

**East Tampa Community Redevelopment Area
Community Advisory Committee Meeting**

Meeting Minutes

February 7, 2023

Ragan Park Community Center
1200 E. Lake Avenue, Tampa, FL 33605

Community Advisory Committee

*Fran Tate, Chair
Clinton Paris, Vice Chair
Rhonda Billups
Connie Burton
Norene Copeland Miller
Bobby Jean Curry*

*Cynthia Few
Natasha Goodley
Jeffery Johnson
Grace Glenn
Denese Meteye James
Cynthia Donnell*

Attendees

Committee Members: Fran Tate, Norene Copeland Miller, Natasha Goodley, Bobbie Jean Curry, Cynthia Few, Cynthia Donnell, Grace Glen, Sonya Brookins, Jeffery Johnson, Clinton Paris, Connie Burton (*An in-person quorum was attained*)

City Staff: Alis Drumgo, Vanassa Ross, Brett Burks, Chris Ullian, Stephen Benson

Other attendees: Cody Fetherolf, Johua Montgomery, Baxter C. Henderson, Alison Hewitt, Craig Fox, Brittney Richards, Kella McCaskill, Tanya Robinson, Joshua McGovern (virtual: Lanita Brown, Stephanie Smith, Andy Mikulski, Kelly Scharf, Matt Pleasant, Carlos Muniz, Be Parks, Craig Fox, Connie Burton)

6:13 a.m. Meeting Called to Order

Invocation

Dr. Jeffery Johnson, CAC Member

Introductions/Roll Call

Approval of Minutes: January 10, 2023

MOTION: Cynthia Few moved to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Bobbie Jean Curry. Motion carried.

I. PUBLIC COMMENTS - IN PERSON AND VIRTUAL (3 minutes per speaker)

The following individuals made public comments:

- Alison Hewitt
- Joshua Montgomery
- Cody Fetherolf
- Kella McCaskill
- Det. Curtis Williams
- Craig Fox - FDOT

II. East Tampa Down Payment Assistance Program, Natasha Goodley

- N. Goodley: Housing Subcommittee recommends to increase the home purchase amount from \$350,000 to \$500,000.
- Clinton Paris has questions about the history of the program and designated amounts.
- C. Burton: The program is to designed to assist working class people. We should be more focused on helping individuals in this population.
- C. Paris: The ETCAC should consider increase the amount of downpayment assistance to maintain the ratio.
- Dr. Johnson: Keep the amount where it is and combine the dollars from other programs/resources available.
- N. Goodley: Looking to do a Wills Program for East Tampa residents to keep homes in control of family properties.
- Dr. Glenn: Can we consider Trusts as well to avoid going through probate?
- C. Paris: We should focus on Life Estate Deeds to assist residents so the property go directly to the relative listed.

MOTION: Dr. Sonja Boorkins moved to increase the price threshold for the East Tampa Down Payment assistance Program from \$350,000 to \$500,000. The motion was seconded by Noreen Copeland Miller. Motion carried with Connie Burton voting no.

III. Accessory Dwelling Units (ADU's) – Stephen Benson, City of Tampa Planning Department

- Presentation to educate and engage the East Tampa community on Accessory Dwelling Units by Stephen Benson.
- Growth on mixed-use corridors and districts
- Providing affordable housing is at the center of this discussion
- ADUs are a special use and require a permit and public hearing process
- Curent rules and potential changes discussed
- Discussed timeline and process on education, outreach, and public hearing process
- C.Burton: Suggestions on outreach and messaging
- Dr. Johnson: Suggestions on outreach, messaging and getting the word out

IV. Standing Committee Updates

- A. H.E.S.S. – Health Education and Social Services (Norene Coplan Miller)
 - a. Health Fair Dates (April 22 and April 29)
 - b. Funding for Community Health Fair? (Chair Tate)
- B. Land Use (No report)
- C. Evaluation and Planning (Clinton Paris)
 - a. Scope of Services for the ETCRP Update
 - b. Address slum and blight more within the scope of services (N.C. Miller)

MOTION: Dr. Brookins to approve the scope of services for the East Tampa CRP Update and seconded by BJ Curry. Motion carried.

D. Subcommittee Updates (Vanassa Ross)

- a. Subcommittee Chairs supply their agenda and minutes one week prior to the meeting
- b. Meeting schedule and virtual links distributed
- c. Minutes will be shared in ETCAC meeting packet
- d. Subcommittee chairs will be responsible for taking attendance

VI. Fran Tate, Chair's Update

- Thanks to everyone that attended the retreat
- Viewed multiple housing options
- Thanks to the ETCRA staff for their hard work

VII. Cedric McCray, East Tampa CRA Manager's Updates (V. Ross & B. Burks)

- Tree trimming
- Owner Occupied Rehab program, Wills Clinic and Downpayment Assistance Program
- Youth Leadership and Entrepreneurship Academy
- Emergency Roof Repair Program
- East Tampa Downpayment Assistance Program Update
- ETCAC Retreat Update and acknowledgements
- CDC of Tampa Infrastructure Project
- The Skills Center Update
- The Wellness Hub Update
- Meeting Updates

VIII. New Business/CAC Member Updates

- Boys & Girls Club meeting on illegal dumping on the southside of the building (N.C. Miller)
- Citations, liens and foreclosures from Code Enforcement (N.C. Miller)
- Memorial Park Cemetery (N.C. Miller)

IX. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 11:55 A.M.

Next meeting: March 14, 2023

Minutes prepared by Cedric McCray, City of Tampa East Tampa Development