**Drew Park Community Redevelopment Area**

**Advisory Committee**

**Meeting Minutes**

February 2, 2016

**Tampa Police District 1 Headquarters**

3818 West Tampa Bay Boulevard

**Attendees**

**Committee Members:** Michael Martinez, Maritza Astorquiza; Damien Beal; Dr. Bob Chunn; Randy Forister; Ann Kulig; Alford Poole

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

Michelle Van Loan, Economic Development Specialist

**Others:** Diane McNeel, Peter Plotkin, Sonia Atwood, O. B. Donaldson, Marion Landers, and Alice Boyle

1. **Opening Comments / Introductions**

The regular meeting of the Drew Park Community Redevelopment Area Advisory Committee convened at 5:32 p.m. on February 2, 2016.

1. **Tampa Police Department Update**

Officer presented the TPD report.

* 60 fewer crimes for same period last year.
* Drew Park had the highest reduction in crime rate in the District.
* Regularly doing activity watches at hotel since there appears to be a lot of “hanging out” in that area. Hotel is monitored and regularly patrolled, including undercover officer.

Public: The car shops on Lois, near Osborne, are working on vehicles up to midnight.

TPD: Call the police when it is happening, especially if it appears noise can be heard 100+ feet away. 354-6600 and ask for shift commander.

Public: There are trucks that park on Crest, on north side of Crest. A white van comes to service them in this area. They are parking there for hours. Causes site visibility coming into and out of the shopping center to Crest.

Ms. Fenton mentioned that she visited the manager of the Nissan dealer. The trucks parking on ROW near them are contract haulers’. Even after the drivers have dropped off vehicles, they are parking and waiting along the ROW.

1. **Approval of Minutes January 5, 2016**

Copies of the Minutes from the January 5, 2016 meeting were previously distributed for members to read and additional copies were provided at the meeting.

Ms. Kulig made a motion to approve the minutes of January 5, 2016. Dr. Chunn seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

1. **Election of Chair and Vice Chair**

Ms. Kulig nominated Michael Martinez for Chair and the nomination was seconded.

Dr. Chunn nominated Ann Kulig for Vice Chair and Mr. Poole seconded the nomination.

Being no further nominations, Mr. Beal made a motion to approve the slate for Chair and Vice Chair. Mr. Forister seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

1. **Reports**

**Codes Update:** Ms. Fenton mentioned that Wayne Rasmussen was no longer the codes representative to the Drew Park area. Linda Cooley, who has been with the Codes for years, is now assigned to Drew Park.

**Lois Avenue:** Ms. Fenton reported that she has approved one of the sidewalk stamps and the others will be re-made to match the approved sidewalk section with the stamp. There are about 30 sidewalk sections with stamps.

HART has been soliciting quotes on the bus shelters and is hoping for better prices.

**Community Markers:** Ms. Fenton reported that all issues from FDOT have been addressed and the application is ready for full submittal and approval.

**Historic Markers:** Ms. Fenton reported that the text had been finalized and proceeding with the order for the marker.

**VI. Discussion/Questions**

Report of high grass in the ditch along Grady and that a car was damaged in the ditch.

Ms. Fenton reported that the bids for the city-owned parcel for sale closed on 1/11/2016 and the City received six bids. The City has 30 days to evaluate and report back.

Ms. Fenton mention that the CAC is still short one member and it is being advertised. Hoping to receive applications from residents.

**VII. Announcements**

Ms. Fenton reported that AJ Press is under new ownership and a ribbon cutting is planned.

Ms. Fenton mentioned that the agenda for the next DPCAC meeting has no items for approval and the meeting may subsequently be cancelled.

**VIII. Public Comment**

Question regarding role of CRA:

Ms. Fenton explained that the CRA had previously acquired property on Hubert between Woodlawn and Ohio to develop some type of affordable/work force housing. That project was put on hold when the recession hit. We will be revisiting that project in the near future.

Meeting adjourned at 6:22 p.m.