

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

Meeting Minutes

June 6, 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, Sonya Brookins, Clinton Paris, Connie Burton, Norene Copeland Miller *Virtual: Denese Meteye James (An in-person quorum was attained)*

City Staff: Cedric McCray, Vanassa Ross, Brett Burks, Rugina Castillo, Ed Hundley, Dennis Fernandez, Chris Ullian

Other Attendees: Dorothy Kinsey, Mary Neumeier, Betty Bell, Arneatra McMillan, Joy Dean, Robin Lockett, Ernest Coney, Jr., Kella McCaskill, Jimmy Marshall (virtual: Andrea White, Lanita Brown, Alison Hewitt, Amelia Smyth, Alethia Somerset, Erica Moody)

6:05 a.m. Meeting Called to Order

Invocation:

Atty. Clinton Paris, CAC Member

Introductions/Roll Call

Approval of Minutes: May 2, 2023

MOTION: Clinton Paris moved to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by BJ Curry. Motion carried.

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

The following individuals made public comments:

- Dorothy Kinsey
- Mary Neumeier
- Betty Bell
- Arneatra McMillan
- Joy Dean
- Robin Lockett

- Ernest Coney, Jr.
- Kella McCaskill
- Jimmy Marshall

II. East Tampa Youth Career Exploration Program Update - Rugina Castillo & Ed Hundley

- Introduction of Ms. Rugina Castillo and Mr. Eddie Hundley to East Tampa CAC.
- Goals of the East Tampa Career Exploration Program starting on June 12, 2023.
- Invitation to participate in Therapeutic Community conversations taking place on Mondays. (R. Castillo)
- Orientation will take place on June 12th at Gary Adult High School.
- Chair Tate acknowledges former Chair Connie Burton for her vision for the Summer Youth Program

III. Historic Preservation Program – Dennis Fernandez

- Architectural Review Commission & Historic Preservation Commission overview
- Designations for Historic Landmarks and Districts
- Design Standards
- Survey Research
- Training and Education
- Process for Local Designation City Code of Ordinances (Sec. 27-256)
- Barrio Latino Commission
- Property Designations
- 61 Individual Landmarks
- East Tampa Designated Locations/ Markers and Plaques
- Level of interest in East Tampa and finding sites for designation.
- Memorial Park Cemetery marker (F. Tate)
- Looking to locally landmark the cemetery to open up future funding opportunities. (D. Fernandez)
- How do you operate with private property? (N. Goodley)
- There is not much difference between public and private property process. An ordinance would be created. (D. Fernandez)
- Is there a timetable on the Jackson House? (C. Burton)
- It is in the Parks Department hands, and they would work through us. There is no exact timetable as it stands right now. We are working with the Jackson House Foundation as well. (D. Fernandez)
- I was looking forward to hearing an update on the local historic designation for Memorial Park Cemetery. (N.C. Miller)
- Belmont Heights and Jackson Heights should be listed as historic districts. (N.C. Miller)
- July 11th is our next Historic Preservation Committee meeting. (D. Fernandez)
- I believe we should go back to restoring our identity with Belmont Heights and Jackson Heights, not just East Tampa. (D.M. James)
- The City is actively engaging with the adjacent property owners relating to the Jackson House, but it has been challenging. (D. Fernandez)

IV. East Tampa Extreme Heat Survey – Amelia Smyth

- Urban Heat Study in partnership with the City of Tampa and University of South Florida. (A. Smyth)
- Community Input Survey and QR code
- Community Workshop on June 22nd, 6 PM – 8 PM at Ragan Park
- Share best practices to stay safe during an extreme heat event.
- How soon are you going to input some of the items that are suggested. (F. Tate)
- The City will prioritize the interventions based on the feedback provided. The project is funded through the American Express Foundation through December 2024. We would like to create some quick win project now. (A. Smyth)

V. Fran Tate, CAC Chair's Update

- Thank you to former Chair Connie Burton
- Thank you to N. Copland Miller for the Memorial Park Cemetery clean up and acknowledging veterans.
- Future partnership with Neighborhood Associations to purchase flags.
- Plans to repair and upkeep Memorial Park Cemetery? (C. Burton)
- Parks and Recreation has been responsible for routine maintenance. (C. McCray)
- Thank you to the Public Safety Committee for their efforts on 34th Street and Cayuga Street
- Health Fair event date July 15th from 10 AM – 2 PM.
- Thanks to Mr. McCray and his staff for their efforts on May 13th. (D.M. James)
- Recognize living Veterans at Memorial Park Cemetery (D.M. James)
- FRA Conference opportunity. (F. Tate)

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

- Detective Williams provided update on the surveillance cameras for illegal dumping and two felony arrests. Public information for special solid waste pickups. (C. Williams)
- Tree Trimming update and pause of the program. Vendors will be asked to respond to an advertised RFP process.
- Residential Owner- Occupied Rehab Update
- Youth Leadership and Entrepreneurship Academy graduates
- Emergency Roofing Update (47 roofs completed)
- ETDPA Update (20 closings in FY23)
- Potter Elementary School Crosswalk Mural and acknowledge Brett Burks, ETCAC members and Neighborhood Associations that participated.
- Photos from various meetings and events.
- CDC of Tampa N. 48th Street properties update. Awaiting ribbon cutting date.
- The Skills Center Update.
- The Wellness Hub
- Discontinuation of CRA Subcommittees and process moving forward.
- East Tampa CRA Community Fair date.
- Alleyway update and proposed funding in the FY24 budget.
- ETCAC FY24 budget approved - \$10.1 Million in estimated (TIF)

- ETCRA purchased properties on Curtis Street and Osborne Avenue in the amount of \$2 million dollars.
- Concerns about the expedient purchase of the property and process. (N. Goodley, C. Burton, C. Paris)
- East Tampa Overlay update and approval
- Important dates and events.
- ETCRP elections applications and September 12th election date.
- East Tampa lots available for purchase (C. Burton)

VII. New Business/CAC Member Updates

- Elections process and potential changes moving forward. (F. Tate)
- Public Nuisance and Abatement Board and Code Enforcement and funding from the East Tampa CRA. We should not be spending funds on functions the City should be covered. (N. Goodley)

VIII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 P.M.

Next meeting: July 11, 2023, at 6 PM

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