

**West Tampa Community Redevelopment Area  
Advisory Committee**

**Meeting Minutes**

January 24, 2017

**West Tampa Library  
2312 W. Union Street**

**Attendees**

**Committee Members:** Joe Robinson, Chair; Kenneth Perry, Vice-Chair; Benjamin Buckley; Dedrick Jackson; Delphine Jones; Marvin Knight; Carlos Ramirez; Jeffrey Rhodes; Emanuel Wilson

**Excused:** Tina Young, Walter Smith II, and Ed Turanchik

**Staff:** Malcolm Kiner, Urban Development Manager  
Michelle Van Loan, Economic Development Staff

**I. Welcome / Introductions**

Mr. Robinson opened the regular meeting of the West Tampa Community Redevelopment Area Advisory Committee at 5:30 p.m. on January 24, 2017.

Mr. Robinson excused Ms. Young and Mr. Smith II from the meeting.

Mr. Robinson introduced Malcolm Kiner as the new West Tampa CRA Redevelopment Manager. Mr. Kiner introduced himself and provided an overview of his past CRA experience. Mr. Kiner will continue setting up meetings with each member of the WTCAC.

**II. Meeting Minutes November 29, 2016**

A motion to approve the November 29, 2016 meeting minutes was made by Mr. Perry and seconded by Mr. Buckley. The motion passed unanimously.

**III. Tampa Police Department Update**

Mr. Robinson noted a robbery at 2301 Howard (Ray Park) and a person robbed at gunpoint on their front porch at 2901 Pine Street.

Mr. Robinson requested that TPD be at next meeting and explain how the robbery detail is addressing these occurrences.

**IV. Strategic Action Plan Update**

Mr. Kiner indicated that the RFQ for a Strategic Plan Consultant closed on 1/19/2017. He expects to receive a short list about four weeks after the closure date. Mr. Robinson indicated that the CAC members would be notified of the interview date and time, and that the CAC members were welcome to attend to observe the interview process.

Mr. Perry moved to accept the Strategic Action Plan Draft Scope of Work as final. Mr. Buckley seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

## **V. FDOT Community Advisory Committee**

FDOT is “Resetting” the TBX project and focusing on a more community-oriented process. FDOT is asking for a participant and alternate from the WTCAC to be a member of their newly-formed advisory committee.

Mr. Jackson will be the designated member

Mr. Buckley will be the alternate

FDOT presented and overview of their new approach to the TBX project. Their presentation with PowerPoint can be viewed at the January 19 CRA meeting. Item F or at 15:09:

[http://65.49.32.148/Presentation/TampaCity/e8ceeccf-61e5-4d37-9223-dec941aab0ed/CRA%201-19-17/presentation\\_file/mgpresenter.html?GUID=e8ceeccf-61e5-4d37-9223-dec941aab0ed](http://65.49.32.148/Presentation/TampaCity/e8ceeccf-61e5-4d37-9223-dec941aab0ed/CRA%201-19-17/presentation_file/mgpresenter.html?GUID=e8ceeccf-61e5-4d37-9223-dec941aab0ed)

## **VI. General Discussion & Questions**

Ms. Jones brought up issues regarding West Riverfront Park.

- There was supposed to be a historic component
- The City was supposed to be soliciting input from the community on the art work
- 5 designs for the art work have been made public but they did not address the issues previously discussed
- No one has contacted Ms. Jones

Ms. Jones Moved, seconded by Mr. Rhodes, that the City attend the WTCAC meeting and address their process and their plans for community involvement and the historic component to the artwork. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Robinson announced the projects he received “Good Neighbor” notices on.

- 808/810/812 Howard: 801/811 N. Armenia: 2310 W. State: 2315 W. Lemon
  - Public Hearings for development agreement January 12 and 26

Mr. Ramirez moved that City and/or TECO come to address lighting for West Tampa. Seconded by Mr. Perry and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Buckley addressed the following:

- The CAC members need to be more purposeful in their interactions with the community.
- CRA TIF funding should not be used for items that others should be paying for.
- FY17 budget of about \$450,000 and the community now has a chance to make their priorities known.

Mr. Buckley moved, and Mr. Ramirez seconded, that Mr. Kiner will inform WTCAC members of any ribbon cuttings, ground breakings, events, etc... within the CRA.

## **VII. Announcements & Public Comment**

Mr. Bolden provided a discussion on:

- Article on the Midtown CRA and the closing of a Walmart
- Information on Salcines Park
  - History
  - Community use in park
  - Current condition of the park and mural
  - Need for improvements
    - Mural and the wall structure
    - Reset the tables, canopy, proper lighting
    - Proper bus stop that ties into the Park
  - Discussion of who should fund the improvements: City, County, HART

Ms. Young has been working on this issue.

Mr. Jackson motioned that the Parks & Recreation department come to the WTCAC meeting to address their plans for Salcines Park, if any and funding. Mr. Wilson seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Robinson announced:

- The N. Boulevard homes will be coming down
- The developer for the Tribune site may be looking at a senior facility at Rome and Main.
- Housing Authority is partnering with 8 Degrees media for a media/journalism project on February 28 at THA.

Mr. Jackson invited everyone to participate in WURK radio as it is a vital tool for staying connected with the community. [www.wurkradio.org](http://www.wurkradio.org)

Mr. Robinson would like to have an annual Historical and Cultural Heritage Festival for West Tampa.

- Area to be cleaned two weeks before the event
- Area of Howard/Albany/Union by Main St and then move to Julian B. Lane Park when it is complete
- To be funded by CRA, possible seed money of \$30,000
- Festival vendors
- Possible to be held sometime in October
- Focus on Hispanic/Black heritage of West Tampa
- Focus on local businesses and entertainment
- Get sponsor and maybe have an event coordinator

Mr. Perry moved to pursue the concept of the festival as discussed by Mr. Robinson, with the funding to be determined at a later date. Seconded by Mr. Jackson and passed unanimously.

Mr. Patrick Baymont introduced himself. He can introduce the CAC to an event coordinator from Oldsmar. He also informed the community that he is looking for space to put his manufacturing company in West Tampa. Company makes green cleaning chemicals and is looking to bring jobs to the community.

West Tampa Alliance Juneteenth event, can the CRA assist with funding for the event? Mr. Robinson agreed to discuss at a future date.

Mr. Shaw's Office is coordinating a West Tampa cleanup on February 25: Library to Albany and Main to Spruce.

Mr. Shaw also coordinated a bus tour with local businesses to show off the Howard/Main Street corridors. They will be doing another tour in the future.

Ms. Meade suggested that the CAC have the Land Use Development and Parks and Recreation staff come talk to the CAC about event planning, process, permits, costs, etc....

General comments:

- Difficult to find information on CAC meeting times
- Not much utilization of Ray Park
- Need for lighting on Rome, Main Street to Kennedy
- Need to brand the CAC, get out to the community
- Push City on community input on artwork at Julian B. Lane Park
- Property values in Hillsborough County are up 14%
- Need to push Tampa Housing Authority for getting displaced families back into community
- There was a land swap with the Housing Authority for ball fields
- Is anyone addressing the loss to local businesses when those families moved out?

Meeting adjourned at 7:12 pm.

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February 28, 2017

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**I. Welcome / Introductions**

Mr. Robinson opened the regular meeting of the West Tampa Community Redevelopment Area Advisory Committee at 5:34 p.m. on February 28, 2017.

Mr. Robinson excused Mr. Perry, Mr. Smith II, and Mr. Turanchik from the meeting.

**II. Meeting Minutes January 24, 2017**

A motion to approve the January 24, 2017 meeting minutes as amended was made by Mr. Ramirez and seconded by Mr. Rhodes. The motion passed unanimously.

**III. Tampa Police Department Update**

Officer Stevens provided TPD overview.

- Please remind neighbors and your associations to have residents lock their cars and do NOT leave valuables in cars.
- TPD will only address loitering during business hours at the request of a business.
- TPD will respond to blocked right of way and streets.

CAC members reported:

- Businesses on Main Street are again experiencing loitering youth, urinating in alleys both during day and nighttime.
  - Please have officers meet with the business owners.
  - Signs regarding No Loitering also give perception of an issue in the area. Prefer Coty signs versus private signs.
- North Hyde Park Civic Association is experiencing issues with student renters having parties late into the evening, noise, and petty vandalism.
  - Ms. Jones will provide information to Mr. Ramirez.
- Need to ticket for littering.

- West Tampa would like to see a TPD Community Conversation in our community.
- The 5 Minute parking signs are no longer enforceable and City Council is discussing this issue.

#### IV. Staff Reports

Strategic Actions Plan: Mr. Kiner announced that the interviews for the three short-listed firms for the WT Strategic Action Plan would take place on March 13, 2017 at 9:00 am in the City Council Chambers. The firms are:

- GAI Consultants, Inc.
- Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc.
- SM&E, Inc.

Points were added in the technical review for historical district experience.

Salcines Park: Currently the Parks and Recreation Department and the City do not have plans for improvements to the park. Last year there were new trees planted, new tree grates installed, and a general clean up.

The Mural cannot be repaired until the wall it is located on is repaired. Currently researching if any city funds are available for the needed wall repairs.

Inquiry if the wall currently meets building codes and can code enforcement force the city to make the repairs.

Street Lighting: Mr. Kiner handed out the map of street lights in the West Tampa community. Additional lighting upgrades will occur in West Tampa during the next phase of City upgrades.

Rome from Columbus to Kennedy needs sidewalks and lighting. That area has many walkers to access Walmart and the other businesses/services on Kennedy in that area.

A stop light is being designed for Kennedy and Rome intersection.

Julian B. Lane Park art work: Mr. Kiner reported that the park will have six different art installations. The historical art installation does not have an artist yet and the process for developing the concept will be handled through a public input process.

Other installations include mosaic tiles at the restrooms, gateway pylons, county art piece at the dock.

Mr. Josh Pierson inquired who to contact to be considered as an artist for the project.

West Tampa Proposed Festival: Mr. Kiner handed out general, standard costs charged by the City for special events.

Discussion:

- Consider starting the festival when it can be held at Julian B. Lane Park as the park is being designed for entertainment.
  - Restrooms would be available
  - Streets would not need to be closed
  - Parking available
  - Less cost for police

- Several events have been held in the past in WT. Considering coordinating and learning from their experiences.
- Businesses would prefer the event on Main Street. The event would bring focus to Main St., clean up the area, and provide exposure for the local businesses. Businesses are really struggling since the closure of North boulevard Homes and the loss of residents.
- Festival should be alcohol and drug free.
- Festival should highlight the history of Main Street.
- Organizers should pull together and coordinate with the other groups passionate about WT and already holding events, such as the Juneteenth Celebration. Attend this year's Juneteenth Celebration with an eye to how the event is planned and implemented. Use it as a model to build off of.
- Consider investing in the Juneteenth Celebration. The community has come together and been doing this event on their own for several years.
- Event should be multi-cultural and positive, focused on the people.

Mr. Robinson indicated that at the next meeting he will be asking the CAC to form a committee to investigate and develop recommendations to bring back to the CAC for moving forward on a festival. All of the above will be considered.

## **V. Report on Hillsborough County School District Full Service Centers**

Ms. Conchita Canty-Jones presented information on the two Full Service Centers for the Hillsborough County Public Schools. Purpose of the centers is to connect students and families to resources to aid in removing barriers to student learning.

- Just Service Center, 1315 Spruce
- Sanchez School Resource Center, 2100 E. 26<sup>th</sup> Avenue
- Provide parent and student assistance and family engagement.
- Will assist in assessing the needs of the child/family
- Programs are provided for all students in the district
- Goal is for 90% graduation rate by 2020.
- Even if you do not have children you are affected by the well-being of the children in your area.

## **VI. General Discussion & Questions**

Ms. Jones and the CAC acknowledged all the community members in attendance. Without their participation and voice, it becomes difficult to advocate on behalf of the community. We need to spread the word to neighbors to attend and get involved.

Mr. Rhodes requested that Code Enforcement attend a future meeting.

Mr. Buckley indicated he would like to have the CAC look into the possibility of student scholarships.

Mr. Robinson reiterated the need for asset maps of the amenities and resources of the West Tampa community which will be a part of the Strategic Action Plan.

CAC requested that the West Tampa business list be sent out again to members.

Need to look at how to assist the businesses on Main Street in taking advantages of the large events Downtown and in neighboring areas.

Need to look at potential funding sources for addressing Main Street, possibly Tallahassee.

Also need to look into bringing the Film Institute into the area.

Mr. Robinson discussed 83° news online as a venue for promoting positive stories about West Tampa.

## **VII. Announcements & Public Comment**

Pastor Tucker announced that the next meeting of the planning committee for the Juneteenth event will be March 9, 2017 at 2:30. 2001 Albany. All are welcome to attend.

Ms. Meade announced that the next meetings for the InVision Streetcar Plan are as follows:

- 3/7 at the Tampa Bay History Center, 5:30-7:30 PM. Free parking in the Blue lot
- 4/4 Technology Alignment Initiative, Tampa Bay History Center, 5:30-7:30 PM. Free parking in the Blue lot
- 5/2 Results of the public meetings and input, HCC Ybor Campus

The Old West Tampa HOA meets the last Monday of each month at the library.

Mr. Robinson and Mr. Kiner explained that no money has been expended from the West Tampa TIF funds for the CRA. The entire adopted funding is still available.

Concern that the “Village” feel of the West Tampa community is slowly being destroyed.

- Suggestion that the CRA purchase key vacant parcels for future directed development and parking facilities before prices rise too much and only developers can afford to purchase.
- Main Street businesses need parking. New businesses cannot open without additional parking.

Ms. Mattear reported that Representative Shaw’s office coordinated a community cleanup which went well. They recommend looking into routine cleanups as areas can become dirty again quickly.

Meeting adjourned at 7:43 pm.



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March 28, 2017

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**I. Welcome / Introductions**

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Mr. Robinson excused Mr. Rhodes and Mr. Smith II from the meeting.

**II. Meeting Minutes February 28, 2017**

A motion to approve the February 28, 2017 meeting minutes as amended was made by Mr. Buckley and seconded by Mr. Jackson. The motion passed unanimously.

**III. Tampa Police Department Update**

Officer Jacobs provided TPD overview.

- Crime in West Tampa and City-wide is going down. Police Chief has been pulling together teams to address specific issues.
- Call into police any activity that “doesn’t look right.”

**IV. Staff Reports**

Strategic Actions Plan: Mr. Kiner provided a brief overview of the selection process and the interviews of the three finalist firms for the WT Strategic Action Plan on March 13, 2017.

- Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc. was ranked as the top firm after the interviews
  - Keith Greminger is team lead
  - Fred Hearnese is a sub-consultant
  - Stephanie Ferrell is a sub-consultant for historic preservation
- City is now proceeding with negotiations on the scope of work and expect to start the

contract mid/end June.

- Spending priorities for the scope of work will also come back to the CAC for consideration.

Mr. Robinson thanked the City and James Jackson for accommodating West Tampa with additional qualification criteria for Historical Preservation focus and the transparency of the process.

Julian B. Lane Park Art Selection Process: Mr. James Jackson reviewed the number of art pieces in the park, the focus and location of each art installation, and process for selecting artist and final design. Location map being provided to Mr. Kiner.

The final art installation to be worked on is the historical art piece which will be located inside the building to protect and preserve the art piece. This piece would be dwarfed by the size of the park if placed outside. Piece has a more prominent position by being placed within the building.

- Budget is \$100,000
- Seeking artist to create a piece that fits the space and with expertise/focus on historical pieces.
  - Three artists identified so far.
  - Malcolm Kiner will be on the selection committee
- Once an artist is chosen, engagement with the public will begin most likely in next 60 days.
  - Fred Hearn is on the project and is the fact checker for all information included in the art work.
- Art piece
  - Type of art medium is unknown at this time
  - Art work will address:
    - Julian B. Lane as Mayor
    - West Tampa history
    - Julian B. Lane Park itself
- Markers will be located in the park, but are considered separate from the actual art installations.
- Additional discussion items:
  - Renaming of 14<sup>th</sup> Street is still on the table
  - Renaming of W. Fortune Street to honor the lady who donated the land is unknown, but naming an area of the park in her honor may also be an option.

Mr. Robinson pointed out that over time the park may evolve and additional art and markers may be added.

State Legislation: Mr. Kiner updated the committee on two bills affecting the CRAs and moving through the Florida House and Senate. The proposed legislation would severely limit the investments and improvements the CRAs would be allowed to spend TIF funding on. The Florida Redevelopment Association and Florida League of Cities oppose the legislation. The Tampa CRA Board is sending a letter opposing the legislation.

Mr. Turanchik moved that Mr. Kiner draft a letter in opposition to both bills to be signed by the CAC Chair. Motion seconded by Mr. Perry and approved unanimously.

Salcines Park: Mr. Kiner reported that the City has someone to restore the mural but that first need to address the issues with the wall. He will report back once he has costs and options. At this time Parks and Recreation has no plans to address the rest of the Park.

## **V. Requests to Address the Advisory Committee**

Rebuilding Together Tampa Bay (RTTB): Mr. Jose Garcia, Executive Director RTTB assists with residential rehabilitation for low-income residents.

- In 2014 launched Healthy Neighborhood in Sulphur Springs
- Replicating program now in West Tampa for 260 homes
  - Year 1: 35 homes for homes with children
    - One home complete on 2341 W. Palmetto, 5 more homes on Albany and a day care
    - Grand Opening April 19 and 20. CAC and community welcome
  - 4/29, 5/20 National Reveal Days
    - Exterior paint, minor and safety repairs, yard maintenance
    - Area: Armenia to Rome, Palmetto to I 275
  - Need more applicants for year 1. Have about 14-15 and need 17 more by May 20.
  - Year 2: 70 homes
  - Year 3: 100 homes
  - Year 4: Hoping to receive a grant from Home Depot to address Veteran housing
- Partnered with Argosy University to collect data on improved health in the home after improvements
- Partnered in the past with City of Tampa Housing Division on owner-occupied rehab work, support letters, etc....

Housing and Community Development Division, City of Tampa: Qiana Daughtry Ms. Daughtry provided an overview of the assistance programs provided through their division. All reports are posted on their website.

- 5 Year Strategic Plan that includes annual action plan process for spending priorities
  - Includes input from community on needs and priorities
- Provided the annual Action Plan and reviewed the development process for the Plan
- Provided list of grants and funding sources available by category
- Explained the services and assistance covered by each of the funding sources
- Explained the process for partnering with vendor to provide the services
- Reviewed the FY18 allocation of funds
- Provided a brief review of the housing assistance program and process
- Funds are reimbursed to service provided
- At end of April, the Housing Division will announce the dates for accepting applications for the housing rehabilitation program.
- RFP process for projects: CDBG; Hopwa; and then ESG

As part of the process, Housing is providing brief surveys to obtain the needs and opinions of the community. Survey is also posted on website.

## **VI. General Discussion & Questions**

Ms. Young moved and Mr. Jackson seconded a motion that for all future meetings, any presentations will be in powerpoint or presenter must supply enough hard copies for all in attendance. Motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Young personally walked Main Street to go out and talk to the local business people to get them more engaged and handed out flyers.

Many people do not have mailboxes and we need a program to address that like they have in Sulphur Springs.

- Possible mailbox designs will be presented at next meeting.

Mr. Robinson feels that it is important to have a festival focused on the history and culture of West Tampa. The Chair appointed Ms. Tina Young to chair a subcommittee to research the issue and report back to the CAC.

## **VII. Announcements & Public Comment**

Ms. Fenton has been hired by the West Tampa Chamber as a consultant.

The CRA legislation empowered local people to improve their communities as it put funding and inclusive decision-making process in place. That is now being threatened by pending legislation. Everyone needs to contact their elected officials on these sub-committees and let them know we oppose it.

- Unfortunately these bills are moving very quickly through the committees and legislature.

The most historical house in West Tampa is not documented. 1919 Walnut.

- Mr. Jose Garcia will look into this.

Salcines Park as a whole needs to be addressed, not just the mural.

Homeless issue at Salcines Park.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm.

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April 25, 2017

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**Staff:** Malcolm Kiner, Urban Development Manager  
Michelle Van Loan, Economic Development Staff

**I. Welcome / Introductions**

Mr. Robinson opened the regular meeting of the West Tampa Community Redevelopment Area Advisory Committee at 5:35 p.m. on April 25, 2017.

Mr. Robinson excused Jeffrey Rhodes, Walter Smith II, Carlos Ramirez, and Marvin Knight from the meeting.

**II. Meeting Minutes March 28, 2017**

A motion to approve the March 28, 2017 meeting minutes as amended was made by Mr. Perry and seconded by Mr. Buckley. The motion passed unanimously.

**III. Tampa Police Department Update**

Lt. Groves provided TPD overview.

- 5 cars were burgled in 4 incidents. 3 of the 5 cars were unlocked.
  - Please don't make your vehicle a target. Lock all doors and do not keep valuables in plain sight or in the vehicle at all.
- Two homes and one business were broken into.
- A couple of robberies: in front of the post office and at school.
- Shoot out at Salcines Park and arrests made.
- If a business or resident has a security camera on their property, it is helpful to register it with the Tampa Police Department.

Mr. Robinson also noted that we can expect an increase in crime once school is out.

Mr. Robinson also reported a murder at 1937 Union.

Homeless issues noted at Salcines Park and no sign at Salcines stating park closes at dusk.

### TPD Homeless Initiative

Officer Daniel McDonald: 813-242-3825, [Daniel.McDonald@tampagov.net](mailto:Daniel.McDonald@tampagov.net)

The current approach of TPD in addressing homeless persons is to assist in linking people in need with services and housing. They are no longer trying to “arrest away” the issue. Currently two officers are assigned to the Homeless Initiative. It costs \$30,000 a year to jail someone and only \$12,000 a year to house them.

- Most homeless are reluctant and distrustful and so much of the officers’ work is building the relationship and trust so that the person in need will agree to receive assistance. There are always some that remain chronically homeless.
- The Ordinance that addresses belongings of the homeless is aimed at prohibiting public storage and camping/living in parks, not people who are pushing along or with their belongings.
- TPD needs to have a trespass affidavit on file to address issues on private property.
- TPD and Tampa Housing Authority are regularly checking the vacated N. Boulevard Homes property until they are demolished. Vacant homes owned by banks are checked by the police.
- FDOT handles issues that occur beneath the underpasses.
- Call into police if you see squatters in vacant properties/homes.
  - Can indicate that police should not contact complainant
- Grace Point has a “one point entry” for mental health and substance abuse services.

#### Community Concerns:

- People are coming into area on weekends for drug activity, prostitution, and drug houses are appearing again.
  - Info is being turned into FDLE so that their multi-faceted agency and partner agencies can address.

## **IV. Tampa Neighborhood Enhancement**

Ryan Shephard and Carlos Rios, Acting Supervisor in West District.

- West District has a Supervisor, senior inspector and 5 inspectors.
- 8,796 Cases opened by inspectors and 21,000 cases initiated by citizens.
- In west Tampa:
  - From 275 north: 544 citizen complaints, 344 inspector initiated cases
  - From 275 south: 810 citizen complaints, 303 inspector initiated cases
- Code Enforcement works closely with TPD, Homeless Initiative, and Neighborhood Enhancement Team.
- Main category of issues being investigated are no building permits, demolition, litter accumulation, transportation issues, environmental issues.
- The team tries not to be “nitpicky”, but all violations are important.
- The team was at Main Street the other day addressing litter abatement.

#### Community Concerns:

- Elderly residents are being cited and it is scaring them as they are not immediately understanding what to do or what it means.
  - Code Enforcement does not normally know the age of who is living at house. That information is not with the owner’s information.

- They try to make contact with the person living on the premises first.
- If no contact is made, a citation is left, which will hopefully then start a conversation with the resident.
- We are now a “kinder/gentler” Code Enforcement than in years past.

## V. Staff Reports

Strategic Actions Plan: The draft agreement is in legal review and Mr. Kiner may request a special meeting to review proposal and schedule

Projected FY2018 Budget: The proposed draft FY2018 budget is still very preliminary and is built from a 4% increase from FY20017. As projected revenues are received from the County Property Appraiser over next couple of months, the budget will be updated. The FY2018 budget will include a percentage of staff salaries and office costs, whereas the FY2017 budget did not. The Neighborhood Infrastructure line item is used as a catchall line item from which the specific projects can be funded from as they are decided and approved.

Mr. Robinson would prefer that the catchall line item be called “Special Programs.”

State Legislation Update: Ms. Van Loan reported that HB13 had been voted out of the three committees it was assigned to. As currently written, CRAs would only be allowed to spend TIF funding on: Community Policing, Affordable Housing, and land acquisition and clearance/preparation for development. The Senate does not have a companion Bill at this time. If the House approves HB13, the Senate may choose to bring HB13 to their floor for consideration. Staff will keep everyone posted as the process continues.

Salcines Park: Mr. Kiner reported that Parks and Recreation Department is obtaining costs for the repair of the wall that the mural is painted on. City Council has weighed in on this issue and support improvements being addressed. The park will also receive a general cleaning and power washing. It was also learned that Parks and Recreation pays for a security guard to visit the parks between 8 PM and midnight. Police should be contacted for any concerns after midnight and in case of emergencies in the parks.

Parks and Recreation Security: 813-931-2168

Ms. Young made a motion to have Parks and Recreation come to next meeting to discuss park security. Mr. Wilson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

## VI. Requests to Address the Advisory Committee

USF Service Learning Class Report: Dr. Ersing and Manuel Rivera  
USF class research project conducted fall, 2016 to conduct an Asset Assessment of West Tampa, with a focus on effects of redevelopment in the area. (pdf of presentation available)

- Purpose: to collect perceptions and experiences of those who live and work in West Tampa.
  - Seniors – 4 participants
  - Youth – 10 participants including those who provide services to youth
  - Businesses – 6 participants
  - Workforce/unemployed – 0 participants

- Focus of questions:
  - What is good about West Tampa
  - What has changed in past 5 years
  - What do you see in next 5 years
  - What message would you like to send to Tampa officials
- Overview of results:
  - Good about West Tampa –
    - Close to downtown
    - Central location and sociability of the community
    - Tight-knit, family community
    - Parks
    - Seeing some progress in community and less crime
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  - Challenges/Changes
    - Loss of customers with closing of N. Boulevard Homes
    - No continuous path of travel, sidewalks, need lighting
    - Need mass transit, and walkability
    - Quality of education, schools in area
    - Trash and debris is a concern, no containers for disposal
    - Affordable housing during a redevelopment boom
    - Planning process is not inclusive
    - Crime that still exists, domestic violence issues
  - Looking Forward
    - Need to take advantage of manufacturing and apprentice/training programs
    - Need grants/subsidies to get through the development transition period for housing projects and drastic loss of residents
      - Concern about businesses remaining viable during redevelopment and then rebuilding a customer base
    - Need resources to market to new customers/residents
    - Building too much new housing without the supporting infrastructure and amenities
    - Please do not reroute Bus 7
    - Concern about the design of new private sector development within our historic district
    - Need higher quality businesses, eateries, services
    - Need parking
    - Need more community activities

THA West River Plan Update: David Iloanya provided update and handout.

- THA completed relocation of all residents out of N. Boulevard Homes.
- Next developments are the T1 and T3 areas on map and funding is in place
- Three projects under construction in next year.
  - T1 – 160 units for senior housing
    - Only site requesting a parking reduction, 20%
  - T3 – 200-250 units for families, including Head Start location
    - 80% affordable, 20% market rate
  - All parking for these locations will be on site and within the individual site
  - No net loss of affordable housing units from what was to what will be built
- Bethune will be renovated and funding is in place



- Phase 1 Demolition is expected to begin in June
- Land swap is under contract and expected to close by end of the year
- Existing ball fields will remain in use until new fields are built
- The Master Plan includes a county services building to be within the development with no loss of services to community.
- Head Start:
  - Facility on Rome will continue
  - Administration building on Main will be coming down
- There will be a walkable path from Rick's on the River location to Julian B. Lane Park which will start construction this year.
- Focusing retail, services and grocery on Main St corridor.
  - New buildings on Main St. will have amenities and retail
  - Retail and food on river locations
- Map: all yellow are townhomes to be owner-occupied
- No residential development will occur south of Main St.

Plan and map are available at: [THAFL.com/WestRiver](http://THAFL.com/WestRiver)

Discussion:

- Consolidation of schools: buildings and or campus
- Parking, in general, is a concern in West Tampa
  - Near UT parking is constant problem

## **VII. General Discussion & Questions**

CAC requested a follow-up letter be sent to the Senate to not move forward with HB13.

Julian B. Lane Park – Work completed to date: tree demolition, mass dirt removal, underground utilities installed, all existing structures to be removed completed. Work in progress and coming: half of boat house is built, tennis courts, Laurel St. alignment and parking lots, seawall, water basin, lighting and irrigation, and basketball courts. Total completion is anticipated for spring 2018.

Discussion of how current TIF funds will be spent: Strategic Action Plan to establish priorities and approaches and then fund CRA activities and improvements.

## **VIII. Announcements & Public Comment**

- 96.3 Radio station is live.
- Continued concern with lack of lighting on Rome on route to Walmart on Kennedy.
- Consider using Ray park for festivals to help re-energize the park.
- Rights Restoration workshop at Middleton High School May 20, 2-5 PM.
- Juneteenth planning meeting May 2, 6:30 PM, 2001 N. Albany.
- Juneteenth celebration June 16.

Meeting adjourned at 8:07 pm.

**West Tampa Community Redevelopment Area  
Advisory Committee**

**Meeting Minutes**

May 23, 2017

**West Tampa Library  
2312 W. Union Street**

**Attendees**

**Committee Members:** Joe Robinson, Chair; Kenneth Perry, Vice-Chair; Benjamin Buckley; Dedrick Jackson; Delphine Jones; Marvin Knight; Carlos Ramirez; Ed Turanchik; Tina Young; Emanuel Wilson

**Excused:** Jeffrey Rhodes, Walter Smith II

**Unexcused:** Marvin Knight

**Staff:** Malcolm Kiner, Urban Development Manager  
Michelle Van Loan, Economic Development Staff

**I. Welcome / Introductions**

Mr. Robinson opened the regular meeting of the West Tampa Community Redevelopment Area Advisory Committee at 5:35 p.m. on May 23, 2017.

Mr. Robinson excused Jeffrey Rhodes, Walter Smith II from the meeting.

**II. Meeting Minutes April 25, 2017**

A motion to approve the April 25, 2017 meeting minutes as amended was made by Mr. Perry and seconded by Mr. Jackson. The motion passed unanimously.

**III. Tampa Police Department Update**

Lt. Fernandez provided TPD overview.

- If you See Something, Say Something!!
- Starting May 4 there has been a Main Street initiative
  - Day and nightly sweeps
  - Unmarked and undercover vehicles
  - 2 arrests at Salcines Park for Methamphetamine
- May 18 - Arrest at Howard and Chestnut for Heroin
- May 14 - Arrest at Howard and Main: suspended license and on probation
- May 13 - Arrest for outstanding warrant
- May 12 – two narcotics arrests, two misdemeanors, recovery of stolen vehicle, and traffic citations
- N. Hyde Park has seen a rash of burglaries, no arrests yet
- 1914 Walnut Trace, shooting, no suspect
- Albany: Shooting/homicide, still no suspect

There is a sign at Salcines Park that states the Park closes at dusk. This needs to be enforced.

#### IV. Requests to Address the Committee

**Inner City Capital Connections (ICCC):** Cindy McGarrigle and David Christian.

ICCC is designed for busy executives of small businesses from at risk communities, of all expertise levels, and its impact is proven to strengthen businesses and the inner-city communities where they operate. It helps bridge the gap for the 75% of inner-city businesses that are in need of capital, but that lack the knowledge and relationships that break the barriers to obtaining it.

ICCC Webpage:

<http://icic.org/inner-city-capital-connections/>

ICCC Tampa program webpage and informational video:

<http://icic.org/inner-city-capital-connections/tampabay/>

- Cost-Free education for small business owners sponsored by Regions Bank and other partners to assist in taking your business to the next level.
- Marketing Assistance, one-on-one coaching, capital.
- Education by professionals from: Harvard Business School, Northwestern, MIT and other leading institutions.
- 40 hour commitment to initial education program, all day business education conference in Tampa at end of session, webinars and follow-up to continue developing skills.
- Benefits:
  - Understand your business from new perspective (get out of the details of day to day operations)
  - Increase capital
  - Company growth
  - Increased sales
  - Job growth

**CRA Attorney:** Jorge Martin

Mr. Martin has been with the City Attorney's Office for 23 years and was recently assigned to handle the CRAs. [Jorge.Martin@tampaGov.net](mailto:Jorge.Martin@tampaGov.net) Mr. Martin provided an overview of how the CACs are impacted legally. Full details are in the CAC Handbook provided at initial training:

- CACs are covered by the **Sunshine Law** which requires broad, public access to meetings and process.
- Meetings of the CACs and their sub-committees are open to the public:
  - Reasonable notice must be given
  - Minutes of the business conducted at the meeting must be kept
  - If two or more members of the CAC discuss any issue that may come before the CAC for action, then it is a "meeting" and must be noticed
  - Communication includes: discussion, texts, emails, skype, social media
- 2<sup>nd</sup> degree misdemeanor for knowingly violating Sunshine Law
  - If you are charged with such a violation, the City does not represent you in

such matters

- CACs are covered by the **Open Records Law** which provides access to the public of any documents that you generate. Again includes all methods of communication
- CACs are covered by the Ethics Code:
  - Prohibition of financial interest (you or family) directly/indirectly in items that come before the CAC
  - Applies if your financial condition will be affected by an action of the CAC
  - Addresses conflict of interest
    - Must abstain from a vote or any participation in discussion if receive a private gain directly/indirectly (including family members) through economic benefit of any kind.

## **V. Staff Reports**

Strategic Actions Plan: Mr. Kiner announced that the SAP contract would be going to the CRA Board on June 8 and to Council on June 21. The schedule provided in the final scope of work has been pushed back 4-6 weeks due to the approval process. The final cost of the contract is \$100,000. Discussion:

- Scope was developed to reduce costs by providing research to the consultant and not paying consultant for “busy” work that can be handled by staff.
  - Staff will review where the community can assist with research.
- Concern about the level of detail that will be provided in the final deliverables based on the cost of the project.
  - The consultant will provide direction in recommendations on programs, incentives, etc.... based on their experience and research in to best and effective practices.
    - Staff and the CA will work on the development of criteria and implementing processes of any new programs.
  - Additional services can be funded with CRA Board/Council approval.
- Workshops/community meetings will be noticed through neighborhood associations, signs, public notice, email lists, and additional suggestions for reaching out are welcome.

Discussion: Want to make sure that the recommendations don't include using CRA resources for items that should be done by the City, such as infrastructure.

Mr. Turanchik moved and Mr. Perry seconded the motion to endorse the Scope of Work for the Strategic Action Plan and recommend approval by City Council of contract. Passed unanimously.

State Legislative Update: HB13 died. Thank you to the CAC and community for your support. We will continue to monitor all such discussions at the state level.

Salcines Park: Mr. Kiner reported that he continues to reach out to the Parks and Recreation Department.

- The sign has been posted stating the hours that the park is open.
- The park has been pressure washed, weeds removed, and trash receptacle lids replaced.
- The light at the bus shelter will be repaired.

- Currently obtaining costs for the wall repair.

Parks and Recreation Security: 813-931-2168

## **VI. Subcommittee Reports**

### Special Events Subcommittee:

Ms. Young reported that her committee meets the second Thursday of the month at her building on Spruce. At the last meeting, the committee discussed the following:

- Developing the foundation, expectations, and funding criteria for co-sponsorship policy and procedures.
  - The CAC is already receiving requests for funding and the committee wants to have a policy in place for future program.
- Mr. Kiner is collecting information from other similar programs and reviewing fall schedule for events.
- Considering a festival on 10/14 or 10/21.
  - The subcommittee will tour the Julian B. Lane Park when completed and the whole of the CAC is invited to attend.

Discussion: Concern about discussing funding for sponsorships when there is such a great need for neighborhood improvements, job development, and economic development in the community.

- Only looking at a policy and criteria at this point and learning what it takes to hold a festival.
- Festival can bring economic benefits and help with the morale of the community. Economic development is about people as much as housing and structures.

## **VII. General Discussion & Questions**

- Mr. Robinson reviewed the applications for zoning issues:
  - 2320 W. Orient Street, decision by the Zoning Administrator.
  - REZ-17-0000034, 1302 and 1304 W. Archer. Going to Council June 8 for rezoning from RS50 to PD.
  - SU2-16-17 at 710 N. Newport for off street parking going to Council for approval June 8.
- Corrected minutes will be sent out to CAC.
- Subcommittee minutes will be submitted to Mr. Kiner for distribution to the CAC.
- CAC requests that someone from City explain future plans for the property along the river vacated by the City operations.
- Please invite Richard Grammatica from Tampa Bay Federal Credit Union to present to the CAC.

## **VIII. Announcements & Public Comment**

- Concern about future use of City property at Rome and Oregon. Need to look at affordable housing.
- Need to look for a cultural economic engine for African Americans who contribute to the city.

- Is there a way to file injunctions against development that isn't affordable housing?
- The community is ready to help, participate and volunteer with the SAP with respect and courtesy.
- Need to look at making sure that money paid in lieu of building sidewalks and greenspace is invested back into West Tampa.
- Bringing small businesses into West Tampa is a priority.

Meeting adjourned at 7:32 pm.