

## **Lost City Brewing Company is First Brewery to Open in North Miami's Proposed Brewery District**

*North Miami Community Redevelopment Agency (NMCRA) funded 46% or \$300,000, of the total cost of recent renovations including 1,100-square-foot Tap Room*

**NORTH MIAMI, FL. – (AUGUST 18, 2020)** – The newly expanded Lost City Brewing Company becomes the first brewery to open in North Miami's proposed Brewery District along bustling NE 14<sup>th</sup> Ave. Their 4000-square-foot space includes a 1,100-square-foot Tasting Room with the rest of the space dedicated to a five-barrel production brewery. The construction of the facility and the purchasing of the necessary equipment was made partially possible through a \$300,000 North Miami Community Redevelopment Agency (NMCRA) Business Attraction & Expansion Grant awarded in November 2018. The buildout included major infrastructure upgrades to the building's plumbing, electrical and mechanical installations.

"Although we are opening during a difficult and challenging time, we are convinced that we are bringing something special to the local community and that we will receive the support that other local breweries have received so far in the South Florida region. We are very appreciative of the financial assistance we have received from the North Miami CRA to make our business and our dream a reality and are thrilled to be located in a city that has ambitious plans for its future!"

Lost City Brewing Company brews high-quality, culturally-inspired ales and lagers. While the brewery's taproom remains closed due to COVID-19 restrictions, Lost City is currently offering five beers on tap for sale in to-go, 32oz crowlers (oversized cans). The current selection includes Morenita Session Brown 3.8% abv, NoMi Pale Ale 6.1% abv, Holy Scribe Belgian Tripel 7.5% abv, Oleta River New England Style India Pale Ale 6.9% abv and Summer Lager 4.6% abv. Customers can order onsite to-go, or for pickup online through their [website](https://store.arryved.com/preOrder?locationId=BehcauYB).  
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"As a direct beneficiary of the NMCRA's ongoing commercial rehabilitation grants, Lost City Brewery represents the future of North Miami's craft brewery scene and will solidify our City as a distinguished food, beverage and entertainment destination," says Councilwoman Carol Keys. "We view this as an important contribution to the economic growth and future of our community."

When fully opened, the brewery's taproom which is called *Abraxas at Lost City Brewing*, will allow area visitors to enjoy beers onsite, tour the facility and eat locally-sourced food from a rotating list of guest food trucks. Popular bar events such as live music, DJs, karaoke, trivia games will be hosted there as well.

The NMCRA's Business Attraction & Expansion Grant is part of a robust commercial grants program that includes several new initiatives led by the NMCRA to support local area business

owners. This specific program facilitates improvements to business and residential structures in the CRA's Community Redevelopment Area by providing financial assistance for, among other things, interior and exterior improvements, while also reducing the incidence of slum and/or blighted conditions in the area. For more information on North Miami CRA's Commercial Grants, [CLICK HERE](#).

The NMCRA continues to work with area businesses and residents to ensure they have the economic assistance to navigate the difficulties many are experiencing as a result of COVID-19. Businesses and residents interested in learning more about grants available by the NMCRA, should contact [cragrants@northmiamifl.gov](mailto:cragrants@northmiamifl.gov) or 305-895-9839 to receive more information on grants currently accepting applicantes and their requirements.

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#### **About Lost City Brewery:**

Lost City was born out of the garage of Christopher Campos, a native of Miami, with his childhood friends Daniel Morales, a south Florida brewing local, and Kenneth Lee Barbot, a Puerto Rican native and local graphic designer. When given the opportunity to partner with Diego Escobar, craft beer godfather of South Florida and former owner of Abraxas lounge in South Beach, and Gary Ellis, a Miami local and beer enthusiast, Chris, Danny, and Kenny jumped at the opportunity to create culturally inspired ales that also stayed true to traditional beer styles. Together, they have brought their vision to North Miami, where they will serve the community with crisp, tasty, and satisfying brews.

#### **About the North Miami Community Redevelopment Agency (NMCRA):**

The North Miami Community Redevelopment Agency is an independent government agency tasked with eliminating slum and blight in the heart of downtown North Miami. The NMCRA does this by using increases in taxable values to transform the area into one that again contributes to the overall health of the community. This transformation occurs through various grants and incentives initiatives including: Commercial Rehabilitation and Beautification Grants; Public Private Partnership Developments; Infrastructure Improvements; Neighborhood Improvement Programs; Affordable, Workforce, Market Rate, Luxury and Mixed Income Housing; Affordable/Workforce Housing Development & Renovation; Transportation and Transit Developments.