

**West Tampa Community Redevelopment Area
Advisory Committee**

Meeting Minutes

January 24, 2017

**West Tampa Library
2312 W. Union Street**

Attendees

Committee Members: Joe Robinson, Chair; Kenneth Perry, Vice-Chair; Benjamin Buckley; Dedrick Jackson; Delphine Jones; Marvin Knight; Carlos Ramirez; Jeffrey Rhodes; Emanuel Wilson

Excused: Tina Young, Walter Smith II, and Ed Turanchik

Staff: Malcolm Kiner, Urban Development Manager
Michelle Van Loan, Economic Development Staff

I. Welcome / Introductions

Mr. Robinson opened the regular meeting of the West Tampa Community Redevelopment Area Advisory Committee at 5:30 p.m. on January 24, 2017.

Mr. Robinson excused Ms. Young and Mr. Smith II from the meeting.

Mr. Robinson introduced Malcolm Kiner as the new West Tampa CRA Redevelopment Manager. Mr. Kiner introduced himself and provided an overview of his past CRA experience. Mr. Kiner will continue setting up meetings with each member of the WTCAC.

II. Meeting Minutes November 29, 2016

A motion to approve the November 29, 2016 meeting minutes was made by Mr. Perry and seconded by Mr. Buckley. The motion passed unanimously.

III. Tampa Police Department Update

Mr. Robinson noted a robbery at 2301 Howard (Ray Park) and a person robbed at gunpoint on their front porch at 2901 Pine Street.

Mr. Robinson requested that TPD be at next meeting and explain how the robbery detail is addressing these occurrences.

IV. Strategic Action Plan Update

Mr. Kiner indicated that the RFQ for a Strategic Plan Consultant closed on 1/19/2017. He expects to receive a short list about four weeks after the closure date. Mr. Robinson indicated that the CAC members would be notified of the interview date and time, and that the CAC members were welcome to attend to observe the interview process.

Mr. Perry moved to accept the Strategic Action Plan Draft Scope of Work as final. Mr. Buckley seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

V. FDOT Community Advisory Committee

FDOT is “Resetting” the TBX project and focusing on a more community-oriented process. FDOT is asking for a participant and alternate from the WTCAC to be a member of their newly-formed advisory committee.

Mr. Jackson will be the designated member

Mr. Buckley will be the alternate

FDOT presented and overview of their new approach to the TBX project. Their presentation with PowerPoint can be viewed at the January 19 CRA meeting. Item F or at 15:09:

http://65.49.32.148/Presentation/TampaCity/e8ceecf-61e5-4d37-9223-dec941aab0ed/CRA%201-19-17/presentation_file/mgpresenter.html?GUID=e8ceecf-61e5-4d37-9223-dec941aab0ed

VI. General Discussion & Questions

Ms. Jones brought up issues regarding West Riverfront Park.

- There was supposed to be a historic component
- The City was supposed to be soliciting input from the community on the art work
- 5 designs for the art work have been made public but they did not address the issues previously discussed
- No one has contacted Ms. Jones

Ms. Jones Moved, seconded by Mr. Rhodes, that the City attend the WTCAC meeting and address their process and their plans for community involvement and the historic component to the artwork. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Robinson announced the projects he received “Good Neighbor” notices on.

- 808/810/812 Howard: 801/811 N. Armenia: 2310 W. State: 2315 W. Lemon
 - Public Hearings for development agreement January 12 and 26

Mr. Ramirez moved that City and/or TECO come to address lighting for West Tampa. Seconded by Mr. Perry and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Buckley addressed the following:

- The CAC members need to be more purposeful in their interactions with the community.
- CRA TIF funding should not be used for items that others should be paying for.
- FY17 budget of about \$450,000 and the community now has a chance to make their priorities known.

Mr. Buckley moved, and Mr. Ramirez seconded, that Mr. Kiner will inform WTCAC members of any ribbon cuttings, ground breakings, events, etc... within the CRA.

VII. Announcements & Public Comment

Mr. Bolden provided a discussion on:

- Article on the Midtown CRA and the closing of a Walmart
- Information on Salcines Park
 - History
 - Community use in park
 - Current condition of the park and mural
 - Need for improvements
 - Mural and the wall structure
 - Reset the tables, canopy, proper lighting
 - Proper bus stop that ties into the Park
 - Discussion of who should fund the improvements: City, County, HART

Ms. Young has been working on this issue.

Mr. Jackson motioned that the Parks & Recreation department come to the WTCAC meeting to address their plans for Salcines Park, if any and funding. Mr. Wilson seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Robinson announced:

- The N. Boulevard homes will be coming down
- The developer for the Tribune site may be looking at a senior facility at Rome and Main.
- Housing Authority is partnering with 8 Degrees media for a media/journalism project on February 28 at THA.

Mr. Jackson invited everyone to participate in WURK radio as it is a vital tool for staying connected with the community. www.wurkradio.org

Mr. Robinson would like to have an annual Historical and Cultural Heritage Festival for West Tampa.

- Area to be cleaned two weeks before the event
- Area of Howard/Albany/Union by Main St and then move to Julian B. Lane Park when it is complete
- To be funded by CRA, possible seed money of \$30,000
- Festival vendors
- Possible to be held sometime in October
- Focus on Hispanic/Black heritage of West Tampa
- Focus on local businesses and entertainment
- Get sponsor and maybe have an event coordinator

Mr. Perry moved to pursue the concept of the festival as discussed by Mr. Robinson, with the funding to be determined at a later date. Seconded by Mr. Jackson and passed unanimously.

Mr. Patrick Baymont introduced himself. He can introduce the CAC to an event coordinator from Oldsmar. He also informed the community that he is looking for space to put his manufacturing company in West Tampa. Company makes green cleaning chemicals and is looking to bring jobs to the community.

West Tampa Alliance Juneteenth event, can the CRA assist with funding for the event? Mr. Robinson agreed to discuss at a future date.

Mr. Shaw's Office is coordinating a West Tampa cleanup on February 25: Library to Albany and Main to Spruce.

Mr. Shaw also coordinated a bus tour with local businesses to show off the Howard/Main Street corridors. They will be doing another tour in the future.

Ms. Meade suggested that the CAC have the Land Use Development and Parks and Recreation staff come talk to the CAC about event planning, process, permits, costs, etc....

General comments:

- Difficult to find information on CAC meeting times
- Not much utilization of Ray Park
- Need for lighting on Rome, Main Street to Kennedy
- Need to brand the CAC, get out to the community
- Push City on community input on artwork at Julian B. Lane Park
- Property values in Hillsborough County are up 14%
- Need to push Tampa Housing Authority for getting displaced families back into community
- There was a land swap with the Housing Authority for ball fields
- Is anyone addressing the loss to local businesses when those families moved out?

Meeting adjourned at 7:12 pm.

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I. Welcome / Introductions

Mr. Robinson opened the regular meeting of the West Tampa Community Redevelopment Area Advisory Committee at 5:34 p.m. on February 28, 2017.

Mr. Robinson excused Mr. Perry, Mr. Smith II, and Mr. Turanchik from the meeting.

II. Meeting Minutes January 24, 2017

A motion to approve the January 24, 2017 meeting minutes as amended was made by Mr. Ramirez and seconded by Mr. Rhodes. The motion passed unanimously.

III. Tampa Police Department Update

Officer Stevens provided TPD overview.

- Please remind neighbors and your associations to have residents lock their cars and do NOT leave valuables in cars.
- TPD will only address loitering during business hours at the request of a business.
- TPD will respond to blocked right of way and streets.

CAC members reported:

- Businesses on Main Street are again experiencing loitering youth, urinating in alleys both during day and nighttime.
 - Please have officers meet with the business owners.
 - Signs regarding No Loitering also give perception of an issue in the area. Prefer Coty signs versus private signs.
- North Hyde Park Civic Association is experiencing issues with student renters having parties late into the evening, noise, and petty vandalism.
 - Ms. Jones will provide information to Mr. Ramirez.
- Need to ticket for littering.

- West Tampa would like to see a TPD Community Conversation in our community.
- The 5 Minute parking signs are no longer enforceable and City Council is discussing this issue.

IV. Staff Reports

Strategic Actions Plan: Mr. Kiner announced that the interviews for the three short-listed firms for the WT Strategic Action Plan would take place on March 13, 2017 at 9:00 am in the City Council Chambers. The firms are:

- GAI Consultants, Inc.
- Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc.
- SM&E, Inc.

Points were added in the technical review for historical district experience.

Salcines Park: Currently the Parks and Recreation Department and the City do not have plans for improvements to the park. Last year there were new trees planted, new tree grates installed, and a general clean up.

The Mural cannot be repaired until the wall it is located on is repaired. Currently researching if any city funds are available for the needed wall repairs.

Inquiry if the wall currently meets building codes and can code enforcement force the city to make the repairs.

Street Lighting: Mr. Kiner handed out the map of street lights in the West Tampa community. Additional lighting upgrades will occur in West Tampa during the next phase of City upgrades.

Rome from Columbus to Kennedy needs sidewalks and lighting. That area has many walkers to access Walmart and the other businesses/services on Kennedy in that area.

A stop light is being designed for Kennedy and Rome intersection.

Julian B. Lane Park art work: Mr. Kiner reported that the park will have six different art installations. The historical art installation does not have an artist yet and the process for developing the concept will be handled through a public input process.

Other installations include mosaic tiles at the restrooms, gateway pylons, county art piece at the dock.

Mr. Josh Pierson inquired who to contact to be considered as an artist for the project.

West Tampa Proposed Festival: Mr. Kiner handed out general, standard costs charged by the City for special events.

Discussion:

- Consider starting the festival when it can be held at Julian B. Lane Park as the park is being designed for entertainment.
 - Restrooms would be available
 - Streets would not need to be closed
 - Parking available
 - Less cost for police

- Several events have been held in the past in WT. Considering coordinating and learning from their experiences.
- Businesses would prefer the event on Main Street. The event would bring focus to Main St., clean up the area, and provide exposure for the local businesses. Businesses are really struggling since the closure of North boulevard Homes and the loss of residents.
- Festival should be alcohol and drug free.
- Festival should highlight the history of Main Street.
- Organizers should pull together and coordinate with the other groups passionate about WT and already holding events, such as the Juneteenth Celebration. Attend this year's Juneteenth Celebration with an eye to how the event is planned and implemented. Use it as a model to build off of.
- Consider investing in the Juneteenth Celebration. The community has come together and been doing this event on their own for several years.
- Event should be multi-cultural and positive, focused on the people.

Mr. Robinson indicated that at the next meeting he will be asking the CAC to form a committee to investigate and develop recommendations to bring back to the CAC for moving forward on a festival. All of the above will be considered.

V. Report on Hillsborough County School District Full Service Centers

Ms. Conchita Canty-Jones presented information on the two Full Service Centers for the Hillsborough County Public Schools. Purpose of the centers is to connect students and families to resources to aid in removing barriers to student learning.

- Just Service Center, 1315 Spruce
- Sanchez School Resource Center, 2100 E. 26th Avenue
- Provide parent and student assistance and family engagement.
- Will assist in assessing the needs of the child/family
- Programs are provided for all students in the district
- Goal is for 90% graduation rate by 2020.
- Even if you do not have children you are affected by the well-being of the children in your area.

VI. General Discussion & Questions

Ms. Jones and the CAC acknowledged all the community members in attendance. Without their participation and voice, it becomes difficult to advocate on behalf of the community. We need to spread the word to neighbors to attend and get involved.

Mr. Rhodes requested that Code Enforcement attend a future meeting.

Mr. Buckley indicated he would like to have the CAC look into the possibility of student scholarships.

Mr. Robinson reiterated the need for asset maps of the amenities and resources of the West Tampa community which will be a part of the Strategic Action Plan.

CAC requested that the West Tampa business list be sent out again to members.

Need to look at how to assist the businesses on Main Street in taking advantages of the large events Downtown and in neighboring areas.

Need to look at potential funding sources for addressing Main Street, possibly Tallahassee.

Also need to look into bringing the Film Institute into the area.

Mr. Robinson discussed 83° news online as a venue for promoting positive stories about West Tampa.

VII. Announcements & Public Comment

Pastor Tucker announced that the next meeting of the planning committee for the Juneteenth event will be March 9, 2017 at 2:30. 2001 Albany. All are welcome to attend.

Ms. Meade announced that the next meetings for the InVision Streetcar Plan are as follows:

- 3/7 at the Tampa Bay History Center, 5:30-7:30 PM. Free parking in the Blue lot
- 4/4 Technology Alignment Initiative, Tampa Bay History Center, 5:30-7:30 PM. Free parking in the Blue lot
- 5/2 Results of the public meetings and input, HCC Ybor Campus

The Old West Tampa HOA meets the last Monday of each month at the library.

Mr. Robinson and Mr. Kiner explained that no money has been expended from the West Tampa TIF funds for the CRA. The entire adopted funding is still available.

Concern that the “Village” feel of the West Tampa community is slowly being destroyed.

- Suggestion that the CRA purchase key vacant parcels for future directed development and parking facilities before prices rise too much and only developers can afford to purchase.
- Main Street businesses need parking. New businesses cannot open without additional parking.

Ms. Mattear reported that Representative Shaw’s office coordinated a community cleanup which went well. They recommend looking into routine cleanups as areas can become dirty again quickly.

Meeting adjourned at 7:43 pm.

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I. Welcome / Introductions

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Mr. Robinson excused Mr. Rhodes and Mr. Smith II from the meeting.

II. Meeting Minutes February 28, 2017

A motion to approve the February 28, 2017 meeting minutes as amended was made by Mr. Buckley and seconded by Mr. Jackson. The motion passed unanimously.

III. Tampa Police Department Update

Officer Jacobs provided TPD overview.

- Crime in West Tampa and City-wide is going down. Police Chief has been pulling together teams to address specific issues.
- Call into police any activity that “doesn’t look right.”

IV. Staff Reports

Strategic Actions Plan: Mr. Kiner provided a brief overview of the selection process and the interviews of the three finalist firms for the WT Strategic Action Plan on March 13, 2017.

- Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc. was ranked as the top firm after the interviews
 - Keith Greminger is team lead
 - Fred Hearnese is a sub-consultant
 - Stephanie Ferrell is a sub-consultant for historic preservation
- City is now proceeding with negotiations on the scope of work and expect to start the

contract mid/end June.

- Spending priorities for the scope of work will also come back to the CAC for consideration.

Mr. Robinson thanked the City and James Jackson for accommodating West Tampa with additional qualification criteria for Historical Preservation focus and the transparency of the process.

Julian B. Lane Park Art Selection Process: Mr. James Jackson reviewed the number of art pieces in the park, the focus and location of each art installation, and process for selecting artist and final design. Location map being provided to Mr. Kiner.

The final art installation to be worked on is the historical art piece which will be located inside the building to protect and preserve the art piece. This piece would be dwarfed by the size of the park if placed outside. Piece has a more prominent position by being placed within the building.

- Budget is \$100,000
- Seeking artist to create a piece that fits the space and with expertise/focus on historical pieces.
 - Three artists identified so far.
 - Malcolm Kiner will be on the selection committee
- Once an artist is chosen, engagement with the public will begin most likely in next 60 days.
 - Fred Hearn is on the project and is the fact checker for all information included in the art work.
- Art piece
 - Type of art medium is unknown at this time
 - Art work will address:
 - Julian B. Lane as Mayor
 - West Tampa history
 - Julian B. Lane Park itself
- Markers will be located in the park, but are considered separate from the actual art installations.
- Additional discussion items:
 - Renaming of 14th Street is still on the table
 - Renaming of W. Fortune Street to honor the lady who donated the land is unknown, but naming an area of the park in her honor may also be an option.

Mr. Robinson pointed out that over time the park may evolve and additional art and markers may be added.

State Legislation: Mr. Kiner updated the committee on two bills affecting the CRAs and moving through the Florida House and Senate. The proposed legislation would severely limit the investments and improvements the CRAs would be allowed to spend TIF funding on. The Florida Redevelopment Association and Florida League of Cities oppose the legislation. The Tampa CRA Board is sending a letter opposing the legislation.

Mr. Turanchik moved that Mr. Kiner draft a letter in opposition to both bills to be signed by the CAC Chair. Motion seconded by Mr. Perry and approved unanimously.

Salcines Park: Mr. Kiner reported that the City has someone to restore the mural but that first need to address the issues with the wall. He will report back once he has costs and options. At this time Parks and Recreation has no plans to address the rest of the Park.

V. Requests to Address the Advisory Committee

Rebuilding Together Tampa Bay (RTTB): Mr. Jose Garcia, Executive Director RTTB assists with residential rehabilitation for low-income residents.

- In 2014 launched Healthy Neighborhood in Sulphur Springs
- Replicating program now in West Tampa for 260 homes
 - Year 1: 35 homes for homes with children
 - One home complete on 2341 W. Palmetto, 5 more homes on Albany and a day care
 - Grand Opening April 19 and 20. CAC and community welcome
 - 4/29, 5/20 National Reveal Days
 - Exterior paint, minor and safety repairs, yard maintenance
 - Area: Armenia to Rome, Palmetto to I 275
 - Need more applicants for year 1. Have about 14-15 and need 17 more by May 20.
 - Year 2: 70 homes
 - Year 3: 100 homes
 - Year 4: Hoping to receive a grant from Home Depot to address Veteran housing
- Partnered with Argosy University to collect data on improved health in the home after improvements
- Partnered in the past with City of Tampa Housing Division on owner-occupied rehab work, support letters, etc....

Housing and Community Development Division, City of Tampa: Qiana Daughtry Ms. Daughtry provided an overview of the assistance programs provided through their division. All reports are posted on their website.

- 5 Year Strategic Plan that includes annual action plan process for spending priorities
 - Includes input from community on needs and priorities
- Provided the annual Action Plan and reviewed the development process for the Plan
- Provided list of grants and funding sources available by category
- Explained the services and assistance covered by each of the funding sources
- Explained the process for partnering with vendor to provide the services
- Reviewed the FY18 allocation of funds
- Provided a brief review of the housing assistance program and process
- Funds are reimbursed to service provided
- At end of April, the Housing Division will announce the dates for accepting applications for the housing rehabilitation program.
- RFP process for projects: CDBG; Hopwa; and then ESG

As part of the process, Housing is providing brief surveys to obtain the needs and opinions of the community. Survey is also posted on website.

VI. General Discussion & Questions

Ms. Young moved and Mr. Jackson seconded a motion that for all future meetings, any presentations will be in powerpoint or presenter must supply enough hard copies for all in attendance. Motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Young personally walked Main Street to go out and talk to the local business people to get them more engaged and handed out flyers.

Many people do not have mailboxes and we need a program to address that like they have in Sulphur Springs.

- Possible mailbox designs will be presented at next meeting.

Mr. Robinson feels that it is important to have a festival focused on the history and culture of West Tampa. The Chair appointed Ms. Tina Young to chair a subcommittee to research the issue and report back to the CAC.

VII. Announcements & Public Comment

Ms. Fenton has been hired by the West Tampa Chamber as a consultant.

The CRA legislation empowered local people to improve their communities as it put funding and inclusive decision-making process in place. That is now being threatened by pending legislation. Everyone needs to contact their elected officials on these sub-committees and let them know we oppose it.

- Unfortunately these bills are moving very quickly through the committees and legislature.

The most historical house in West Tampa is not documented. 1919 Walnut.

- Mr. Jose Garcia will look into this.

Salcines Park as a whole needs to be addressed, not just the mural.

Homeless issue at Salcines Park.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm.

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April 25, 2017

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Excused: Jeffrey Rhodes, Walter Smith II, Carlos Ramirez, and Marvin Knight

Staff: Malcolm Kiner, Urban Development Manager
Michelle Van Loan, Economic Development Staff

I. Welcome / Introductions

Mr. Robinson opened the regular meeting of the West Tampa Community Redevelopment Area Advisory Committee at 5:35 p.m. on April 25, 2017.

Mr. Robinson excused Jeffrey Rhodes, Walter Smith II, Carlos Ramirez, and Marvin Knight from the meeting.

II. Meeting Minutes March 28, 2017

A motion to approve the March 28, 2017 meeting minutes as amended was made by Mr. Perry and seconded by Mr. Buckley. The motion passed unanimously.

III. Tampa Police Department Update

Lt. Groves provided TPD overview.

- 5 cars were burgled in 4 incidents. 3 of the 5 cars were unlocked.
 - Please don't make your vehicle a target. Lock all doors and do not keep valuables in plain sight or in the vehicle at all.
- Two homes and one business were broken into.
- A couple of robberies: in front of the post office and at school.
- Shoot out at Salcines Park and arrests made.
- If a business or resident has a security camera on their property, it is helpful to register it with the Tampa Police Department.

Mr. Robinson also noted that we can expect an increase in crime once school is out.

Mr. Robinson also reported a murder at 1937 Union.

Homeless issues noted at Salcines Park and no sign at Salcines stating park closes at dusk.

TPD Homeless Initiative

Officer Daniel McDonald: 813-242-3825, Daniel.McDonald@tampagov.net

The current approach of TPD in addressing homeless persons is to assist in linking people in need with services and housing. They are no longer trying to “arrest away” the issue. Currently two officers are assigned to the Homeless Initiative. It costs \$30,000 a year to jail someone and only \$12,000 a year to house them.

- Most homeless are reluctant and distrustful and so much of the officers’ work is building the relationship and trust so that the person in need will agree to receive assistance. There are always some that remain chronically homeless.
- The Ordinance that addresses belongings of the homeless is aimed at prohibiting public storage and camping/living in parks, not people who are pushing along or with their belongings.
- TPD needs to have a trespass affidavit on file to address issues on private property.
- TPD and Tampa Housing Authority are regularly checking the vacated N. Boulevard Homes property until they are demolished. Vacant homes owned by banks are checked by the police.
- FDOT handles issues that occur beneath the underpasses.
- Call into police if you see squatters in vacant properties/homes.
 - Can indicate that police should not contact complainant
- Grace Point has a “one point entry” for mental health and substance abuse services.

Community Concerns:

- People are coming into area on weekends for drug activity, prostitution, and drug houses are appearing again.
 - Info is being turned into FDLE so that their multi-faceted agency and partner agencies can address.

IV. Tampa Neighborhood Enhancement

Ryan Shephard and Carlos Rios, Acting Supervisor in West District.

- West District has a Supervisor, senior inspector and 5 inspectors.
- 8,796 Cases opened by inspectors and 21,000 cases initiated by citizens.
- In west Tampa:
 - From 275 north: 544 citizen complaints, 344 inspector initiated cases
 - From 275 south: 810 citizen complaints, 303 inspector initiated cases
- Code Enforcement works closely with TPD, Homeless Initiative, and Neighborhood Enhancement Team.
- Main category of issues being investigated are no building permits, demolition, litter accumulation, transportation issues, environmental issues.
- The team tries not to be “nitpicky”, but all violations are important.
- The team was at Main Street the other day addressing litter abatement.

Community Concerns:

- Elderly residents are being cited and it is scaring them as they are not immediately understanding what to do or what it means.
 - Code Enforcement does not normally know the age of who is living at house. That information is not with the owner’s information.

- They try to make contact with the person living on the premises first.
- If no contact is made, a citation is left, which will hopefully then start a conversation with the resident.
- We are now a “kinder/gentler” Code Enforcement than in years past.

V. Staff Reports

Strategic Actions Plan: The draft agreement is in legal review and Mr. Kiner may request a special meeting to review proposal and schedule

Projected FY2018 Budget: The proposed draft FY2018 budget is still very preliminary and is built from a 4% increase from FY20017. As projected revenues are received from the County Property Appraiser over next couple of months, the budget will be updated. The FY2018 budget will include a percentage of staff salaries and office costs, whereas the FY2017 budget did not. The Neighborhood Infrastructure line item is used as a catchall line item from which the specific projects can be funded from as they are decided and approved.

Mr. Robinson would prefer that the catchall line item be called “Special Programs.”

State Legislation Update: Ms. Van Loan reported that HB13 had been voted out of the three committees it was assigned to. As currently written, CRAs would only be allowed to spend TIF funding on: Community Policing, Affordable Housing, and land acquisition and clearance/preparation for development. The Senate does not have a companion Bill at this time. If the House approves HB13, the Senate may choose to bring HB13 to their floor for consideration. Staff will keep everyone posted as the process continues.

Salcines Park: Mr. Kiner reported that Parks and Recreation Department is obtaining costs for the repair of the wall that the mural is painted on. City Council has weighed in on this issue and support improvements being addressed. The park will also receive a general cleaning and power washing. It was also learned that Parks and Recreation pays for a security guard to visit the parks between 8 PM and midnight. Police should be contacted for any concerns after midnight and in case of emergencies in the parks.

Parks and Recreation Security: 813-931-2168

Ms. Young made a motion to have Parks and Recreation come to next meeting to discuss park security. Mr. Wilson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

VI. Requests to Address the Advisory Committee

USF Service Learning Class Report: Dr. Ersing and Manuel Rivera
USF class research project conducted fall, 2016 to conduct an Asset Assessment of West Tampa, with a focus on effects of redevelopment in the area. (pdf of presentation available)

- Purpose: to collect perceptions and experiences of those who live and work in West Tampa.
 - Seniors – 4 participants
 - Youth – 10 participants including those who provide services to youth
 - Businesses – 6 participants
 - Workforce/unemployed – 0 participants

- Focus of questions:
 - What is good about West Tampa
 - What has changed in past 5 years
 - What do you see in next 5 years
 - What message would you like to send to Tampa officials
- Overview of results:
 - Good about West Tampa –
 - Close to downtown
 - Central location and sociability of the community
 - Tight-knit, family community
 - Parks
 - Seeing some progress in community and less crime
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 - Challenges/Changes
 - Loss of customers with closing of N. Boulevard Homes
 - No continuous path of travel, sidewalks, need lighting
 - Need mass transit, and walkability
 - Quality of education, schools in area
 - Trash and debris is a concern, no containers for disposal
 - Affordable housing during a redevelopment boom
 - Planning process is not inclusive
 - Crime that still exists, domestic violence issues
 - Looking Forward
 - Need to take advantage of manufacturing and apprentice/training programs
 - Need grants/subsidies to get through the development transition period for housing projects and drastic loss of residents
 - Concern about businesses remaining viable during redevelopment and then rebuilding a customer base
 - Need resources to market to new customers/residents
 - Building too much new housing without the supporting infrastructure and amenities
 - Please do not reroute Bus 7
 - Concern about the design of new private sector development within our historic district
 - Need higher quality businesses, eateries, services
 - Need parking
 - Need more community activities

THA West River Plan Update: David Iloanya provided update and handout.

- THA completed relocation of all residents out of N. Boulevard Homes.
- Next developments are the T1 and T3 areas on map and funding is in place
- Three projects under construction in next year.
 - T1 – 160 units for senior housing
 - Only site requesting a parking reduction, 20%
 - T3 – 200-250 units for families, including Head Start location
 - 80% affordable, 20% market rate
 - All parking for these locations will be on site and within the individual site
 - No net loss of affordable housing units from what was to what will be built
- Bethune will be renovated and funding is in place

- Phase 1 Demolition is expected to begin in June
- Land swap is under contract and expected to close by end of the year
- Existing ball fields will remain in use until new fields are built
- The Master Plan includes a county services building to be within the development with no loss of services to community.
- Head Start:
 - Facility on Rome will continue
 - Administration building on Main will be coming down
- There will be a walkable path from Rick's on the River location to Julian B. Lane Park which will start construction this year.
- Focusing retail, services and grocery on Main St corridor.
 - New buildings on Main St. will have amenities and retail
 - Retail and food on river locations
- Map: all yellow are townhomes to be owner-occupied
- No residential development will occur south of Main St.

Plan and map are available at: THAFL.com/WestRiver

Discussion:

- Consolidation of schools: buildings and or campus
- Parking, in general, is a concern in West Tampa
 - Near UT parking is constant problem

VII. General Discussion & Questions

CAC requested a follow-up letter be sent to the Senate to not move forward with HB13.

Julian B. Lane Park – Work completed to date: tree demolition, mass dirt removal, underground utilities installed, all existing structures to be removed completed. Work in progress and coming: half of boat house is built, tennis courts, Laurel St. alignment and parking lots, seawall, water basin, lighting and irrigation, and basketball courts. Total completion is anticipated for spring 2018.

Discussion of how current TIF funds will be spent: Strategic Action Plan to establish priorities and approaches and then fund CRA activities and improvements.

VIII. Announcements & Public Comment

- 96.3 Radio station is live.
- Continued concern with lack of lighting on Rome on route to Walmart on Kennedy.
- Consider using Ray park for festivals to help re-energize the park.
- Rights Restoration workshop at Middleton High School May 20, 2-5 PM.
- Juneteenth planning meeting May 2, 6:30 PM, 2001 N. Albany.
- Juneteenth celebration June 16.

Meeting adjourned at 8:07 pm.

**West Tampa Community Redevelopment Area
Advisory Committee**

Meeting Minutes

May 23, 2017

**West Tampa Library
2312 W. Union Street**

Attendees

Committee Members: Joe Robinson, Chair; Kenneth Perry, Vice-Chair; Benjamin Buckley; Dedrick Jackson; Delphine Jones; Carlos Ramirez; Ed Turanchik; Tina Young; Emanuel Wilson

Excused: Marvin Knight, Jeffrey Rhodes, Walter Smith II

Staff: Malcolm Kiner, Urban Development Manager
Michelle Van Loan, Economic Development Staff

I. Welcome / Introductions

Mr. Robinson opened the regular meeting of the West Tampa Community Redevelopment Area Advisory Committee at 5:35 p.m. on May 23, 2017.

Mr. Robinson excused Jeffrey Rhodes, Walter Smith II from the meeting.

II. Meeting Minutes April 25, 2017

A motion to approve the April 25, 2017 meeting minutes as amended was made by Mr. Perry and seconded by Mr. Jackson. The motion passed unanimously.

III. Tampa Police Department Update

Lt. Fernandez provided TPD overview.

- If you See Something, Say Something!!
- Starting May 4 there has been a Main Street initiative
 - Day and nightly sweeps
 - Unmarked and undercover vehicles
 - 2 arrests at Salcines Park for Methamphetamine
- May 18 - Arrest at Howard and Chestnut for Heroin
- May 14 - Arrest at Howard and Main: suspended license and on probation
- May 13 - Arrest for outstanding warrant
- May 12 – two narcotics arrests, two misdemeanors, recovery of stolen vehicle, and traffic citations
- N. Hyde Park has seen a rash of burglaries, no arrests yet
- 1914 Walnut Trace, shooting, no suspect
- Albany: Shooting/homicide, still no suspect

There is a sign at Salcines Park that states the Park closes at dusk. This needs to be

enforced.

IV. Requests to Address the Committee

Inner City Capital Connections (ICCC): Cindy McGarrigle and David Christian.

ICCC is designed for busy executives of small businesses from at risk communities, of all expertise levels, and its impact is proven to strengthen businesses and the inner-city communities where they operate. It helps bridge the gap for the 75% of inner-city businesses that are in need of capital, but that lack the knowledge and relationships that break the barriers to obtaining it.

ICCC Webpage:

<http://icic.org/inner-city-capital-connections/>

ICCC Tampa program webpage and informational video:

<http://icic.org/inner-city-capital-connections/tampabay/>

- Cost-Free education for small business owners sponsored by Regions Bank and other partners to assist in taking your business to the next level.
- Marketing Assistance, one-on-one coaching, capital.
- Education by professionals from: Harvard Business School, Northwestern, MIT and other leading institutions.
- 40 hour commitment to initial education program, all day business education conference in Tampa at end of session, webinars and follow-up to continue developing skills.
- Benefits:
 - Understand your business from new perspective (get out of the details of day to day operations)
 - Increase capital
 - Company growth
 - Increased sales
 - Job growth

CRA Attorney: Jorge Martin

Mr. Martin has been with the City Attorney's Office for 23 years and was recently assigned to handle the CRAs. Jorge.Martin@tampaGov.net Mr. Martin provided an overview of how the CACs are impacted legally. Full details are in the CAC Handbook provided at initial training:

- CACs are covered by the **Sunshine Law** which requires broad, public access to meetings and process.
- Meetings of the CACs and their sub-committees are open to the public:
 - Reasonable notice must be given
 - Minutes of the business conducted at the meeting must be kept
 - If two or more members of the CAC discuss any issue that may come before the CAC for action, then it is a "meeting" and must be noticed
 - Communication includes: discussion, texts, emails, skype, social media
- 2nd degree misdemeanor for knowingly violating Sunshine Law
 - If you are charged with such a violation, the City does not represent you in such matters

- CACs are covered by the **Open Records Law** which provides access to the public of any documents that you generate. Again includes all methods of communication
- CACs are covered by the Ethics Code:
 - Prohibition of financial interest (you or family) directly/indirectly in items that come before the CAC
 - Applies if your financial condition will be affected by an action of the CAC
 - Addresses conflict of interest
 - Must abstain from a vote or any participation in discussion if receive a private gain directly/indirectly (including family members) through economic benefit of any kind.

V. Staff Reports

Strategic Actions Plan: Mr. Kiner announced that the SAP contract would be going to the CRA Board on June 8 and to Council on June 21. The schedule provided in the final scope of work has been pushed back 4-6 weeks due to the approval process. The final cost of the contract is \$100,000. Discussion:

- Scope was developed to reduce costs by providing research to the consultant and not paying consultant for “busy” work that can be handled by staff.
 - Staff will review where the community can assist with research.
- Concern about the level of detail that will be provided in the final deliverables based on the cost of the project.
 - The consultant will provide direction in recommendations on programs, incentives, etc.... based on their experience and research in to best and effective practices.
 - Staff and the CA will work on the development of criteria and implementing processes of any new programs.
 - Additional services can be funded with CRA Board/Council approval.
- Workshops/community meetings will be noticed through neighborhood associations, signs, public notice, email lists, and additional suggestions for reaching out are welcome.

Discussion: Want to make sure that the recommendations don't include using CRA resources for items that should be done by the City, such as infrastructure.

Mr. Turanchik moved and Mr. Perry seconded the motion to endorse the Scope of Work for the Strategic Action Plan and recommend approval by City Council of contract. Passed unanimously.

State Legislative Update: HB13 died. Thank you to the CAC and community for your support. We will continue to monitor all such discussions at the state level.

Salcines Park: Mr. Kiner reported that he continues to reach out to the Parks and Recreation Department.

- The sign has been posted stating the hours that the park is open.
- The park has been pressure washed, weeds removed, and trash receptacle lids replaced.
- The light at the bus shelter will be repaired.
- Currently obtaining costs for the wall repair.

VI. Subcommittee Reports

Special Events Subcommittee:

Ms. Young reported that her committee meets the second Thursday of the month at her building on Spruce. At the last meeting, the committee discussed the following:

- Developing the foundation, expectations, and funding criteria for co-sponsorship policy and procedures.
 - The CAC is already receiving requests for funding and the committee wants to have a policy in place for future program.
- Mr. Kiner is collecting information from other similar programs and reviewing fall schedule for events.
- Considering a festival on 10/14 or 10/21.
 - The subcommittee will tour the Julian B. Lane Park when completed and the whole of the CAC is invited to attend.

Discussion: Concern about discussing funding for sponsorships when there is such a great need for neighborhood improvements, job development, and economic development in the community.

- Only looking at a policy and criteria at this point and learning what it takes to hold a festival.
- Festival can bring economic benefits and help with the morale of the community. Economic development is about people as much as housing and structures.

VII. General Discussion & Questions

- Mr. Robinson reviewed the applications for zoning issues:
 - 2320 W. Orient Street, decision by the Zoning Administrator.
 - REZ-17-0000034, 1302 and 1304 W. Archer. Going to Council June 8 for rezoning from RS50 to PD.
 - SU2-16-17 at 710 N. Newport for off street parking going to Council for approval June 8.
- Corrected minutes will be sent out to CAC.
- Subcommittee minutes will be submitted to Mr. Kiner for distribution to the CAC.
- CAC requests that someone from City explain future plans for the property along the river vacated by the City operations.
- Please invite Richard Grammatica from Tampa Bay Federal Credit Union to present to the CAC.

VIII. Announcements & Public Comment

- Concern about future use of City property at Rome and Oregon. Need to look at affordable housing.
- Need to look for a cultural economic engine for African Americans who contribute to the city.
- Is there a way to file injunctions against development that isn't affordable housing?

- The community is ready to help, participate and volunteer with the SAP with respect and courtesy.
- Need to look at making sure that money paid in lieu of building sidewalks and greenspace is invested back into West Tampa.
- Bringing small businesses into West Tampa is a priority.

Meeting adjourned at 7:32 pm.

**West Tampa Community Redevelopment Area
Advisory Committee**

Meeting Minutes

June 26, 2017

**Martin Luther King, Jr. Center
2200 N. Oregon Avenue**

Attendees

Committee Members: Joe Robinson, Chair; Kenneth Perry, Vice-Chair; Benjamin Buckley; Dedrick Jackson; Delphine Jones; Marvin Knight; Carlos Ramirez; Jeffrey Rhodes; Ed Turanchik; Tina Young; Emanuel Wilson

Excused: Walter Smith II; Ed Turanchik; Emanuel Wilson

Staff: Malcolm Kiner, Urban Development Manager
Michelle Van Loan, Economic Development Staff

I. Welcome / Introductions

Mr. Robinson opened the regular meeting of the West Tampa Community Redevelopment Area Advisory Committee at 5:39 p.m. on June 27, 2017.

Mr. Robinson excused Walter Smith II, Ed Turanchik, and Emanuel Wilson from the meeting.

II. Meeting Minutes May 23, 2017

Mr. Robinson noted that Marvin Knight was excused from the May 23, 2017 Meeting. A motion to approve the May 23, 2017 meeting minutes as amended was made by Mr. Perry and seconded by Mr. Rhodes. The motion passed unanimously.

III. Tampa Police Department Update

Lt. Baker provided TPD overview.

- If you See Something, Say Something!!
- Public can call in tips to police anonymously.
 - Dist. 1 phone: 354-6600
- No major target crimes or patterns of crime at this time.
- Noticing an uptick in gun possession crimes at Columbus court.
- Recent shooting at Armenia Park which was drug related.
- Discussion of guns being shown on YouTube and TPD monitoring of social media.
 - TPD cannot arrest from a photo but begin an investigation based on it.
- Discussion regarding teenager bringing father's gun to bus stop.
- Discussion of gang issues and meeting state criteria for labeling activity as "gang".
 - Lingo used by kids on the street varies by community and constantly changes.

IV. Requests to Address the Committee

Tampa Bay Federal Credit Union: Richard Grammatica, President/CEO

Mr. Grammatica introduced himself, discussed the history of the credit union and the Community Reinvestment Act. They have 5 branches.

Lori Allen discussed the services provided and what assistance is available for low to moderate households. The credit union has developed products to help those who tend to utilize the payday loan businesses. Always looking for opportunities to expand these types of services.

- \$5 to open a share account.
- Over 100 organizations in their network, so never far away from a credit union.
- \$280 million in assets and 10.44% net worth.
- Provide financial literacy programs, down payment assistance, VA and First Responders mortgages.
- Low down payment loans, allow pooling of income of those in household.
- Business credit cards and checking. No business loans at this time.
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Mr. Robinson is looking to partner with financial institutions to help with community needs.

V. Staff Reports

Strategic Actions Plan:

Mr. Kiner announced that the SAP contract would be going to the CRA Board on June 8 and to Council on June 22. The Mayor will then sign the contract and we can move forward.

Next month the community engagement will begin by the consultant.

Outline of Scope of Work requested to be placed in Minutes:

| Task Description |
|---|
| Task 1 - Due Diligence |
| 1.1: Project Kickoff Meeting |
| 1.2: Past Studies Review |
| 1.3: Infrastructure Existing Conditions Assessment |
| 1.4: Structures - Housing/Commercial/Industrial/Historic |
| 1.5: Regulatory Documents |
| 1.6: Human Services/Culture & History/Business Assistance/Workforce Development/Safety |
| Task 2 - Economic Approach |
| 2.1: Demographic/Economic Analysis |
| 2.2: Market Analysis |
| Task 3 -Community Involvement |
| 3.1: Initial Meeting |
| 3.2: Middle Phase Meeting |
| 3.3: Final Meeting |
| Task 4 - Planning/Project Development |
| 4.1: Opinion of Probable Costs |
| 4.2: Identification of Supportable Development Opportunities |
| 4.3: Business Assistance/Workforce Development |
| 4.4: Plan Development |
| Task 5 - Implementation Strategies |
| 5.1: Funding, Finance, and Incentive Strategies |
| Task 6 - Final Report |
| 6.1: Plan Refinement |
| 6.2: Rendering Coordination and Plan Production |
| Task 7 - Project Team Meetings and Meetings with City, Community Advisory Committee and Stakeholders |
| 7.1: Meetings |

Salcines Park: Mr. Kiner reported that the CRA Board tasked the CAC to look at doing improvements at the park. The estimated costs for the Wall are: a) patch the wall for \$13,768 or b) full re-stucco of the wall with repairs for \$21,758. Both scenarios require the mural to be redone. The public Art staff has an artist that can replace the mural.

- Discussion of mural restoration, replacements, and graffiti coating.
- Discussion of history of Ray Park mural.
- The park has been cleaned and pressure washed. Landscaping is coming.
- CRA also requested that the CAC look at programming at the Park:
 - Currently the park is a passive park
 - Park can be activated with activities such as chess/checkers, farmer's market, etc...
- The CAC is only funding repair of the wall for the purpose of the mural.

Ms. Jones made a motion to repair the wall at a cost of \$21,758 per the City specs for stucco wall repair. Ms. Young seconded the motion. Passed unanimously.

West Tampa CRA – City-Owned Property: Mr. Kiner reported back with information of the City-owned parcels along the river:

- City-owned parcels were part of the InVision Plan and West River Project adopted by the City in 2015.
- The plans covered land owned by the City, school district, and Housing Authority.
- The City parcels are shown on the plan conceptually to be used for multi-family with structured parking.
 - **There is no RFP, plans, or developer for the city parcels.**
- The land has been cleared.
- The City is not moving on its land at this time. City is watching the market and the Housing authority development before putting out any RFP of its own.
- The CAC can make its recommendation for use of that property to the City.
- 29 properties are owned by the City in West Tampa and may present opportunities to the CAC as they move forward.

VI. Subcommittee Reports

Special Events Subcommittee:

Ms. Young reported that the committee discussed the following:

- Formalizing and streamlining process for those seeking sponsorships.
- Date being consider is October 2018 in Julian B. Lane Park for a festival.
- Investigating what it takes to organize a festival.

Once all this information has been gathered to be able to create a proposal, the sub-committee will come back to the CAC for discussion and approval.

VII. General Discussion & Questions

Mr. Leroy Moore provided a status update of the Housing Authority project:

- There are no CRA funds in the Housing Authority project.
- Phase I and II are funded.
 - Senior building at Main & Rome will have 160 units and be 100% affordable.

- Bethune high-rise will receive major renovation and will have 150 units of affordable housing.
- Boulevard at West River Building on Main, between Willow and Oregon, will have 250 units of mixed housing, 70% affordable. Family building.
- “Affordable” means below 80% for returning residents and 60% for new residents.
- Demolition starts this Thursday with ground breaking by end of 2017.
- Once construction starts, case workers will start contacting all relocated residents
 - 12 months after ground breaking will need commitments from those wishing to come back.
- There will be a very nice community pool.
- Ground floors of the buildings will have 5,000 sf of commercial space for services (day care, dry cleaning, etc...)
- Hoping for a grocery store.
- Retail space for restaurants and coffee shops.
- There is a proposed 77,000 sf office building that already has 24,000 sf committed.

Mr. Robinson announced the Good Neighbor letters he received for zoning issues:

- 4301/4305 N. River, splitting the lots
- 4102-4108 N. Armenia, proposed auto collision business

VIII. Announcements & Public Comment

- Brenda announced that the North Hyde Park Association had a new Board.
 - Their focus will be on streetlights and sidewalks.
- Back to School Festival at Blake High School on August 5. Must register to attend.
- WURK Radio is up and running and sounding good.
- As a part of the West River Plan there is a possibility the MLK Community Center will be rotated and moved next to the gymnasium.
 - The relocation would also include a new pool

The next meeting will be at the Library on July 25.

Meeting adjourned at 7:05 pm.

**West Tampa Community Redevelopment Area
Advisory Committee**

[Meeting Notes](#)

July 25, 2017

**West Tampa Library
2312 W. Union Street**

Attendees

Committee Members: Joe Robinson, Benjamin Buckley; Carlos Ramirez; Ed Turanchik; Emanuel Wilson

Excused: Walter Smith II; Marvin Knight; Kenneth Perry; Dedrick Jackson; Delphine Jones; Jeffrey Rhodes; Tina Young;

Staff: Malcolm Kiner, Urban Development Manager
Michelle Van Loan, Economic Development Staff

I. Welcome / Introductions

Mr. Robinson opened the meeting of the West Tampa Community Redevelopment Area Advisory Committee at 5:37 p.m. on July 25, 2017. **Due to lack of a quorum, members met for discussion purposes only.**

II. Tampa Police Department Update

Officer Scaglione provided TPD overview.

- If you See Something, Say Something!!
- Quiet month, crime-wise. No auto burglaries.
- TPD is making arrests in follow up on reported crimes.
- There was a shooting at Columbus court.
- TPD raided a store for selling spice and other illegal items from under the counter. 8 people arrested.
 - Off. Scaglione will follow up on rumor someone died at that location.
- A person did pass away at Main and Albany and there was a peaceful gathering.

III. Requests to Address the Committee

Tampa Housing and Community Development Div.: Vanessa McCleary, Manager.

Ms. McCleary introduced herself, and provided an overview of the 5-year consolidated plan and the annual action plan. The goal of the plans is to identify housing needs across Tampa and the needs of the community, and then prioritize which issues to address with HUD funds. The plan development process included a lot of public engagement with communities and stakeholders.

<https://www.tampagov.net/housing-and-community-development>

Types of activities they are funding:

- Housing rehabilitation for both single family and multi-family.

- Motels converted into rental units.
- Homeowner assistance for the elderly.
- Assistance for homeowners still struggling with their mortgages.
- Rental assistance.
- Homing the homeless.
- Childcare assistance.
- Small business development.
- Remediation of dilapidated homes.
- There is no funding with these dollars for business stabilization.

Total funding is \$9.6 million including CDBG funding of \$2.7 million.

Discussion:

- Asbestos and lead were removed prior to any demolition of the Tampa Housing Authority property and the City of Tampa property along the river.
- Mr. Kiner and Ms. McCleary will continue to communicate during the Strategic Action Plan development regarding housing issues. Both will be back to discuss with the CAC.
- The 203 program helps renters get into an ownership role on their residences.
- Mr. Robinson wants to look at option for City owned property within the CRA to be under CRA control.

Tampa Minority Business Development: Gregory Hart, Manager.

Mr. Hart introduced himself, provided an overview of his division and its structure, and provided a handout. It is his Division's responsibility to oversee other department's procurements and to make sure that the business community is aware of the opportunities with the City. Their role is to support the sustainability of for profit businesses looking to grow. They do not have programs for new/start-up businesses.

<https://www.tampagov.net/minority-business-development>

Minority Business Development Activities:

- Program compliance & monitoring
- Solicitation for set-aside contracts
- Compliance with contracts
- Conflict resolution
- Workshops for businesses
- Program metrics and analytics, disparity analysis, and setting goals
- City procurements through "piggy-backing" off another jurisdictions contract are not under his purview.

Recommendations for businesses:

- Be on DemandStar
- Make sure that your business is in our system with all the correct NIGP codes
- Take advantage of all learning and assistance services
- Get certified as a small, women, or minority business.
 - Push for dual certification if you qualify.

Items of note regarding City procurements and Budgets:

- City's procurement budget includes personnel costs, supplies such as chemicals and fuel.

- The majority of the City's construction contracts are for work in the ground (streets/infrastructure), while most minority businesses in construction are in vertical construction (buildings).
 - The City's procurement needs will not always be in alignment with the business services of small, women, and minority owned businesses.
- About 10% of our certified businesses out grown the program in 3 years.

Need more minority businesses in:

- Supplies and commodities
- Professional services
- Landscapers and landscape architects
- Haulers

IV. Staff Reports

FY18 Budget: Mr. Kiner reported that the projected revenue has increased \$149,000 to a projected budget of \$966,396 in addition to the \$359,000 balance from FY17.

Strategic Action Plan: Mr. Kiner informed the CAC that the Notice to Proceed was issued today to the consultant. The consultants will attend the next meeting for introductions and then will begin work on the community engagement process.

Salcines Park: The City is requesting a West Tampa CAC member to be a part of the Art review committee.

Mr. Wilson will be the WTCAC representative.

Julian B. Lane Park:

- An artist has been chosen for the Boathouse.
- There will be three community meeting to discuss the historical art piece.

V. Subcommittee Reports

None

VI. General Discussion & Questions

Mr. Robinson attended a joint meeting among the various CAC Chairs. It was good to have discussions across the CRAs on what other programs and activities each are engaged in.

Mr. Robinson thanked Ms. Young for all her hard work and efforts on the subcommittee.

Mr. Robinson requested that the West Tampa Chamber attend the next meeting to do a presentation.

Mr. Buckley commented on all the development happening in the North Hyde Park Civic Association area. They have valuable experience in the issues caused by the growth and lessons learned.

VII. Announcements & Public Comment

Question regarding the in-ground plume that is expanding beyond Main St. The plume is entirely on Tampa Housing Authority property and their developments are taking the plume into consideration as far as what type of development will be located above the plume.

West Tampa will need a parking garage eventually, maybe three stories with retail on the first level. There was a parking study completed about 10 years ago that included a transition plan until a parking garage was feasible.

Need to get more people off of I-275 and into West Tampa. Need to review strategies for accomplishing: Uber, changes in transportation, transit tax.

96.3 Radio station is up and running with programming.

Mr. Michael Isaak introduced himself as a candidate for County Court Judge.

On August 18, there will be a meeting on restoration of Voting rights at the Fergus law center. \$25 to attend.

The next meeting will be at the MLK Community Center on August 22, 2017.

Discussion completed at 7:25 pm.

**West Tampa Community Redevelopment Area
Advisory Committee**

Meeting Minutes

August 22, 2017

**Martin Luther King Community Center
2200 N. Oregon Avenue**

Attendees

Committee Members: Joe Robinson, Benjamin Buckley; Carlos Ramirez; Ed Turanchik; Marvin Knight; Kenneth Perry; Dedrick Jackson; Delphine Jones; Jeffrey Rhodes; Tina Young;

Excused: Emanuel Wilson; Walter Smith II;

Staff: Malcolm Kiner, Urban Development Manager
Shelisia Jackson, Economic Development Staff

I. Welcome / Introductions

Mr. Robinson opened the meeting of the West Tampa Community Redevelopment Area Advisory Committee at 5:35 p.m. on August 22, 2017.

II. Tampa Police Department Update

Officer Baker provided TPD overview.

- If you See Something, Say Something! You can remain anonymous.
- Property crimes are up; TPD is urging residents to lock doors/windows and to keep items secure.
- Main Street Grocery Store was served a drug raid warrant for selling spice recently.
- There was a shooting at Oakhurst Square.

III. Requests to Address the Committee

Kimley Horne: Jerod Snyder, Fred Hearn – Community Liaison

Jerod Snyder introduced himself, and provided an overview of the preparations they will be undertaking to develop and prioritize Strategic Action Plan projects. The goal of their effort is to include community stakeholder's process. There are three community meetings planned. The exact dates, time and location for each meeting is still being determined. The first meeting will happen the 1st week of October. The second and third meetings will occur in November 2017 and February 2018.

Mr. Snyder discussed his company's experience with various community projects similar to the West Tampa undertaking. Mr. Hearn stressed that there are many service needs in the community that cannot be funded by the CRA. In this process they would like to identify those needs and assist with building partnerships to have those needs met.

Discussion:

- Community members wanted to know how information would be distributed. Per Mr. Snyder, there will be notices on the website and they will disseminate information to Mr. Kiner who will forward it via his email database. All attendees were urged to make sure to sign in at each CAC meeting to insure their email address could be added to the database.
- Mr. Robinson suggested that the Kimley Horne representatives try to attend each CAC meeting for the life of the project and be prepared to provide a brief update.

FDOT Tampa Bay Next Presentation:

Tampa Interstate Economic Impact Analysis Update –

Ashley Henzel of the FDOT gave a presentation about Tampa Bay Next. Ms. Henzel provided an overview of the newly revamped project and its structure. FDOT is working on multiple interstate improvement projects to modernize key interchanges, replace aging infrastructure, and improve mobility on portions of I-275 and I-4.

The goal is to enhance community engagement transparency. Last year they opened community conversation by presenting concepts and how they affect the area. This was not helpful in that it did not address the community's true concerns. Now, the conversation is different and the goal is to be holistic and inclusive. Problems they are trying to solve, address four distinct areas:

- 1) Design – We need to fix bottlenecks in the Downtown and Westshore interchanges.
- 2) Demand – We need to figure out how to accommodate future population growth and that populations transportation needs.
- 3) Choice – We lack transportation options. We need to provide more transit options for getting around locally and regionally.
- 4) Consensus – We need to come together and agree on a plan for future options.

Randy Metz of the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council gave a presentation about the Economic Analysis Study. The council is independent of the FDOT. Per a national 2015 Texas A&M Traffic Study, Tampa is the 7th most congested city. Their job is to conduct simulations and to gather data to explain the monetary impact on businesses, employment opportunities and how this project would affect property values and the overall way of life for the community.

Chloe Coney of FDOT discussed Workforce Development – The goal of the program will be to increase the demand for transportation/construction jobs and to pull the needed workforce locally. They will be focusing on diversity and inclusion by creating partnerships with educational and staffing outlets to create pre-apprenticeship programs.

Community members wanted to know how the project would benefit West Tampa and suggested their main concern is to figure out how to make the area a more popular destination spot instead of a pass thru/pass by for people traveling on I-275.

IV. Staff Reports

Salcines Park: Mr. Kiner reported that the wall is still scheduled for repair.

Julian B. Lane Park:

- Three community meetings have been planned for the month of August to discuss

the historical art piece. A handout detailing the dates, time and location of each meeting was distributed.

V. Subcommittee Reports

Tina Young provided a brief update on the Special Events Sub-Committee. They meet every 3rd Monday of the month. Their goal is to create a streamlined application process for organizations that approach the committee in the future requesting assistance with community events. They are also planning an activity in celebration of the re-opening of Julian B. Lane Park. It is tentatively scheduled for October 13, 2018.

VI. General Discussion & Questions

There was discussion about the efforts of House Speaker Richard Corcoran who has tried to introduce legislation to end CRAs. The move comes after a recent investigation of a Florida CRA for questionable spending practices. No criminal charges were filed. However, the Florida Legislature drafted legislation to demand more transparency that would eventually phase out CRAs. The legislation failed this year. However, it is likely to be revisited next year. Benjamin Buckley made a motion to have the CAC write a letter to Corcoran defending CRAs and inviting him to come to a CAC meeting and witness how the community monitors and works with CRAs. The motion was seconded by Tina Young and approved unanimously by committee members. Mr. Robinson also requested that Mr. Kiner ask the other CACs to support the letter too.

Committee members want to know what is going on with the vacant parcels of land for sale in the area. They would like to know if the properties could be bought by the CRA and transformed into greenspace.

VII. Announcements & Public Comment

None.

The next meeting will be at the West Tampa Library on September 26, 2017.

Discussion completed at 7:25 pm.

**West Tampa Community Redevelopment Area
Advisory Committee**

Meeting Minutes
September 26, 2017

**West Tampa Free Public Library
2312 W. Union Street**

Attendees

Committee Members: Joe Robinson, Chair; Benjamin Buckley; Dedrick Jackson; Delphine Jones; Carlos Ramirez; Ed Turanchik; Emanuel Wilson

Excused: Kenneth Perry, Vice-Chair; Marvin Knight; Jeffrey Rhodes; Walter Smith II; Tina Young

Staff: Malcolm Kiner, Urban Development Manager
Michelle Van Loan, Economic Development Staff

I. Welcome / Introductions

Mr. Robinson opened the regular meeting of the West Tampa Community Redevelopment Area Advisory Committee at 5:40 p.m. on September 26, 2017.

Mr. Robinson excused Kenneth Perry, Vice-Chair; Marvin Knight; Jeffrey Rhodes; Walter Smith II; and Tina Young from the meeting.

II. Meeting Minutes August 28, 2017

Mr. Turanchik moved to approve the August 26, 2017 meeting minutes as amended and seconded by Mr. Jackson. The motion passed unanimously.

III. Tampa Police Department Update

Postponed to next meeting.

IV. Requests to Address the Committee

West Tampa Chamber: Dawn Hudson, President

Ms. Hudson introduced herself and provided an overview of the Chamber and highlights of West Tampa.

- Boundaries: Hillsborough River to Dale Mabry, and Kennedy Blvd. to Hillsborough Ave.
- Establish in 1913 and meets the 3rd Tuesday of the month for lunch.
- Top Chamber goals for the West Tampa CRA area:
 - Develop a parking strategy for Howard, Armenia, and Main St. corridor. Accessible parking is vital to business health and sustainability.

- Financing, rental and leasing of affordable housing. Need to bring people back into the community.
- Columbus Drive improvements, HART and upgraded bus stops.
- Working on a “Good News” message campaign for West Tampa.
- Community is invited to next lunch on October 17 at Higgins Hall to help celebrate the retirement of Earl Haugabook.

<https://westtampachamber.com/>

HART:

Mr. Robinson provided an introduction to the bus route changes.

Marco Sandusky, with Carla Williams, provided the details on the changes through his powerpoint presentation, which can be viewed at:

https://www.tampagov.net/sites/default/files/economic-and-urban-development/files/mission_max_presentation_west_tampa_cra_092617.pdf

- HART did a comprehensive operational analysis to develop the most direct routes and better travel times, especially on major corridors.
- Attempted to provide the best service with their limited resources.
- See map in the powerpoint for the changes and new routes
- While some routes changed, other routes are also picking up the gaps from the changed routes.
 - Look at new route map to see which new route best accommodates your transportation needs. A new bus route may work even better.
 - For example Route #14 will go up/down Armenia/Howard.
 - HART providing FLEX option to Cypress
- Routes will now run more frequently, some running longer/earlier than before.
- There are routes on the back burner for 2019 (Main Street) based on increases in residential areas and needs for accessing job centers.
- Bus to airport car rental facility will begin running Feb 18.
- Autonomous shuttle to run between Marion Transfer station and downtown beginning by Feb 2018.
- Discussion:
 - Tourism Trolley should come from Downtown to Main Street
 - The City gave up green space to a residential development in exchange for a bus stop which was installed on Route #10, now it won't be used.
 - Where is the money that developers place in the HART kitty required by their development agreements.
 - Do we need 3 routes to the airport?
 - #36 moved from Himes to Dale Mabry, but Dale Mabry is not pedestrian friendly to access from the neighborhoods. This change will be very inconvenient and dangerous for riders coming out of the neighborhoods east of Himes.

V. Staff Reports

Salcines Park Mural: Mr. Kiner reported that the first phase of fixing the wall will be complete by the end of this week.

Bobby Wilson is on the art review committee. Process:

- 4 artists will submit qualifications to art committees
- The art committee will come back to the WT CAC for input on the actual artwork chosen for the wall.
- The existing mural will be covered by the stucco, but has been preserved in pictures.

Strategic Action Plan: Mr. Greminger and team (Fred Hearn, Stephanie Ferrell, Dawn Dodge, and Jared Schneider) presented overview of process and current status with a powerpoint which can be viewed at:

https://www.tampagov.net/sites/default/files/economic-and-urban-development/files/kimley_horn_cac_meeting_presentation_9.26.pdf

- Community engagement and input:
 - October 23 Community meeting
 - Results presented at 10/24 WT CAC meeting
 - December Community meeting
 - February Community meeting to present Final Strategic Action Plan
 - Outreach through one-on-one contact, social media, WURK, WTMP, Churches, Tampa Bay Times, The Sentinel, and La Gazetta.
 - Business survey which will include such issues at workforce development
- Priorities:
 - Economic development and job opportunities
 - Housing Assistance
 - Business assistance
 - Improvements to infrastructure, neighborhoods, and community facilities
 - Transportation and parking
- Review of Capital Improvement projects by the City and other jurisdictions
- Asset mapping
- Tax Increment Financing overview of revenue projection
- Discussion Items:
 - Historic District designations: Local/National
 - Overlay district guidelines
 - Impact of two large hospital complexes nearby and resulting housing needs/opportunities
 - Economic scenarios should have variety of scenarios reflecting the cyclical nature of the economy
 - Land Trust and Land Banking
 - Streets: paved/cobblestone
 - Trees for landscaping other than palm trees
 - Keep yellow lights at Ray Park
 - How can WT better leverage benefits from large sporting events
 - Use/condition of alleyways

(No Quorum at 6:45 p.m.)

- Discussion of Rome Corridor and designation at Industrial design corridor
 - Parts of Rome are becoming residential, mixed-use corridors
- Oregon & Rome is “a mess”
- Tandem parking for employees in business lot
- No sidewalks on Cypress

- Homes allowed to be built without garages
- Maintain historical culture and history
- Let the neighborhoods associations know what they should do to prepare for the community meetings
 - Letter will go out to them

VI. Subcommittee Reports

Special Events Subcommittee:

Please see the minutes of the subcommittee provided with handout.

VII. General Discussion & Questions

- Mr. Robinson reported on the Good Neighbor letters received:
 - Lot split at 4301 N. Riverview
 - 2173 W. Cass St, semi-detached structure
- Mr. Robinson informed the group that the Chairs and Managers of the City's CRAs are now meeting monthly as a group to share and learn from each other.
- Mr. Kiner is requested to place Micro-Loan discussion on the next agenda.
- Domain Homes is requested to come to next meeting.
- The meeting minutes will contain links to the presentations made to the CAC.

VIII. Announcements & Public Comment

- Roberts City/Philippsville sign was moved for construction and will be put back when construction is complete.
- Can the CRA pay for meeting information cards that can be handed out to folks interested in attending the meetings?

Meeting adjourned at 8:06 pm.

**West Tampa Community Redevelopment Area
Advisory Committee**

Meeting Minutes

October 24, 2017

**West Tampa Free Public Library
2312 W. Union Street**

Attendees

Committee Members: Joe Robinson, Chair; Kenneth Perry, Vice-Chair; Benjamin Buckley; Dedrick Jackson; Delphine Jones; Marvin Knight; Carlos Ramirez; Jeffrey Rhodes; Ed Turanchik; Emanuel Wilson; Tina Young

Excused: Walter Smith II

Staff: Malcolm Kiner, Urban Development Manager
Michelle Van Loan, Economic Development Staff
Melissa Davies, Art Programs

I. Welcome / Introductions

Mr. Robinson opened the regular meeting of the West Tampa Community Redevelopment Area Advisory Committee at 5:35 p.m. on October 24, 2017.

Mr. Robinson excused Walter Smith II from the meeting.

II. Meeting Minutes September 26, 2017

Mr. Robinson moved to approve the September 26, 2017 meeting minutes as amended and seconded by Mr. Perry. The motion passed unanimously.

III. Tampa Police Department Update

Postponed to next meeting.

IV. Staff Reports

Salcines Park Mural:

Mr. Wilson reported on the art review committee:

- Three artists invited to submit qualifications to art committee.
- Two teams submitted concepts and their portfolios.
 - Both teams were highly qualified.
 - One team stood out in their innovative way of incorporating the “old” and making it something new in art, and in reflecting the diversity of the community.
 - Michelle Sawyer is a Tampa Native and fellow artist Tony Krol.

Discussion:

- The mural should have an anti-graffiti and UV inhibitor coating.
- The mural at Ray Park needs a touch up also.
- Might want some lighting at the park.

Strategic Action Plan: Mr. Hearn provided an overview of the October 23 Strategic Action Plan Community meeting.

- Despite other community meetings scheduled at the same time, the SAP meeting had a terrific turnout.
 - 100+ people in attendance resulting in participants being seated at overflow tables in the lobby area.
 - This was the first of three meetings. Next meeting should be in early December.
 - The consultants and Mr. Kiner will continue to obtain input from the community through February, 2018.
- Link to power point presentation:
 - https://www.tampagov.net/sites/default/files/economic-and-urban-development/files/kimley_horn_cac_meeting_presentation_9.26.pdf

Discussion Items:

- Concern over loss of affordable housing stock.
 - What are the trends in homestead designation
 - Take a long term look at single family housing stock
 - Look at trends in value of the housing stock
- Concern over job opportunities and income levels of residents, and jobs in the nearby area.
- Land banking opportunities and options for city owned properties.
- Can there be a moratorium on big developments until the Strategic Plan is finished?
- Can we assess how many businesses are owner-occupied or tenants on Main, Howard, Armenia?
 - Mr. Robinson had asked Mr. Kiner to look at owners vs. renters.
- Concern about people being pushed out of their homes due to rising taxes.
 - Education in community regarding homestead and Save Our Homes protections.

V. Requests to Address the Committee

Domain Homes: Jim McCarthy, Kevin Robles, Fred Henry

Mr. McCarthy reviewed the history of his company, involvement in West Tampa, along Kennedy Boulevard, and in N. Hyde Park over past 35 years.

- The company only builds infill housing in urban setting.
 - Build to overlay standards and approved variances.
 - Build sidewalks where required or make the “in Lieu of” payment.
- The company came into West Tampa about two years ago.
- Provided an overview of types and price ranges of homes.
 - The suddenly increasing costs of land in West Tampa is also a concern for company.
- Company approach is to be involved in the community and build where the development is welcomed.
 - January, 2018 will be participating with Youth Build.

- Work with existing programs.
- Investment money is local and hiring is local.
- Obtain homes through willing sellers only.

Discussion:

- Affordable housing is and remains an issue for community.
- Need developers interested in rehabbing homes.
- Need flexibility in homeownership for young adults and seniors.
- People are being pushed out of the rental market in West Tampa.

VI. Subcommittee Reports

Special Events Subcommittee:

Ms. Young discussed that the Subcommittee is working on a process for outside agencies to apply for sponsorship.

- Planning for fall festival 2018.
- Talking with event coordinators and learning as much as possible.
- Next meeting 11/13 at 5:30 at Just Full Service Center.
 - Meetings are advertised through Mr. Kiner to email distribution list.

VII. General Discussion & Questions

- 2018 Legislative Session: Mr. Latvala supports the CRAs. The lobbyist provided Mr. Kiner with names of pertinent legislators to reach out to.
- Concern about the storm debris being stored at the vacated City Water Department property along the river.
 - CAC would like to know the timing for removing the debris or seeing the storage permit.
- The CAC should start discussions on shaping subcommittees, for example for Housing and Safety.
 - Subcommittees will be based on the needs identified in the Strategic Action Plan.
 - Subcommittees will need a committed chairperson.
 - Housing and safety issues exist now and those committees could be formed sooner rather than later.
- Potential subcommittees:
 - Parking issues – on-street, surface lots, parking garage, and other options
 - Housing – assist in facilitating rehabilitation of existing residential structures
 - 203b Mortgage program – Owner-occupied rehab assistance
 - Promote ownership versus rentals
 - Safety
 - Aesthetics and beautification
- CAC is requesting the new Parks and Recreation Director to come attend a meeting.
- CAC is requesting an update from Parks and Recreation on Rey Park.
- Ms. Van Loan announced that Parks and Recreation is working to re-install the two historical markers removed for the construction on Julian B. Lane Park.
- Mr. Robinson provided a history of Rey Park, the amenities at the Park over time, and the reverter clause included on the deed with the land donation for the park.

- Need programs at Rey Park. Last summer fed about 200 kids lunch from the after school program.

VIII. Announcements & Public Comment

- EJ Salcines will be at West Tampa Library on Saturday October 28 from 11-2.
- Transportation in West Tampa remains an issue
- Very little accessible transportation without a lot of walks and no bus shelters
- FDOT should correct its presentations in that Blake High School is not in Tampa Heights.

Meeting Adjourned

**West Tampa Community Redevelopment Area
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Meeting Minutes
November 28, 2017

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Excused: Kenneth Perry, Vice-Chair; Dedrick Jackson; Marvin Knight; Jeffrey Rhodes

Staff: Malcolm Kiner, Urban Development Manager
Michelle Van Loan, Economic Development Staff
Councilman Guido Maniscalco
Mark Wilfalk, Solid Waste Director
Adri Colina, Solid Waste Administrative Chief

I. Welcome / Introductions

Mr. Robinson opened the regular meeting of the West Tampa Community Redevelopment Area Advisory Committee at 5:40 p.m. on November 28, 2017.

Mr. Robinson excused Walter Smith II from the meeting.

II. Meeting Minutes October 24, 2017

Mr. Turanchik moved to approve the October 24, 2017 meeting minutes and seconded by Mr. Ramirez. The motion passed unanimously.

III. Tampa Police Department Update

Postponed to next meeting.

IV. Staff Reports

Strategic Action Plan: Mr. Greminger provided an overview of the October 23 Strategic Action Plan Community meeting.

- 100+ people in attendance resulting in participants being seated at overflow tables in the lobby area.
 - Information was obtained through surveys, discussion, table exercises and from participants identifying their priorities on one of the 10 maps provided at the workgroup tables.

- The consultants and Mr. Kiner will continue to obtain input from the community through February, 2018.
- Link to power point presentation:
https://www.tampagov.net/sites/default/files/economic-and-urban-development/files/public_meeting_summary_november_cac_update.pdf

Summary of Community Priorities:

- Top 5 Priorities mentioned during the Table Exercise:
 - 1. Jobs (Economic Development)**
 - 2. Sidewalk/Street Improvements**
 - 3. Safety**
 - 4. Infrastructure/Parking**
 - 5. Parks (Public Space Improvements)**
- Local Business (Economic Development)
- Gateways
- Landscaping
- Residential (Housing)
- Preservation
- Economic Development Summary
 1. Job Creation/Opportunities
 - Increased Local Patronage
 - Office/Retail
 2. Old West Tampa Branding
 - Enhance Character/Charm/Place
 - Market/Advertise/Sell West Tampa
 3. Making West Tampa Home
 - Single Family (Refurbish/Replace)
 - Multi-Family Development
- Infrastructure Summary (Right-of-Way)
 1. Streetscape
 - Sidewalks (wider/more)
 - Lighting
 - Landscape
 2. Traffic calming
 - Howard and Armenia (highest priority)
 3. Parking
 - Garages/Surface Lots
- Public Space Summary
 1. Community Festivals/Fairs
 - Julian B. Lane
 - Salcines Park
 2. Seating and Shade
 - Benches
 - Planters
 - Awnings
 - Trees
 3. Open Space Options

- Parks
- Recreation Fields
- Preservation Summary
 1. Main Street District Preservation
 - Storefront Façade
 - Define Downtown
 - Historic Structure Utilization
 2. Brick Street Restoration
 - Street Priorities

Next Steps: Community Meeting December 18, 2017 at the MLK Center at 6:00 PM

- Provide overview of October 23rd Meeting
- Provide update on the Economic Development analysis of TIF Revenues
- Begin to put issues onto maps to start formulating a Plan.

Solid Waste: Mark Wilfalk, Director of Solid Waste addressed the community and concerns regarding storage of hurricane cleanup of vegetative materials (trees and other “living debris”)

At the time of the Hurricane, the existing Plan, as they quickly discovered, was out of date. Spaces for temporary storage of cleanup debris had changed in the preceding 13 years. Needed to make very quick decisions on a central location. For the first 30 days after the hurricane work went smoothly and the City was able to clear the debris from the streets. This was the most extensive cleanup the City has had to undertake.

- We were not prepared for the amount of vegetative dust.
- We were not aware initially that the dust was spreading beyond the site until received complaints from community.
- McKay facility could not handle the volume that we were collecting. It could not fit at the site nor could their systems handle the volume.
 - The City does not own the land across from McKay Bay.

We are deeply sorry and apologize to the community that our recognition of this issue was slow and after the fact. We learned a lot during this process.

- We started watering the pile to reduce the dust.
- Unfortunately the type of equipment we used to chip the brush created a worse dust situation.
 - We added a mister to reduce that and it appeared to make an immediate improvement.
- All grinding is complete as of today.
- Next step is to start hauling away all of the debris which will result in a lot of trucks in the roadway moving in and out.
 - Watering will continue to reduce the amount of dust as debris is loaded and hauled out of the community.
 - Truck routes will be limited to reduce the impact on the community.
- Debris monitoring contractor is TetraTek
- Debris collectors are: Ceres and Paynes Environmental, both local companies.
- Debris is being hauled to Florida Organics located near the Rooms to Go off I-4.
- Street sweepers will come through.
- Removal begins tomorrow morning at 7 am and Mr. Wilfalk will be there.

Discussion:

- The dust has not been tested because the only debris brought to the site was

- vegetative. No construction debris.
- The City will not be using Rome Street Property again for this kind of operation.
 - Dust control and watering will be written into all future procedures.
- 75-100 people will be hired from within the City.
- At least 4 people will be hired for monitoring from within the City.
- Couplers for trailers will be used on trucks leaving the facility with a load.
- We provided information and masks at the MLK Center, but they did not appear to be receiving very much dust.
 - Mostly the one block west of the facility was affected.
 - The City is open to the discussion of compensation and people should contact the City's Risk Management Division
- We did obtain an environmental permit from DEP. No permit was required from the City as there was no change in Use.
- The 2004 Plan is already in the process of being updated and will be verified over time to make sure that its recommendations are still viable.
- As of two weeks ago, the maintenance people at Columbus Court had not reported any HVAC issues.
- Dr. Fisher has talked with all the Council people and Mr. Wilfalk.
- On a somewhat separate issue, West Tampa is in desperate need of a community clean up.
 - A chair that had been marked with red x has been sitting for 4 months.
 - WT needs a cleanup without charge to the residents. Just come clean up and help the community.
- Community Concerns:
 - No Streetlights on the proposed truck route. Concern about the traffic.
 - Please avoid school zones.
 - Please go slow through community until reach collector streets.

Mr. Turanchik moved that Mr. Wilfalk will come back at the January meeting with a remediation plan to address the issues for West Tampa, including the alleyways and MLK center. Mr. Wilson seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

- The community also advised Mr. Wilfalk that he might want to have reasonable testing of the dust to put the community fears to rest.

Legislative Update: Mr. Kiner provided update on State Legislative activities concerning CRAs.

- Bills have been filed in both the Florida House and Senate. The House bill is essentially the same bill from last year.
- Impacts:
 - No funding for festivities
 - No funding for social programs
 - No grants for tourist activities
- Most of the additional impacts are on process, reporting, procedures, and training.
- It is assumed that some form of one of these bills will get passed this session and we are preparing for that eventuality.

Mr. Robinson mentioned that the CRA Board is talking to the delegation. Mr. Robinson is meeting with Mr. Putnam on Thursday.

V. Requests to Address the Committee

Hillsborough County SBDC: Jim Chittenden on behalf of Carol Johns. There is a network of Small Business Development Centers (SBDC). They provide training and consulting to small businesses. They can provide specialized assistance based on certain industries, start-up businesses and developing your business plan. Their services are free to the business.

Business cards have been provided if you have any questions and feel free to visit the website for more details on workshops, assistance, and training offered.

Black Business Investment Corp: Postponed.

VI. Subcommittee Reports

Special Events Subcommittee:

Ms. Young discussed that the Subcommittee is working on a process for outside agencies to apply for sponsorship.

- The committee is formalizing the plan and developing theme for fall festival.
- Will have a formal submission process for any festival seeking sponsorship.
- Julian B. Lane Park has been tentatively scheduled for festival in October.
- Will provide an official report at the next meeting.

West Tampa Art: Mr. Wilson announced Meet the Artist events for Salcines Park Mural.

- Tuesday 12/5 5:30-7:30 PM at West Tampa Library
- Thursday 12/7 5:30-7:30 PM at West Tampa Library

VII. General Discussion & Questions

- Are there CRA dollars to pay locals to do a type of Clean Team? Can we look into this?
- Applications for serving a second term on the West Tampa CAC are due by Dec 4, 5:00 PM. Mr. Kiner will follow up with those who have expiring terms.
- Mr. Buckley requested that all the members' term be mentioned for the record:
 - Mr. Buckley – Expires Jan 2019
 - Mr. Jackson – Expires Jan 2019
 - Ms. Jones – Expires Jan 2018
 - Mr. Knight – Expires Jan 2018
 - Mr. Perry – Expires Jan 2019
 - Mr. Ramirez – Expires Jan 2018
 - Mr. Rhodes – Expires Jan 2018
 - Mr. Robinson – Expires Jan 2018
 - Mr. Smith II – Expires Jan 2018
 - Mr. Turanchik – Expires Jan 2019
 - Ms. Young – Expires Jan 2019
 - Mr. Wilson – Expires Jan 2019
- Mr. Kiner will send the CAC the schedule of CRA Board meetings so that the CAC may have a member at every meeting.
- Can the Rays stadium be located in WT near the interstate on the land owned by the

City, Parks department, Housing Authority, and County?

- Based on the existing plans by the Housing Authority and their moving forward already with construction and rehabilitation of multiple buildings in 2018, this scenario is unlikely.
- The City of Tampa owns a small percentage of contiguous land in the area.
- WT needs Teco lighting south of the interstate. Can we get a report by them for Jan meeting?
- Mr. Robinson will be attending the next CRA Board meeting.
- The CAC will discuss proposed subcommittees at the January meeting.

VIII. Announcements & Public Comment

- There will be no West Tampa CAC meeting on December 26, 2017.
- There is a community meeting for the Strategic Action Plan (SAP) on December 18, 2017.
 - How do we inform the community of these meetings if they don't have computers?
 - Mr. Hearn went out and put signs along the major WT corridors.
 - Meeting notices will be sent to: La Gazetta, The Sentinel, and the Seminole Bulletin.
 - Can we have assigned "Block Chiefs" who can put out signs?
 - Can CAC members be responsible for putting out signs?
- Can the City's Communications staff come talk about what free services WT can take advantage of?

Meeting Adjourned