

**Drew Park Community Redevelopment Area
Advisory Committee**

Meeting Minutes

March 4, 2015

Tampa Police District 1 Headquarters
3818 West Tampa Bay Boulevard

Attendees

Committee Members: George Adams Jr., Chair; Michael Martinez, Vice-Chair; Travis Allred; Dr. Robert Chunn; Randy Coen; Bert Garcia; and Eric Muller

City of Tampa Staff: Jeanette LaRussa Fenton, Urban Development Manager
Michelle Van Loan, Economic Development Specialist
Officer Brett Owen, TPD

Others: Dennis Cole; O. B. Donaldson; Marion Landers; and Alford Poole

I. Opening Comments / Introductions

The regular meeting of the Drew Park Community Redevelopment Area Advisory Committee convened at 5:30 p.m. on March 4, 2015.

II. Tampa Police Department Update

Officer Brett Owen provided the following update:

- Shots fired at 4609 N. Coolidge, no victims
- Fireworks set off the previous night illegally
- Ms. Astorquiza had reported to Ms. Fenton that someone had been taking pictures of her business on Hale, security key pad, etc.. If you see any similar activity, report it to TPD immediately.

III. Approval of Minutes February 3, 2015

Copies of the Minutes from the February 3, 2015 meeting were previously distributed for members to read and additional copies were provided at the meeting.

Mr. Coen made a motion to approve the minutes of February 3, 2015. Dr. Chunn seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

IV. Hillsborough County Tax Collector's Office

Brenden Chiaramonte presented an update of the Tax Collector's new service building to be built at Lois and MLK. It is on the former FDLE property and will become the new West Tampa Branch, as the current West Tampa Branch building capacity for service cannot meet existing demands for service. Hopes are that the new development will

create a ripple effect for development and redevelopment in that area. The development will be as follows:

- 25,000 s.f., including 5,000 s.f. for DHSMV
- 60 year lease
- \$3.2 million build out cost
- Opening September 2015, or sooner
- Style of building will duplicate that of new building on Falkenburg in Brandon
- Saving as many trees on site as possible and will meet all city code requirements for the development
- Project includes public art and they are hoping for a mural to be developed with input from community
- Perry Construction won the construction bid

V. Project Update Report

Lois: Project remains ahead of schedule. Decorative lighting poles have been installed in first few blocks, but not lit yet. Began installation of islands today.

Community Markers:

Ms. Fenton reported the application for the community markers along Dale Mabry was submitted to FDOT and we are waiting for their review.

Drew Park Street Lighting: TECO/City streetlight infill project should be completed in Drew Park by the end of March.

Façade Grant Program:

Ms. Fenton stated that we have suspended the program temporarily and are only taking applications from businesses we have already started working with.

VI. Discussion/Questions

Discussion regarding potential for historical markers in Drew Park. Ms. Fenton explained that the process had been previously started years ago, and information for a marker had been written by Dr. Kirsten from University of Tampa.

Mr. Mueller moved to pursue the establishment of an historical marker through the Tampa Historical Society. Mr. Garcia seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

VII. Announcements

Electric Supply announced the grand opening of their new warehouse addition and invited everyone for the event on March 5, 4:30 – 7:30 p.m. Food trucks will be providing dinner. 4407 N. Manhattan. There was an official ceremony held with Omar Khan, Asst. US Trade Representative, and Mayors Buckhorn and Kriesman.

VIII. Public Comment

Mr. Denny Cole provided historical information and artifacts on Drew Park and Drew Field. Mr. Cole is available to assist with any public art that may be included in the new Tax Collector's office.

Meeting adjourned at 6:31 p.m.