**Drew Park Community Redevelopment Area**

**Advisory Committee**

**Meeting Minutes**

August 4, 2015

**Tampa Police District 1 Headquarters**

3818 West Tampa Bay Boulevard

**Attendees**

**Committee Members:** George Adams Jr., Chair; Michael Martinez, Vice-Chair; Bert Garcia; Randy Coen; and Susan Collins

**City of Tampa Staff:** Jeanette LaRussa Fenton, Urban Development Manager

Michelle Van Loan, Economic Development Specialist

**Others:** Jorge Astorquiza, Alford Poole, and Dan Scheffey

1. **Opening Comments / Introductions**

The regular meeting of the Drew Park Community Redevelopment Area Advisory Committee convened at 5:37 p.m. on August 4, 2015.

1. **Tampa Police Department Update**

Officer Sabina provided the following update for the past month. Area mostly quiet.

* 4717 Hesperides: 18-wheel Tractor/trailer stolen and recovered
* Crest/Hale: Vehicle stolen and found wrecked

1. **Approval of Minutes June 2, 2015**

Copies of the Minutes from the June 2, 2015 meeting were previously distributed for members to read and additional copies were provided at the meeting.

Mr. Garcia made a motion to approve the minutes of June 2, 2015. Mr. Martinez seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

1. **Project Update Report**

FY16 Budget Update: The FY16 budget was approved at the last DPCAC meeting. Updated figures came in and projected revenue is less at $541,350. Adjustment was made to Neighborhood Improvements index code.

Lois: Paving schedule has been send out: Thursday/Friday will pave Tampa Bay Blvd to MLK; next Monday-Thursday will pave MLk to Hillsborough Avenue, in the evening for commercial areas.

The placement and type of crosswalks is being reviewed by City’s transportation department.

Timing of the traffic signals is not finalized and they will be synchronized at the end of the project.

HART is unable to comply with request to have bus shelters installed by the start of HCC fall classes.

Ms. Fenton will confirm stop signs at Alva and Cayuga.

Community Markers: FDOT has approved our application and it is now going through the process to have the maintenance agreement adopted by Council.

Historic Markers: Ms. Fenton is working with City Right of Way division for location of installation and getting sign fabricated.

Tampa Bay Blvd Park: Ms. Fenton met with TIA Teal Estate Department. TIA is taking the next step to move forward and it is being reviewed by the attorneys.

Pocket Park: The property for the proposed pocket park is located outside the legal boundaries of the CRA. Therefore, CRA funding cannot be used at this location. Alternative funding options are being sought and evaluated.

1. **Discussion/Questions**

Ms. Fenton mentioned there is a church on the NW corner of Hubert and Ohio for sale. The realtor for a different church inquired about the sale property being used for a feeding program (not sure if for food distribution/pantry or serving meals). The realtor was informed that the sale property is in an area that is 100% residential and that there may be some opinions coming from the community. Referred to our Land Use Division.

Ms. Fenton informed the CAC that the Galleria property sale did close.

In response to an inquiry at last meeting by Ms. Astorquiza, Ms. Fenton reported that the traffic study for W. Hillsborough Avenue had been delayed and had not yet started. Supposed to be starting soon.

1. **Announcements**

Tax Collector will be hosting a grand opening of their new building on August 17 at 9:30 a.m. All welcome. They worked closely with Denny Cole to have historical feature in the lobby.

FRA annual conference will be at the Tampa Hilton this year. October 21-23. The CRA will pay the registration fee for a CAC member wishing to attend. Ms. Fenton will send out the conference program information.

Ms. Fenton will notify the CAC once a dedication date for the Lois Avenue project is decided.

There will be no September CAC meeting.

1. **Public Comment**

Mr. Scheffey requested a 4-way stop at Alva and Lois.

There is a pump that continues to run and there has been no construction in that area for a while. Located near Lois and Hillsborough by Shell station. Ms. Fenton will follow up.

Meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m.