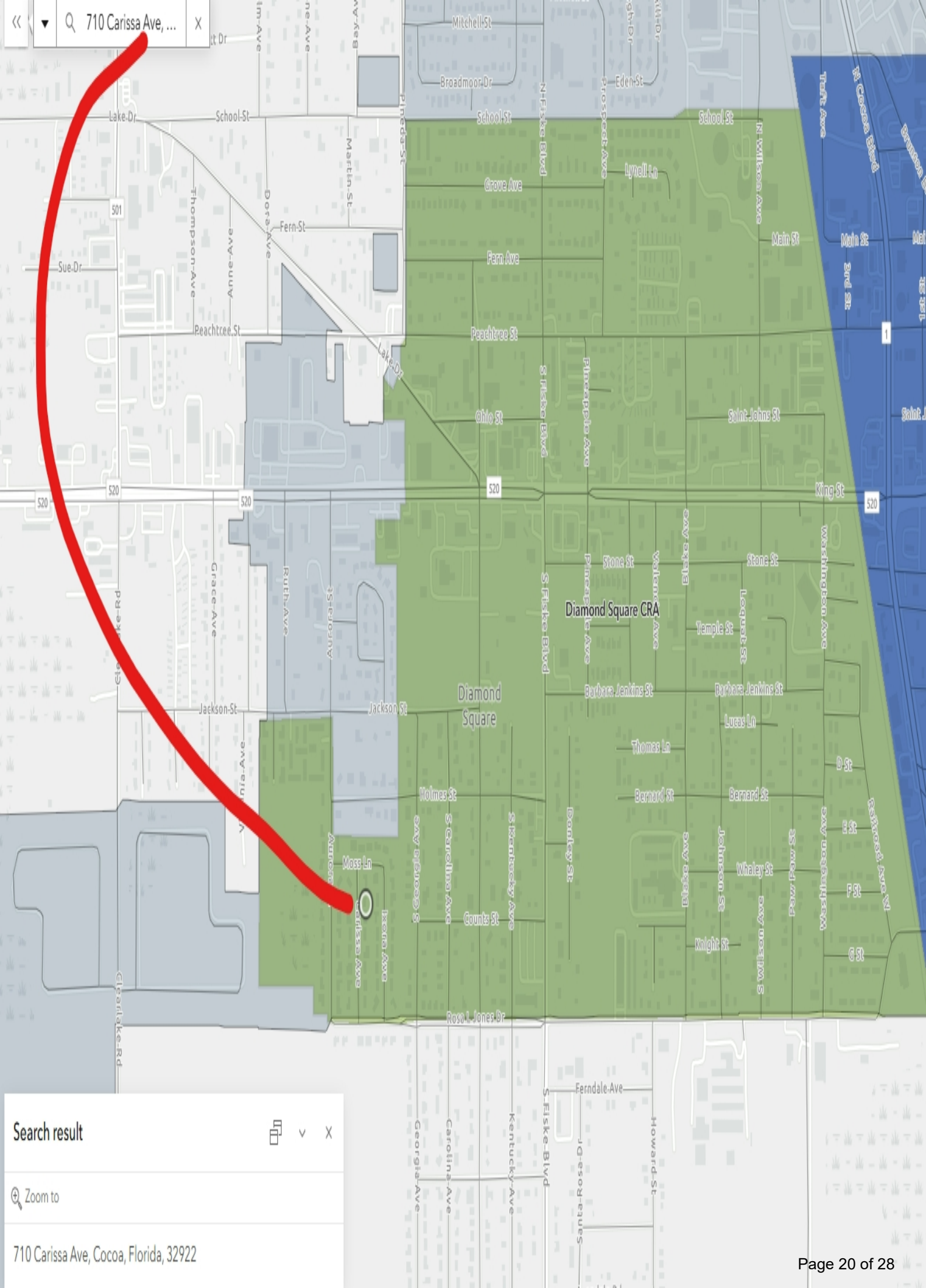
5-18-2026
Date

STATE of Florida, COUNTY of Brevard. The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 18 day of may, 2026, BY Yolanda Moragne who is personally known to me or who has produced Florida Driver license as identification.

Notary Public, State of Florida Affix Stamp:



Return complete application by mail or in person to:
Diamond Square Community Redevelopment Agency
ATTN: DS Residential Paint Program
65 Stone Street
Cocoa, FL 32922



710 Carissa Ave, ...

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710 Carissa Ave, Cocoa, Florida, 32922

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Through: Charlene Neuterman, Community Services Director
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In this instance, the applicant is Yolanda Moragne of 710 Carissa Avenue, Cocoa, FL 32922. Mrs. Moragne has met all the requirements and staff are requesting agency approval to award the applicant an amount not to exceed \$500.

PRIORITY AREA CONNECTION:

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Economic and Community Development

BUDGETARY IMPACT:

Budgeted? Yes

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RECOMMENDED MOTION:

Agency approval for an application to the Beautification Grant Program in an amount not to exceed \$500 for the property located at 710 Carissa Avenue, Cocoa, FL 32922 and to authorize the City Manager to execute a Beautification Grant Agreement.



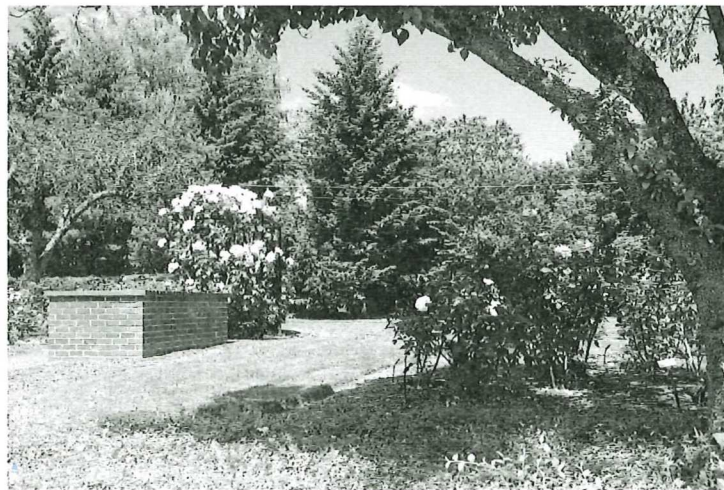
DIAMOND SQUARE

REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY

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FL 32922
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RESIDENTIAL BEAUTIFICATION PROGRAM GUIDELINES AND APPLICATION



I. Purpose

The Diamond Square Community Redevelopment Residential Beautification Program (hereinafter the "Program") was established by the Diamond Square Community Redevelopment Agency (the "CRA") to encourage residents of the Diamond Square area to improve the exterior of their residences, thereby reducing blight conditions and improving the aesthetics of the community. Through the Diamond Square Redevelopment Plan the CRA is authorized to "support and encourage improved appearance and design of both public and private projects. Strategies may include, but are not limited to, developing design guidelines, providing design assistance, facade grant and/or paint programs, incentives, and partnerships with both the public and private sector." The Program allows eligible applicants to share with the CRA the cost of landscaping supplies for an existing residential property within the Diamond Square Redevelopment Area.

II. Availability of Funds

This Program is subject to the availability of funds in the CRA's Diamond Square Redevelopment Area. If such funds are available and allocated to this Program, the funds will be awarded on a first-come, first-serve basis to home owners meeting all Program guidelines. Up to \$500.00 for selected landscaping supplies will be awarded per approved project. The recipient shall be responsible for the planting and all additional costs associated with the project. The CRA reserves sole discretion in the review of applications and in awarding funds under this Program. The intent of this grant is to support and encourage improved appearance and therefore, the DSCRA may not approve all applicants.

III. Eligibility

The residential dwelling (hereinafter the "Home") must be located within the Diamond Square Community Redevelopment Area.

- 1.The Home Owner must reside in the Home requesting participation in the Beautification Program.
- 2.The Home shall have no existing code violations and the owner shall not be named in any outstanding code enforcement liens.
- 3.The home must have homestead exempt tax status.**
4. The project shall consist of landscaping supplies outside of the Home (i.e., ground cover, bushes, mulch). Current members of the CRA or City Staff are not eligible.
- 1.Applications may be considered according to an "application cycle" established by the CRA.

IV. Applicant Requirements/Program Process

1. The applicant must obtain and submit a completed Diamond Square CRA Beautification Program application to CRA staff with all required attachments:
 - a. Proof of home ownership.
 - b. Colored photographs of the area to be landscaped.
2. Within 30 business days the CRA staff will review the application and notify the applicant, in writing, of its approval, denial for failure to meet Program requirements or to request missing or additional information needed to complete review.
3. All plantings must be in the front of the home and within street-view.
4. All plantings must be "Florida Friendly", shrubs or bushes ("Florida Friendly" is defined as 'quality landscapes that conserve water, protect the environment, are adaptable to local conditions, and are drought tolerant.)
 - a. The Landscaper has provided a Materials List for Application Recipients to select from. That list is included with the application. Recipient will work with the Landscaper to select appropriate plantings and arrange for delivery.

5. After selection and delivery of shrubs/plants/bushes, the CRA will issue payment directly to the landscaping company.
6. Work must commence on the project within 15 days of the applicant's receipt of the landscaping supplies. All work must be completed within 60 days from the commencement date.

Commencement Date begins upon the approval of the application by the DSCRA Board.

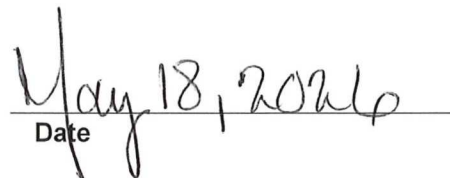
7. Upon completion of the work, the applicant must contact the CRA staff to arrange a completion inspection. All work will be inspected by the CRA after completion of the project for the limited purpose of verifying the work was completed in accordance with these guidelines. In the event completed work is not in compliance of the guidelines, CRA will notify the applicant of non-compliance within 15 days.

V. CRA Limit of Liability

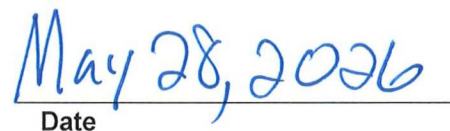
The CRA's liability under this Program shall be solely limited to the purchase of landscaping supplies in an amount not to exceed \$500.00, approved in advance by the CRA for work completed in accordance with these guidelines, as evidenced by an executed Affidavit of Completion. The CRA expressly disclaims any other liability, warranty or guarantee, express or Implied.

Applicant must sign acknowledging receipt of the Program Guidelines.


Homeowner Signature


Date


Diamond Square Community
Redevelopment Agency Representative


Date

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Applicant/Name: Yolanda Yvette Moragne Drivers License # [REDACTED]

Home Address: 710 Carissa Avenue Cocoa FL 32922
Street City State Zip Code

Telephone [REDACTED] E-Mail [REDACTED]

Initial boxes:

- ☐ I am the building owner and have attached proof of ownership such as recorded deed or recent property tax bill.
- ☒ I live in the home at the address given above.

"Florida Friendly" Shrubs / bushes:

All plantings must be "Florida Friendly", shrubs or bushes ("Florida Friendly" is defined as 'quality landscapes that conserve water, protect the environment, are adaptable to local conditions, and are drought tolerant.')

- a. The Landscaper has provided a Materials List for Application Recipients to select from. That list is included with the application. Recipient will work with the Landscaper to select appropriate plantings and arrange for delivery.

If requesting mulch, indicate here what color - Circle one: Brown, Black or Red

You must attach color photographs of the existing home showing all exterior sides of the building. Please indicate on the photographs the location of the plantings.



Beautification Grant Program Affidavit:

By signing and submitting this application, I attest and certify that:

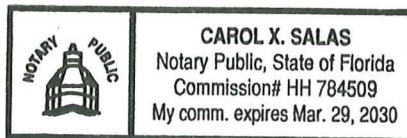
1. I have been provided a copy of and have read, understand and will comply with the Diamond Square Residential Beautification Program Guidelines.
2. I certify that I am the Applicant and Homeowner.
3. **I certify that I live in the home.**
4. I understand the Home must be located in the Diamond Square Redevelopment Area to be eligible.
5. I attest that the Home has no existing code violations and the Home Owner is not named in any outstanding code enforcement liens.
6. **The home has homestead exempt tax status.**
7. Upon application approval, the Applicant will consult with CRA staff and/or a representative from a CRA approved landscaping supply company to discuss and place an order and to complete an Industry-standard job.
8. I understand that work must commence on the project within 15 days of receipt of the landscaping supplies.
9. **I understand that all work must be completed within 60 days of grant commencement.**
10. **I understand that Commencement Date is the date of application approval by the DSCRA.**
11. I understand that the CRA will provide landscaping supplies in an amount not to exceed \$500.00 to be used for landscaping the exterior residential structure listed on the application, and that I am responsible for labor and any other costs or overages.
12. I further understand that failure to comply with the Guidelines will result in ineligibility to participate in this Program.
13. I understand that all landscaping will be in the front of the home or within "street view".
14. I understand that the CRA's liability under this Program shall be solely limited the purchase of landscaping supplies in an amount not to exceed \$500.00.
15. I further understand that the CRA expressly disclaims any other liability, warranty or guarantee, express or implied, for the work completed by the applicant.
16. Upon completion of the project, I agree to notify the DSCRA/Staff member of completion of the plantings.
17. I understand that the CRA does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, gender, age religion, national origin, marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity, or disability (protected characteristics) and will not tolerate any such discrimination by or against its employees or citizens utilizing CRA programs.
18. I understand that the presence of any lead-based paint and the abatement of such is the sole responsibility of the Applicant/Home Owner and the CRA disclaims any liability, warranty or guarantee, related to the presence of lead-based paint on the Building.
19. I understand that applications may be considered according to an " application cycle" established by the CRA.
20. I certify that all information in the application, and all information furnished in support of this application, is true and complete to the best of my/our knowledge and belief.
21. I understand that I have a continuing obligation to inform the CRA (in writing) of any changes to the information provided in this application.
22. I understand that verifications of this information may be obtained or made by the CRA.
23. If approved by the CRA Manager in Section V below, this application shall constitute a binding agreement between the CRA and the Applicant/Home Owner.

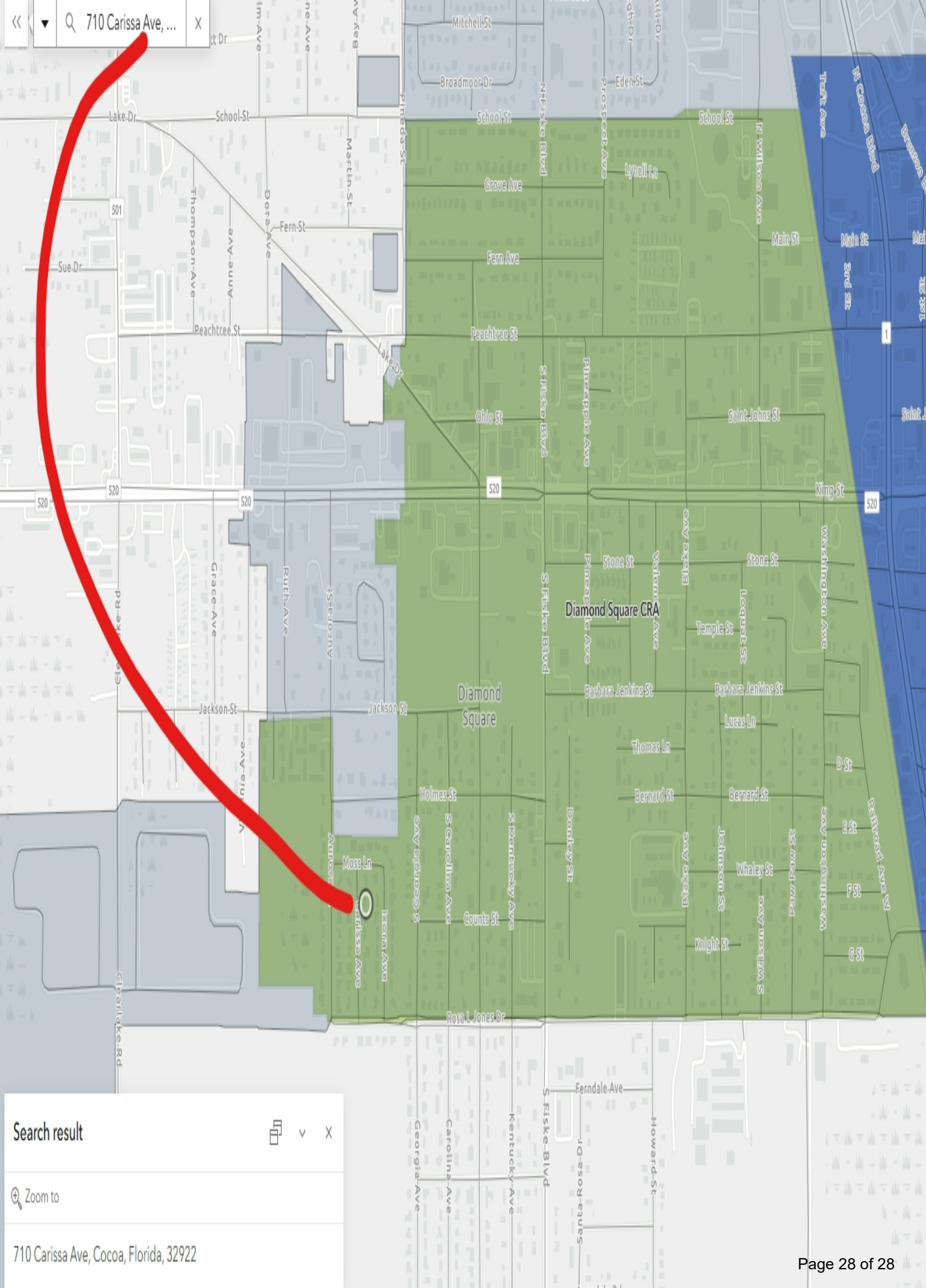
Yolanda Moragne
Signature of Homeowner

5/18/2026
Date

STATE OF Florida, COUNTY OF Brevard. The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 18 day of may, 2026, BY Yolanda Moragne who is personally known to me or who has produced Florida Driver license as identification.

Notary Public, State of Florida Affix Stamp:





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