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Nestled on the corner of N. Nebraska Avenue and E. Osborne Avenue is one of Seminole Heights' newest gems - the Nebraska Mini-Mart (NMM). Co-owners Ty Rodriguez; local award-

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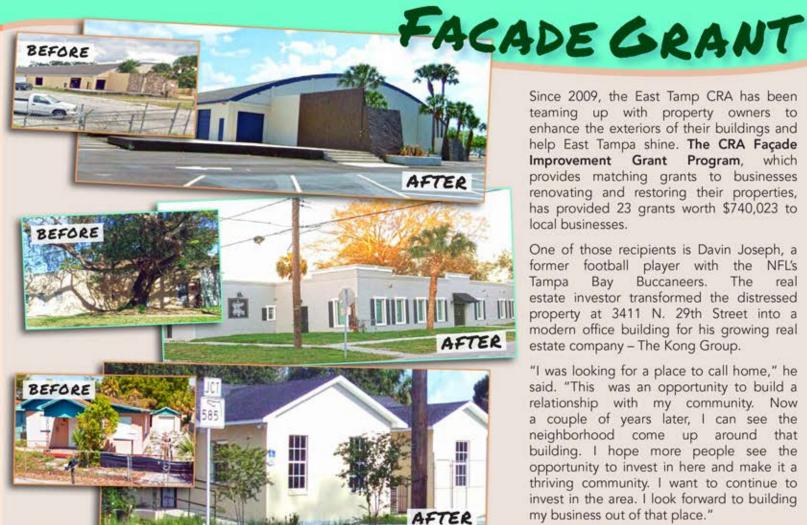
varez; and Chon Nguyen, opened the retro-style eatery in August 2018. Housed in what long-time residents remember as a local beverage drive-thru, the unassuming landmark sat abandoned until it sparked the attention of the restauranteurs. Armed with a vision and funding made available through a City of Tampa grant, the trio got to work!

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"Having the support of investors is one thing," said Rodriguez, "but having the support of the City of Tampa in pursuing an opportunity to become a staple in the Seminole Heights community is an honor that would have been far more challenging had it not been for the City's grant."

The Mini-Mart is an eclectic, casual dining spot quirky, street-style offerina food beverage creations along with beer and wine. Diners have the option of eating indoors or relaxing at outdoor tables or on the lush, green lawn. Featuring shuffle board and Bocci ball, the NMM has something for everyone!





Since 2009, the East Tamp CRA has been teaming up with property owners to enhance the exteriors of their buildings and help East Tampa shine. The CRA Façade Improvement Grant Program, provides matching grants to businesses renovating and restoring their properties, has provided 23 grants worth \$740,023 to local businesses.

One of those recipients is Davin Joseph, a former football player with the NFL's Bay Buccaneers. estate investor transformed the distressed property at 3411 N. 29th Street into a modern office building for his growing real estate company - The Kong Group.

"I was looking for a place to call home," he said. "This was an opportunity to build a relationship with my community. Now a couple of years later, I can see the neighborhood come up around that building. I hope more people see the opportunity to invest in here and make it a thriving community. I want to continue to invest in the area. I look forward to building my business out of that place."

by Domain Homes

In March, the Tampa City Council approved home builder, Domain Homes, to provide affordable new homes in the East Tampa CRA. Domain's Urban 360 initiative is projected to build 75 new homes for income-eligible, first-time home buyers. As part of the economic revitalization

efforts occurring within East Tampa, Domain Homes will also collaborate with Habitat for Humanity to build an additional 10 homes for eligible families. The homebuilders are enhancing East Tampa by encouraging economic investment, expanding home ownership opportunities and strengthening the sense of community within the CRA.

A recently opened model home center, located at 815 East Palm Avenue, will allow buyers to see the design, quality and technology that will go into each home, as well as to explore various options for floor plans, finishes and upgrades.



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Ed Johnson, East Tampa Development Manager



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Fourteen neighborhood associations in East Tampa are actively working to ensure a safe and vibrant community. Contact your neighborhood leader and get involved today. For more information, contact the neighborhood president directly by email.



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