

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

**Meeting Minutes**

**March 14, 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, Rhonda Billups, Cynthia Few, Cynthia Donnell, Denese Meteye James, Sonya Brookins, Jeffery Johnson, Clinton Paris, Connie Burton (*An in-person quorum was attained*)

**City Staff:** Cedric McCray, Vanassa Ross, Brett Burks, Chris Ullian

**Other attendees:** Aisha Spratly, Alyssa Hogan, Cody Fetherolf, , Kella McCaskill, (virtual: Rosalie Jones, , Stanley Gray, Lanita Brown, Andrea White, Stephanie Smith, Andy Mikulski, Kelly Scharf, Matt Pleasant, Carlos Muniz, Be Parks, Craig Fox, Connie Burton, Harold Jackson, Aidza Thomas, Tim Heberlein)

***9:35 a.m. Meeting Called to Order***

Invocation

Atty. Clinton Paris, CAC Member

Introductions/Roll Call

Approval of Minutes: February 7, 2023

**MOTION: Cynthia Donnell moved to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Norene Copeland Miller. Motion carried.**

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

The following individuals made public comments:

- Kella McCaskill

## ***II. East Tampa Summer Youth Programs – Cedric McCray***

- Program was adjusted after the March agenda was printed.
- Moving forward with hiring a program coordinator to work directly with the students and various departments.
- N. C. Miller: How many youth are we looking to service this year?
- C. McCray: 36 students has historically been the number that has been recruited to fill slots within the program.
- Dr. Johnson: we would like to have had the opportunity to discuss prior to CRA Board approval.
- C. Burton: We have been asking for this program for two years. The proposed program that was presented to me was laid out.
- D.M. James: We talked about the Youth Entrepreneurship Program being a bridge to the summer program.
- N. C. Miller: We need to moved expeditiously to get this program up and moving.

## ***III. East Tampa Youth Leadership and Entrepreneurial Academy – Alyssa Hogan***

- There has been some difficulty to recruit for the program.
- Working with Hillsborough County Schools to recruit more students.
- Issues working through the background checks for mentors.
- N. Goodley: Look to the Hillsborough County Juvenile Programs to catch students that need the help of our program.
- Marketing efforts within East Tampa through social media and businesses.
- Community service efforts during the current program
- Shared student feedback from quarterly evaluations provided to participants and areas of need.
- N. Goodley: Be specific with your ask to receive donations.
- C. Paris: We should be investing more in the program and looking at our budget for FY24.
- R. Billups: Commented on School Board and other school district personnel and having a cleaner presentation.

## ***IV. FY24 Budget Workshops & Preparation – Cedric McCray***

- Highlighted budget meeting dates and times.
- Final ETCRA budget due April 28, 2023.
- Subcommittee budget sheets and including suggested changes.
- April 17<sup>th</sup> deadline to submit completed subcommittee budget sheets.
- Pinpoint larger appropriate projects to expend funds.
- C. Burton: City owned land/properties.

## ***VI. Fran Tate, Chair's Update***

- New A & B subcommittee Chair, Brewton
- Look forward to working with Councilwoman Gwen Henderson

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

- Tree trimming program.
- Youth Leadership and Entrepreneurship Academy
- Emergency Roof Repair Program
- East Tampa Downpayment Assistance Program Update
- Budget deadlines
- Submission of subcommittee meetings and agendas

## ***VIII. New Business/CAC Member Updates***

- Health, Education, Social Services and Public Safety Fair – Middleton High School (April 29<sup>th</sup>) (Fran Tate)
- Neighborhood Enhancement/Equipment should be housed in East Tampa (Natasha Goodley)
- Subcommittees should be represented during at the fair on April 29th. (Connie Burton)
- Memorial Park Cemetery (N.C. Miller)

## ***IX. Adjournment***

Meeting adjourned at 11:38 A.M.

Next meeting: April 4, 2023

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