

**DREW PARK COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AREA
COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

March 7, 2023, 5:30 p.m.

Tampa Police District 1 Headquarters
3818 W. Tampa Bay Boulevard, Tampa, FL 33614

Meeting Minutes

Attendees

Committee Members: Maritza Astorquiza, Chair; Randy Forister; Susan Braun; Dr. Paige Niehaus; Nick Lavandera; Michael Maurino

Absent: Julio Piazza

Staff: Jesus Niño; Andrea Roshaven

I. Meeting Called to Order

Ms. Astorquiza opened the regular meeting of the Drew Park Community Advisory Committee (CAC) at 5:34 p.m.

II. Opening Comments & Roll Call

III. Public Comment

No public comments.

IV. Action Items

Mr. Maurino made a motion to accept the September 6, 2023, meeting minutes. Seconded by Dr. Neihaus. Passed unanimously.

Dr. Neihaus made a motion to accept the February 7, 2023, meeting minutes. Seconded by Mr. Maurino. Passed unanimously.

V. Police Department Projects/Updates

- Lt. Doug Groves and Officer Jacob Alderman provided crime statistics and Tampa Police Department updates.
 - Ms. Astorquiza spoke about drag racing on Air Cargo Road and speeding traffic from Air Cargo Road coming onto the entry roads into the CRA.
- Chris Freeman with Code Enforcement provided updates, including Code's work with TPD on removing homeless encampments near Hillsborough Ave. and Dale Mabry Hwy.
 - Mr. Forister spoke about an increase in illegal dumping on TIA property adjacent to the CRA boundary, especially near Hesperides and Crest.

VI. Presentations/Staff Reports

- Mr. Niño provided an update on the progress with Tampa Police for a CRA-funded full-time dedicated officer to provide innovative community policing within the Drew Park CRA boundary. Major Cate is adding the position to the District 1 FY2024 TPD budget request.
- Oona Johnsen with Oona Johnsen Landscape Architects presented initial concepts and design ideas for the Lois Ave and Grady Ave Landscape, Streetscape, and Safety Audit

Improvements Project. She explained her methodology and reviewed the preliminary corridor plans for CAC feedback and direction. Staff will provide all files to CAC members electronically for review.

- Mr. Niño introduced Jonathon Toner with Terra Tectonics, the contractor for the Drew Park CRA Mobility, Connectivity, and Safety Improvements project. The project scope is to provide design services to identify and recommend potential mobility, connectivity, and safety projects, including project estimates, and to identify/recommend/provide quick bid options for improvements for improvements within public rights-of-way throughout the Drew Park CRA. This project will work in coordination with the Lois Ave and Grady Ave Landscape, Streetscape, and Safety Audit Improvements Project.

VII. General Discussion

VIII. Announcements

IX. Adjournment

Mr. Marino made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Forister seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 7:01 p.m.