

City of St. Petersburg New Business Item

TO: THE HONORABLE MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL

DATE: April 24, 2009

COUNCIL

DATE: May 7, 2009

RE: *St. Petersburg Housing Authority's Request for PILOT Funds Designation*

ACTION DESIRED

Respectfully requesting City Council to approve the St. Petersburg Housing Authority's request to designate payment in lieu of taxes to the Dr. Carter G. Woodson African American Museum.

RATIONALE

Located just one block from 22nd Street South, the Dr. Carter G. Woodson African American Museum is very important to the revitalization of the mid town community. The museum continues to be a point of interest with exhibitions rich in local and national history, educational programming for St. Petersburg residents and area visitors of all ages.

The Midtown youth are a key component not only to the future success of the Dr. Carter G. Woodson Museum, but they are critical to the revitalization of the community itself.

The organization seeks to enlighten the community's young people about the rich history and culture they share with their predecessors, in the hope that a legitimate pride and desire to succeed and become upstanding representatives of the community will be born from this effort.

Over the next year and beyond, the Woodson Museum seeks to involve a large number of youth groups into its programming, especially targeting middle and high school students, which are currently under represented museum visitors.

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City Council Member

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