

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

Meeting Minutes

July 11, 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, Natasha Goodley, Rhonda Billups, Cynthia Few, Cynthia Donnell, Bobby Jean Curry, Clinton Paris, Connie Burton, Grace Glenn, *Virtual: Sonya Brookins, Norene Copeland Miller, Denese Meteye James (An in-person quorum was attained)*

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

Other Attendees: Andrea White, Lanita Brown, Lisa Sampson, Be Parks, Aileen Henderson, Marisa Loren, Harold Jackson, Pauline Brown, Quincy Beckham, Aletha Wynn, Diann Zeigler, Rick Kugler, Roger Collins, Yolanda Collins, Bobby Creighton

6:13 p.m. Meeting Called to Order

Invocation:

Dr. Jeffrey Johnson, CAC Member

Introductions/Roll Call

Approval of Minutes: June 6, 2023

MOTION: Cynthia Few moved to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Natasha Goodley. Motion carried.

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

The following individuals made public comments:

- Joy Dew w/ Live Oaks Square N.A.
- Vanessa McLeary – CDC of Tampa
- Betoria Watson
- Harold Jackson

II. New Community Redevelopment Agency Director – Erica Moody

- Introduction of Director Erica Moody to the East Tampa CAC.
- Shared background and work experience with the University of South Florida and University Area CDC.
- Housing allocations in the FY24 budget.
- The CRA is restructuring over the next few months.
- Provided various projects completed in previous roles related to housing and recreation in the University Area.
- What will be done to ensure that East Tampa is prioritized? (Dr. J. Johnson)
- The CRA's role in investing in people within the ETCRA (C. Paris)

III. Fun Lan Housing Development/Richman Group/Hill Ward Henderson - Kami Corbett

- Property is currently zoned commercial intensive.
- Will be 100% affordable with 10,000 square feet of limited commercial space.
- Max building height 3 stories.
- 473 parking spaces
- Residential amenities: club house, pool, dog park, EV charging stations and storage rooms.
- Discussed community engagement throughout the process with neighborhood associations and other community leaders.
- Made revisions based on community input.
- City of Tampa funding agreement
- 354 affordable units
- 22nd Avenue Improvements
- What is the focus of applicants at the higher level of the AMI? (C. Burton)
- What is the projected total monthly income of the proposed Fun Lan apartment site? (Dr. G. Glenn)
- Who is the builder, and will there be a focus to meet MBE/WMBE requirement? (Dr. J. Johnson)
- With only 6 three bedrooms that might limit the number of families that will be able to live there. (Dr. J. Johnson)
- How many of the units are 2 bedrooms? (N. Goodley)
- Ms. Corbett would share the information with ETCRA staff.

IV. 1901 & 1903 E. Palifox Properties

- City of Tampa Housing and Community Development (HCD) currently owns the property.
- Was purchased in 2019 for \$233,000 using CDBG funds.
- Purchase price with closing cost
- Would be a good location for the tiny home community. (N. Goodley)
- The property looks beautiful. (F. Tate)
- We should make sure we focus on the elderly when looking at housing projects (Dr. Glenn)
- Let's develop a plan in moving forward as what the future development will look like (Dr. Johnson)

- **Motion: Natasha Goodley moved to approve up to \$250,000 for the purchase of the properties located at 1901 & 1903 E. Palifox Street. The motion was seconded by Rhonda Billups. Motion passed unanimously.**

V. Fran Tate, CAC Chair's Update

- Please support the Community Fair at Middleton High School on July 15th

VI. Cedric McCray, East Tampa CRA Manager's Update

- East Tampa Tree Grant Update
- East Tampa Summer Youth Career Exploration Program Update and activities Summer Youth Symposium on July 31st at C. Blythe Andrews Library at 10:30 AM
- Emergency Roof Repair Program Update (30 roofs completed)
- East Tampa Downpayment Assistance Program
- 48th Street CDC of Tampa Ribbon Cutting on July 15th at 12 PM
- Photos of Summer Youth Program
- Skills Center Update
- East Tampa CRA Community Fair July 15th
- CDC of Tampa Impact Bus Tour
- ETCRA FY24 Budget – TIF allocation is at \$11,009,804.00.
- Neighborhood Enhancement Sweeper/Loader equipment request. \$39,203.36
- The City felt Code Enforcement is not an issue. We should not approve any other purchases with CRA dollars. (N. Goodley)
- I would not support the expense because the equipment is being housed outside the ETCRA. (Dr. J. Johnson)
- Habitat for Humanity of Hillsborough County Community Partner volunteer recognition.
- Future meetings and events calendar dates.
- Number of vouchers provided in East Tampa zip codes? (F. Tate)
- I spoke with Mrs. Roberts, and she expressed that vouchers and accommodations are made available to young people in East Tampa (C. McCray)
- Do we have clarity on the ETCRA equipment that is stored at Lowry Park? (N. Goodley)
- Neighborhood Enhancement has been providing quarterly updates with staff and equipment listed (C. McCray)

VII. New Business/CAC Member Updates

- Partnership with Tampa General Hospital for 1.1 million dollars to work with minority women in their third trimester. (Dr. Glenn)
- ETCAC should get more aggressive for demands for better outcomes related to housing and other purchasing properties. (C. Burton)
- I believe we will be extended beyond our 10 years. Please come out and support the Community Fair on July 15th. (F. Tate)
- Belmont Heights Neighborhood Reunion on July 29th at Cyrus Greene Park from 10 AM – 2 PM. (N.C. Miller)
- Invitation to attend various events during the Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc.
- Anthony Hamilton and Tamia Concert July 20th (Dr. J. Johnson)

VIII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:11 P.M.

Next meeting: August 1, 2023, at 6 PM

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