

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

May 23, 2023 at 5:30 p.m.
Hillsborough Education Foundation
2306 North Howard Avenue
Tampa, FL 33607

MEETING MINUTES

Attendees

Committee Members: Carlos Ramirez, Chair; Joe Robinson, Vice-Chair; Heem Baisden; Delphine Jones; Janice Williams; Michael Braccia; Jeanette LaRussa Fenton; Bobby Wilson; Tina Young; Shemeka Archer-Grundy

Absent: Walter Smith II; Sandy Sanchez (attended virtually)

Staff: Jesus Niño; Andrea Roshaven; Lt. Doug Groves

- I. Meeting Called to Order
Mr. Ramirez opened the meeting of the West Tampa Community Advisory Committee at 5:43 p.m.
- II. Opening Comments & Roll Call
Ms. Roshaven completed the roll call and indicated a quorum was present.
- III. Public Comment
 - Dwight Bolden
 - Cheryl Patterson
 - Jessie Flowers
 - Michael Randolph (virtual)
- IV. Community Policing Update
Lt. Groves provided information on crime statistics and police operations in the West Tampa CRA.

Action Items

- V. Approval of CAC Meeting Minutes
 - Mr. Braccia made a motion to approve the April 25, 2023 Special Budget Workshop meeting minutes. Seconded by Mr. Robinson. Motion passed unanimously.
 - Mr. Wilson made a motion to approve the April 25, 2023 CAC meeting minutes. Seconded by Mr. Robinson. Motion passed unanimously.
- VI. West Tampa CRA FY 2024 Budget
Mr. Niño provided an overview of the CRA budget process and the worksheet provided to the members with staff-recommended balanced budget allocations for the anticipated FY 2024 West Tampa CRA revenue. Mr. Niño clarified that budget reprogramming can occur anytime, and the FY 2024 recommendations are only for the new revenue and not to reprogram already budgeted/available funds.

- Mr. Robinson made a motion to approve Section I, Operations & Administration, of the proposed FY 2024 West Tampa CRA Budget as presented by staff on the worksheet. Seconded by Mr. Baisden. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Robinson made a motion for staff to immediately provide the CAC members with the executed copy of the amended agreement between the CRA Board and the City of Tampa. Seconded by Mr. Wilson. Motion passed unanimously.

- Mr. Robinson made a motion to approve Section II, Professional Services, of the proposed FY 2024 West Tampa CRA Budget as presented by staff on the worksheet, with the modification of changing line Professional Planner to Professional Planning Firm. Seconded by Ms. Fenton. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Robinson made a motion for staff to provide the Florida Attorney General opinion referenced by Morris Massey regarding funding events with CRA funds. Seconded by Ms. Archer-Grundy. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Robinson made a motion to update the West Tampa CRA website that there is no more funding available for special events. Seconded by Mr. Wilson. Motion passed unanimously.

- Mr. Wilson made a motion to approve Section III, Marketing & Community Engagement, of the proposed FY 2024 West Tampa CRA Budget as presented by staff on the worksheet. Seconded by Mr. Robinson. Motion passed unanimously, with Ms. Archer-Grundy absent.
- Mr. Robinson made a motion to approve Section IV, Redevelopment Investment, of the proposed FY 2024 West Tampa CRA Budget as presented by staff on the worksheet. Seconded by Mr. Braccia. Motion passed unanimously, with Ms. Archer-Grundy absent.
- Mr. Robinson made a motion to approve Section V, Affordable Housing Initiatives, of the proposed FY 2024 West Tampa CRA Budget as presented by staff on the worksheet. Seconded by Ms. Fenton. Motion passed unanimously, with Ms. Archer-Grundy absent.
- Mr. Robinson made a motion to approve Section VI, Infrastructure & Capital Projects, of the proposed FY 2024 West Tampa CRA Budget as presented by staff on the worksheet, with the addition of a line for Martin Luther King Center Park. Seconded by Mr. Baisden. Motion passed unanimously, with Ms. Archer-Grundy absent.
- Mr. Robinson made a motion to approve Section VII, Transportation/Mobility, of the proposed FY 2024 West Tampa CRA Budget as presented by staff on the worksheet at \$0. Seconded by Mr. Baisden. Motion passed unanimously, with Ms. Archer-Grundy absent.
- Mr. Wilson made a motion to approve Section VIII, Community Policing, of the proposed FY 2024 West Tampa CRA Budget as presented by staff on the worksheet. Seconded by Mr. Robinson. Motion passed unanimously, with Ms. Archer-Grundy absent.
- Mr. Braccia made a motion to approve Section IX, Historic Preservation, of the proposed FY 2024 West Tampa CRA Budget as presented by staff on the worksheet. Seconded by Mr. Wilson. Motion passed unanimously, with Ms. Archer-Grundy and Ms. Fenton absent.
- Mr. Robinson made a motion to approve Section X, Quality of Life & Community Improvement, of the proposed FY 2024 West Tampa CRA Budget as presented by staff on the worksheet, with addition of two lines: Tree Trimming Howard and Main Street Corridor and Fencing. Seconded by Mr. Wilson. Motion passed unanimously, with Ms. Archer-Grundy absent.
- Mr. Robinson made a motion to approve Section XI, Debt Service, of the proposed FY 2024 West Tampa CRA Budget as presented by staff on the worksheet at \$0. Seconded by Mr. Wilson. Motion passed unanimously, with Ms. Archer-Grundy absent.

Old Business

Reports

VII. Staff Report

- Mr. Niño updated members that the CRA Board approved funding at the May 11, 2023 meeting for the Clean Team to increase service to 7 days a week and the alleyway cleanup.

VIII. General Discussion

IX. Announcements

- Mr. Ramirez reminded the members of the Grand Opening and Memorial Day Ceremony at the Vila Brothers Park on May 29. A handout provided by Ms. Sanchez was provided to all members.
- Ms. Roshaven provided a printed update on the Hillsborough County's West Tampa Library Renovation. The library is anticipated to close for the renovation work in early July, with the renovation being completed in Summer 2024.
- Ms. Jones and Mr. Robinson discussed the Memorial Park Cemetery Cleanup on May 27 and the 100-year celebration dedication of the Florida Negro World-War Veterans Memorial on May 30, 2023.

X. Adjournment

Mr. Ramirez adjourned the meeting at 7:56 p.m.