

**WEST TAMPA COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AREA
COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

June 27, 2023 at 5:30 p.m.
Tampa River Center at Julian B. Lane Riverfront Park
402 W. Laurel Street
Tampa, FL 33607

MEETING MINUTES

Attendees

Committee Members: Carlos Ramirez, Chair; Joe Robinson, Vice-Chair; Heem Baisden; Michael Braccia; Jeanette LaRussa Fenton; Delphine Jones; Sandy Sanchez; Walter Smith II; Bobby Wilson; Tina Young

Absent: Shemeka Archer-Grundy; Janice Williams

Staff: Jesus Niño; Andrea Roshaven; Sgt. Roni Hill; Major Ruth Cate; Lt. Doug Groves; Chris Freeman; Tony Monk

- I. Meeting Called to Order
Mr. Ramirez opened the meeting of the West Tampa Community Advisory Committee at 5:30 p.m.
- II. Opening Comments & Roll Call
Ms. Roshaven completed the roll call and indicated a quorum was present.
- III. Public Comment
 - Joanne Gonzalez
 - Michael Randolph (virtual)
- IV. Community Policing Update
 - Sgt. Roni Hill and Major Ruth Cate provided information on crime statistics and police operations in the West Tampa CRA. TPD stressed the need for residents to lock their cars, especially those with firearms.
- V. Code Enforcement Update
 - Chris Freeman provided information on code violation statistics and operations in the West Tampa CRA. Mr. Freeman recommended individuals report potential violations to the Customer Service Center at (813) 274-5545.

Presentations & Ceremonies

- VI. Salcines Park and Rey Park Improvements
 - Angel Wood-Mark with Phinazee Construction and Consulting Services, Inc. introduced the project team: Rafael Faddul with Phinazee, John DeVitto with Clearview Land Design, Steven Green with Clearview Land Design, and Leslie Wooten with Land & Water Engineering Science (attended virtually).
 - Ms. Wood-Mark and Mr. DeVitto provided a brief presentation and PowerPoint on concepts for fountains at Salcines Park and the desired functionality of the Rey Park community center building.
 - Members provided feedback on the use of fountains and inclusive design concepts for making Salcines Park a community space and gateway for West Tampa.

- Members suggested Phinazee review all the previous CAC and community feedback provided to Parks regarding Rey Park and get creative with solving any challenges related to the building.

VII. West Tampa CRA Parking Study

- Richard Fangmann with Pond and Company provided a presentation and PowerPoint summarizing the West Tampa CRA Parking Study process, findings, and recommendations to be included in the final report.
- Members provided feedback and suggestions on content and structure of the final report.
- Mr. Smith had questions about who was included in the public input and where they lived.
 - Mr. Fangmann said he will send more detailed information about the public participation in the survey and meetings to Mr. Niño to share with the CAC.

Action Items

VIII. Approval of CAC Meeting Minutes

- Mr. Robinson made a motion to approve the May 23, 2023 CAC meeting minutes. Seconded by Ms. Sanchez. Motion passed unanimously.

IX. Election of Officers

- Mr. Robinson made a motion on elections for officers that the existing Chair and Vice-Chair be retained for one consecutive term, as allowed in Section 7 of the City of Tampa Community Redevelopment Agency Community Advisory Committee Policy (revised 6/13/2019). Seconded by Ms. Sanchez.
- Mr. Ramirez declined to be Chair again.
- Ms. Sanchez suggested Mr. Robinson be Chair and Mr. Ramirez be Vice-Chair.
- Ms. Fenton proposed an alternative nomination of Ms. Sanchez as Chair and Mr. Wilson as Vice-Chair.
- Mr. Niño explained the elections process and guidelines.
- Ms. Sanchez declined to be nominated as Chair.
- Ms. Fenton made a substitute alternative nomination of Mr. Wilson as Chair and Ms. Sanchez as Vice-Chair.
- Mr. Robinson withdrew his original motion and made a substitute motion to nominate himself as Chair and Mr. Ramirez as Vice-Chair for a two-year term. Seconded by Ms. Sanchez. Motion passed 7-1, with Mr. Ramirez, Mr. Smith, Mr. Wilson, Ms. Jones, Mr. Baisden, Mr. Robinson, and Ms. Sanchez voting yes and Ms. Fenton voting no.

Mr. Robinson assumed the Chair and continued the meeting.

Reports

X. Staff Report

- Mr. Niño updated members on the new estimated increment revenue for 2024 (\$8,540,399), which is about \$1 million more than the estimate used during the budget process at the May meeting. He stated the additional funding will be added to the Neighborhood Infrastructure Improvements budget line.
- Mr. Niño announced the Alleyway Pilot Project has kicked off.
- Mr. Niño said he would send members his monthly report within the next two days.

XI. General Discussion

- Mr. Wilson suggested the CAC have a special call workshop in August or September to discuss all the projects and initiatives for FY 2024.

- Mr. Wilson agreed to table the discussion about a special workshop until the July 25 CAC meeting.
- Mr. Niño discussed a community meeting being planned (date TBD) specifically for the Main Street Plan.
 - Members made recommendations on outreach for the Main Street meeting.
 - Mr. Niño said staff is including Janelle McGregor in the meeting planning.
- Ms. Sanchez spoke about the need to be involved in the current comprehensive plan amendment update process and strengthen the West Tampa Overlay.
- Ms. Jones brought up some questions from her community about the CRA cleanup and Residential Exterior Improvement grant.

XII. Announcements

XIII. Adjournment

Mr. Robinson adjourned the meeting at 8:48 p.m.