

the FY 1999 CDBG economic development grant of \$750,000.

The water and wastewater supply facilities in the project area are inadequate to support planned developments. Although the distribution of potable water and the collection of wastewater within such developments are expected to be funded and constructed as components of the private developments, these systems will rely upon public infrastructure for water supply, storage and transmission, and wastewater transportation and treatment.

For Phase I water supply, the Master Plan recommends construction of a 500,000 gallon elevated water storage tank and its accompanying water well and 3.5 miles of 12-inch transmission pipelines, at a cost of approximately \$1.7 million. These facilities will provide up to 1.0 million gallons per day of water supply for the conference facility, hotel, and marina.

Wastewater service for the Phase I development will consist of the necessary sewer pump stations and their related transmission force mains to carry the wastewater to the western extremity of the Sardis Lake grounds, and gravity sewer main from there westerly to the City's existing wastewater treatment lagoon facility. The wastewater facilities will include 2 pumping stations with capacities of 1,000 gpm each, approximately 4.5 miles of 12-inch force main, 2.5 miles of 24-inch gravity sewer main, and an expansion of the City's existing wastewater treatment facility. The probable cost of the wastewater improvements is approximately \$2.5 million.

The FY 1999 CDBG grant assistance of \$750,000 will be applied to planning, engineering, environmental, land acquisition, and construction activities related to the Phase I elements of the Program outlined above. The City intends that funds remaining from the grant following completion of planning, engineering and environmental work will be applied for Phase I construction activities until the funds are exhausted.

I look forward to watching the City of Sardis continue its exciting development and I trust these remarks will provide sufficient guidance to the Department of Housing and Urban Development as to the legislative intent for the grant assistance provided to the City of Sardis in the Fiscal Year 1999 budget.

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HON. ROBERT A. UNDERWOOD

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 20, 1998

Mr. UNDERWOOD. Mr. Speaker, today I wish to commend the efforts of the many citizens on Guam who organized an effort to recognize the history and development of Guam's capitol city of Hagåtña. This endeavor, properly named "Project Hagåtña," has been a tool to educate younger generations of Guam's historical past. The various activities produced by the team leading Project Hagåtña has brought younger generations closer to their Chamorro heritage and has instilled in them the common values shared as native Pacific islanders.

The birth of Project Hagåtña resulted from ideas between two local men tossing around

ideas of how to celebrate the Centennial Commemoration of Guam's relationship with the United States. Historically, Guam's capitol city has always been a center point for activities and social gatherings of occupying countries. Though the early Chamorros had been subjected to their rule, they still managed to retain the dignity and spirit of their capitol city. Hagåtña remained one of the most populated areas on Guam and thus a focal point for passing on the traditions, stories and culture of the Chamorro people.

Upon approval by Guam's Centennial Task Force, Project Hagåtña's director, Mr. Peter Alexis Ada, set out to plan a grand celebration. Appropriately, Mr. Ada was born and raised in Hagåtña and has seen the transformation of Guam's capitol throughout his life. His experiences and memories, especially in the aftermath of World War II, have made the celebration of Hagåtña memorable and personable. Mr. Ada's recollections of his family and neighbor's everyday routines have helped to lay the groundwork for Project Hagåtña's role in the centennial commemoration.

In designing the various activities, it was decided that events hosted by Project Hagåtña would rely on the generosity and graciousness of individuals and Guam's private sector to make it happen. This spirit of cooperation existed in Hagåtña's history when families helped one another during times of hardship or celebration. Guam's present day contributors to the success of Project Hagåtña include; Lam Lam Tours, Coca Cola, Foremost Foods, Mid-Pac Distributors, Ambros, Jones and Guerrero K-57, McDonalds, Exxon Guam, Computerland, Marianas Electronics, ARROTECH, SGO Glass and Gifts and the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. Without their assistance and kindness the events of Project Hagåtña would have never happened.

Project Hagåtña incorporated a multi-faceted approach by sponsoring scores of events that built upon our cultural backgrounds and renewed our energy to learn our history. To inaugurate the creation of Project Hagåtña, a ceremony was held which honored and included the remaining residents of Hagåtña that remained in the capitol despite the pressures to move elsewhere by the post WWII reconstruction. Other celebrations include reliving the genre of music that existed in the 1930's and 40's, the baking of bread in antique beehive ovens, commemorating the signing of Guam's Organic Act in 1950, tracing the genealogy of Chamorro families, tracing the genealogy of Chamorro families with Japanese surnames, and participating in Guam's Liberation Day Parade.

I would like to commend the following individuals for their remarkable efforts in coordinating Project Hagåtña: Lourdes C.N. Ada, Benigno-Joseph Umagat, John San Nicolas, Annabelle Perez, Jeffrey Edubalad, Teresita N. Taitano, Robert J. Umagat, John Garica, Donna Paulino, Lelani Farrales, Lourdes Alonso, Kennedy Jim, Mayleen San Nicolas, Jesusa M. Hayes, Clotilde R. Peredo, Patrick S. Leddy, and Peter Alexis Ada.

My congratulations to the people of Guam on the success of Project Hagåtña, may its work continue through the rest of this year and serve to remind us of our unique cultural place in the world and strengthen our heritage.

HONORING THE GRAND OPENING
OF THE BIXBY MARIONETTE
EXHIBIT

HON. DEBBIE STABENOW

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 20, 1998

Ms. STABENOW. Mr. Speaker, starting on Sunday, October 18th, the Bixby Marionette Exhibit opened its permanent home in Saline, Michigan at the Saline Culture and Commerce Center.

The exhibit will showcase more than 100 marionettes created by 89-year-old Meredith Bixby who is the founding member of the Puppeteers of America, and a member of the Detroit Puppeteers Guild.

As a lifelong resident of Saline, Mr. Bixby, who is known as the "Master of the Marionettes," traveled throughout the United States with the Meredith Marionettes Touring Company for more than 40 years, beginning his career during the darkest days of the depression and continuing until his retirement in 1982.

This exhibit came together through a partnership created by the Saline Area Chamber of Commerce, the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs, and the City of Saline, who helped champion the Bixby project.

I am pleased to help showcase the work of this extraordinary man who helped bring joy, creativity, and entertainment to schools, theaters and community centers across the country. I wish him the very best in the future and thank all parties for helping to establish this important cultural project.

HONORING THE RETIREMENT OF
FLORIDA STATE REPRESENTATIVE
FRED LIPPMAN

HON. E. CLAY SHAW, JR.

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 20, 1998

Mr. SHAW. Mr. Speaker, when the Florida State Legislature reconvenes in 1999, it will do so without one of its most valued leaders. State Representative Fred Lippman of Hollywood, Florida is retiring from the Florida House of Representatives after twenty years of dedicated public service to Broward County and our home state.

In the thirty years I have known Fred, our friendship has transcended party politics. We have joined forces in numerous community endeavors, including serving on the Broward County Charter Review Commission. I have enjoyed working alongside Fred in true, cooperative bipartisanship. His exemplary record and committed leadership have been invaluable to the community development of Broward County.

For two decades, Fred Lippman has been an advocate for children's health and the voice of the people of Broward County. His most notable legislative accomplishments include the design of the Healthy Kids statewide insurance program, revision of Florida's child abuse laws, and one of the country's first laws mandating the use of child-safety seats.

Although he is retiring from the Florida House of Representatives, I doubt that Fred