

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

February 28, 2023 at 5:30 p.m.
Hillsborough Education Foundation
2306 North Howard Avenue
Tampa, FL 33607

MINUTES

Attendees

Committee Members: Carlos Ramirez, Chair; Joe Robinson, Vice-Chair; Heem Baisden; Delphine Jones; Sandy Sanchez; Janice Williams; Michael Braccia; Jeanette LaRussa Fenton; Bobby Wilson

Excused: Walter Smith II

Absent: Tina Young

Staff: Jesus Niño; Andrea Roshaven

- I. Meeting Called to Order
Mr. Ramirez opened the meeting of the West Tampa Community Advisory Committee at 5:31 p.m.
- II. Opening Comments & Roll Call
 - Ms. Roshaven completed the roll call and indicated a quorum was present.
- III. Public Comment
Cheryl Patterson thanked CRA members for attending the Stop the Violence event on February 4.

Mr. Ramirez requested that staff send text-based emails to all CAC members the day before the CAC meeting as a reminder.

Presentations & Ceremonies

- IV. Update on Rome Yard Project
Deputy Administrator for Development and Economic Opportunity Abbye Feeley and Peter Van Warner with the Related Group provided an update on the Rome Yard Project, including a community event on March 14 and a rezoning hearing on March 23. Mr. Van Warner provided a PowerPoint presentation showing the planned redevelopment.

Reports

- V. Community Policing Update
Lt. Doug Groves provided a verbal update on area crime statistics and community policing focus activities in the West Tampa CRA.

Mr. Braccia made a motion to add the Rey Park Design-Build Initial Agreement to the agenda. Seconded by Ms. Sanchez. Amended by Mr. Robinson to add to the agenda as the first Action Item and hear the Code Enforcement Update before Action Items. The motion passed unanimously.

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- VI. Code Enforcement Update
Code Enforcement Officer Chris Freeman with Neighborhood Enhancement provided a verbal update on the status and numbers of Code cases and compliance activities in the West Tampa CRA.

Action Items

- VII. Rey Park Design-Build Initial Agreement
Tony Monk with Parks and Recreation and Thomas Hester with Contract Administration discussed the Design-Build Initial Services Agreement with Phinazee for Rey Park Improvements.
- Mr. Robinson made a motion to recommend approval of the Design-Build Initial Services Agreement with Phinazee for Rey Park Improvements. Seconded by Mr. Braccia. Passed 9-0.
- VIII. Approval of Subcommittee Members
Mr. Niño provided an overview of an updated legal opinion on subcommittee meeting requirements. Staff provided a list of current invited participants for the six existing subcommittees for CAC approval to set membership and quorum numbers for each subcommittee.
- Mr. Robinson made a motion to approve the provided list of subcommittee members. Seconded by Mr. Wilson. Passed unanimously.
 - Staff will contact all the subcommittee members before the next CAC meeting to confirm their interest and ability to continue participating and bring back updates at the next CAC meeting.
 - **Mr. Ramirez stated that, as Chair, he will automatically excuse any CAC member from a CAC meeting as long as they contact him or staff before the meeting. If no notice is provided, they will be unexcused.**
- IX. Staff Report
Mr. Niño provided a written staff report for review.
- Ms. Fenton and multiple CAC members requested a copy of the PowerPoint presentation provided to CRA Board by Administrator Nicole Travis at the Feb. 9, 2023, meeting on proposed reorganization of the CRA staff.
 - Staff will send the video link and PowerPoint to all CAC members.
- X. General Discussion & CAC Subcommittees
Committee members discussed information provided in the staff report and the status of subcommittee activities.
- Staff will provide a monthly report on grant status, including new grant applications, completed grants, and all locations that have been awarded grants.
 - Mr. Robinson made a motion for staff to provide a list of City-owned properties within the West Tampa CRA available for redevelopment. Seconded by Ms. Fenton. Passed unanimously.
 - Mr. Robinson made a motion for staff to work with the Planning Commission for official designation of 2101 W. Main Street as a park. Seconded by Mr. Wilson. Passed unanimously.
 - Mr. Robinson made a motion for staff to examine the possibilities of a design competition, where the CAC would establish the budget, for Main Street and Howard Avenue, and be brought back to the Infrastructure Subcommittee for further movement. Amended by Mr. Wilson to a design-build competition. Seconded by Ms. Sanchez. Passed unanimously.

- Ms. Sanchez made a motion to use the City procurement process for the CRA to directly fund the Legacy Mural and traffic box wraps projects. Seconded by Mr. Robinson. Passed unanimously.
- Ms. Sanchez made a motion, amended by Mr. Robinson, to send a letter to City administration requesting the West Tampa CRA Community Advisory Committee be included in the development and concept of the Soul Walk when it comes across the river to West Tampa. Seconded by Ms. Fenton. Passed unanimously.

XI. Announcements

XII. Adjournment

Mr. Ramirez adjourned the meeting at 8:58 p.m.

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