

## Cleveland Streetscape – Phase 1 Construction

Creating a pedestrian-friendly downtown environment, coupled with significant entrance and directional signage is a key element of the Downtown revitalization strategy. The city retained Bellomo-Herbert and Company, Landscape Architects in August 2002 to develop a Master Streetscape and Wayfinding Program for Downtown (including the expanded CRA area). The firm prepared a Streetscape and Wayfinding Master Plan as well as conceptual plans for the expansion of Coachman Park and the redevelopment of Station Square Park.



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The firm finalized construction drawings for the streetscape improvements on Cleveland Street between Osceola and Myrtle Avenues and Station Square Park. Bellomo-Herbert received a construction cost estimate from an independent streetscape contractor. The City of Clearwater exercised due diligence by exploring a contracting measure used by the state whereby a common state contractor could be used. It was determined that the City could not use this mechanism and the contract went out for bid. David Nelson Construction, Inc. and Gibbs and Register, Inc. responded with both bids coming in at a considerable amount over budget.

Bellomo-Herbert representatives, along with CRA and Engineering Department staff, reviewed the construction documents and agreed on a value engineering strategy that kept the essence of the design and proposed other deductions to the scope of the contract that would reduce the construction cost. One of the items delayed was the construction of Station Square Park. The CRA agreed to let the Developers of the Station Square Condominium Project use the park as a staging area.

The contract was awarded to Gibbs & Register on April 17, 2006, a Winter Haven firm, and construction began June 12, 2006. The \$9 million construction cost will be funded from Penny for Pinellas (\$3.42 million), from the CRA (\$1.332 million), from a FDOT Grant (\$280 thousand) and the remainder will come from Utility funds.