

**West Tampa Community Redevelopment Area
Advisory Committee**

Meeting Minutes

January 23, 2018

**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; Carlos Ramirez; Emanuel Wilson; and Tina Young

Excused: Marvin Knight; Jeffrey Rhodes; Ed Turanchik; and Walter Smith II

Staff: Malcolm Kiner, Urban Development Manager
Michelle Van Loan, Economic Development Staff
Jan Washington, Transportation and Stormwater
Paul Dial, Parks and Recreation Director

I. Welcome / Introductions

Mr. Robinson opened the regular meeting of the West Tampa Community Redevelopment Area Advisory Committee at 5:35 p.m. on November 28, 2017. Quorum established at 5:52 p.m.

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

II. Meeting Minutes November 28, 2017

Mr. Ramirez moved to approve the November 28, 2017 meeting minutes and seconded by Mr. Perry. The motion passed unanimously.

III. Tampa Police Department Update

Postponed to next meeting.

IV. Staff Reports

Street Lighting Report: Ms. Jan Washington provided an overview of the Bright Lights Safe Nights lighting program and update on the status of street lighting in West Tampa.

- The Bright Nights program has installed over 10,000 street lights in last 4 years in 70% of the City's communities. 30% increase in new lights.
- All areas of the City will be upgraded to LED over next 4-5 years.
- "Smart light" are the newest technology in lighting.

- Spring 2018: West Tampa will be the first community to be upgraded with the new LED lights on local streets.
- Focus is on intersections and then local streets for traffic safety.
- LED lights are being installed in between the high pressure sodium lights.
 - There will be no more than 150 feet between lights.
- Phase II will be to replace the high pressure sodium lights. Letters will be posted when crews will be out doing the work.
- Until all lights are upgraded, people still need to call in lights that are out.
- If there is an area of concern, then please submit a request ticket to the City.

Strategic Action Plan: Mr. Greminger provided an overview of the December 18 Strategic Action Plan Community meeting. As part of the presentation, he also reviewed the economic projections for TIF revenues and growth. The consultants have been meeting with different groups and stakeholders and are hearing the same themes of issues.

Summary of Community Priorities:

- Economic Development Summary
 1. Job Creation/Opportunities
 2. Marketing
 3. Housing

- Physical Development
 1. Parking
 2. Safety
 3. Streets
 4. Parks/Open Spaces
 5. Historic Preservation

West Tampa CRA Opportunities

1. Economic Development Objectives and Initiatives – Community Wide
 - Job Training and Placement Programs
 - Develop West Tampa Labor Market and Businesses
 - Local Businesses and Industries
 - Establish Planning, Zoning, and Economic Retention Policies
 - Promote Infill and Redevelopment
 - Micro-loans and Other Financial Incentives
 - Affordable and Workforce Housing Developments

2. Physical Development and Redevelopment Opportunities
 - Old West Tampa Infill: Howard Ave/Armenia Ave/Main Street
 - Reuse of Old Cigar Factories
 - Catalytic Potential of Strategic Properties
 - Putting Excess Public Lands on the Tax Roll
 - Affordable and Workforce Housing Developments

3. Additional discussion topics
 - Gateway markers
 - Enhanced district corridor connections
 - Specific Street Improvement opportunities
 - River connections and access

- Affordable and Workforce Housing Developments

Next Steps:

- Development of Planning Directives for improvements and financial strategy
- Produce the Final Draft for CAC Review and comments
- Present final Draft Report to community at 3rd Public Meeting in March
- Present the Final Draft Report to the CRA Board for review and approval

Discussion:

- Opportunities to have FDOT address issues and enhancement 3 remaining underpasses. CRA should not have to pay for this.
- The Vision is for Main Street to become a Complete Street.
- Final plan will have detailed recommendations for short and long term.
- Where is the “in lieu of” money going that is paid by developers?
- Focus on options for affordable housing

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

- HB17 passed by full house 72-32
- SB432 is in subcommittee for transportation. Two additional subcommittees if it moves forward.
 - Currently SB432 is less favorable towards CRAs and is more limiting.
 - Request that Mr. Kiner draft letter to send to members of the Transportation subcommittee reiterating our position.
- If both versions pass their respective bodies, they will still have to be reconciled.
 - Mr. Kiner will inform the WTCAC as subcommittees are scheduled for bill hearings.

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

FDOT: Ed McKinney presented an update on the FDOT TBX project now called Tampa Bay Next. The current system has design deficiencies and a demand/volume problem.

FDOT is soliciting public input and focusing on the transparency of the process. Community workshops have happened and will continue to be scheduled. FDOT wants to know community needs.

Considerations:

- Design constraints
- Interaction with local streets and interchanges
- Back-up onto interstate ramp at exits
- Lois area is a big challenge. How do you spread out the traffic?

Concepts: The following are only concepts at this point as FDOT receives community input and evaluates feasibility. All concepts have pros and cons.

- A: Splitting traffic to Himes for Eastbound and McDill for Westbound, express lane traffic only.

- B: Diamond interchange at Himes. This would be a full Express lane interchange at Himes.
- C: Flyover ramps for Express lane interchange South side at McDill and North side at Himes.

West Tampa Concerns. This is what FDOT has heard from the West Tampa Community:

- Concern for noise and visual impacts on adjacent community
- Option A fits with vision of West Tampa CRA Vision for Main Street businesses
- No specific comments on Option B.
- Concern regarding increased traffic on McDill with Option A
- Concern regarding construction vibration, noise and visual impacts
- Need for walkability and better bike/pedestrian amenities

Next Steps:

- Neighborhood field visits
- Additional traffic analysis
- Aesthetics discussions
- Additional feedback from community
- Coordinate outreach with HART and MPO

Get involved:

- In-person meetings
- Email updates
- Online meetings
- Other?

Discussion:

- The Stormwater pond at Willow and 275 needs attention, trash.
- Where are our Historic District signs on the Interstate, in both directions?
- Right now there are no plans for eminent domain, but until the final design is known, it cannot be said for certain. FDOT owns all the ROW it needs from Downtown to Lois exit.
- Any taxes that may get levies for transit have to go to transit.
- All the people who live from Hillsborough tpo South Tampa are affected by these changes since they are accessing the interstate at the interchanges slated for changes.
- Issue remains, can the local jurisdiction fund their 25% local match (approximately \$100 million) across several counties.
- If the improvements can be tied to FDOT Roadway system, then FDOT does the maintenance vs the local transit system/gov't jurisdictions.

Tampa Parks and Recreation Department: Director Paul Dial introduced himself to the community and discussed his efforts to acquaint himself with all our parks and the communities' needs.

- Reviewing appropriate level of programming at the MLK Community Center.
- A tour of Julian B. Lane Park can be arranged for the CAC members.
 - Julian B. Lane is tentatively scheduled to open in May. The grand opening will involve the community, entertainment and activities.
- Mr. Dial and his team are reviewing all the parks to identify needed improvements, updates, and changes. Once those have been identified, Mr. Dial will come back to

the West Tampa CAC.

- Landscaping along corridors within the City is handled by different agencies depending upon which corridor it is.

Discussion:

- Desire to team up with the City for cleanup and closure of streets prior to Juneteenth celebration.
- The districts that “in lieu of” fees are appropriated to are very large. Can Mr. Dial look into making those smaller districts so that money from area developments stay within that area?
 - People are deprived of green space when this option is exercised and then the money is used far from the development and the affected community.
- Philips Field Historical Marker update: A new sign will be placed on North Blvd to indicate area and then a sign will be inside of the park, along the sidewalk where there is a lot of foot traffic.

VI. Subcommittee Reports

Special Events Subcommittee:

Ms. Young discussed that the Subcommittee is working on a process for outside agencies to apply for sponsorship as well as a large West Tampa signature event.

VII. General Discussion & Questions

- Please schedule Solid Waste for follow up discussion for next meeting.
- CAC Meeting Notice signs:
 - Prefer brighter, more eye catching signs
 - Can CRA provide 5 signs for each group to put out?
- Good neighbor Notices:
 - 2405 W North B St & 2403 W North B Street: ReZoning, RM-16 to RM-18. Feb 8, 2018 Public Hearing.
 - Variance Public Hearing: 2006 West Kennedy Blvd, sign variance to allow a 3rd wall sign to be placed on the west elevation. Jan 9, 2018.

VIII. Announcements & Public Comment

- Concern over trash buildup, trash cans on Main Street, need code enforcement.
 - Develop options to address these issues in Strategic Action Plan.
- Can there be identification at Fortune Street?
- We need on job training as part of construction projects to encourage careers in construction. Workforce development programs.
- At N. 22nd Street and Fletcher there is a junior achievement for Adults. Need space for adults to learn these trades.
- Need to address Pasco residents coming through area to head to centralized points.
- Spruce and Cypress need to be widened.
- There is a construction career fair in St. Pete on January 31 from 10 am – 1 pm.

Contractors will be there. Working on duplicating event on Tampa side.

- The owner of the Cotton Club is looking for building assistance on her building.
 - Once the Strategic Action Plan has been developed, programs offering this kind of assistance may be available.
 - Small Business Association may be able to assist with loans.
- BBIF is funded by the state and is located in Orlando. We should have them come talk at a future meeting.
- 1700 Beach Street has traffic issues.
- A housing forum about homestead benefits and process might be good to hold for the community.
- What is the status of the historical mural at the Julian B. Lane Park building?
- The WT Chamber has been advertising in the Sentinel, good to see.
- New owner of the cigar factory on Albany. They are looking to do urban agriculture through hydroponic gardening. Invite them to a future meeting.

Meeting Adjourned 8:23 p.m.

**West Tampa Community Redevelopment Area
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February 27, 2018

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Staff: Malcolm Kiner, Urban Development Manager
Michelle Van Loan, Economic Development Staff
Mark Wilfalk, Solid Waste Director

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II. Meeting Minutes January 23, 2018

Mr. Turanchik moved to approve the January 23, 2018 meeting minutes and seconded by Mr. Jackson. The motion passed unanimously.

III. Tampa Police Department Update

Officer Coyour presented the TPD update.

- On February 10, 2018 there was a department change in assignments, so community may see new faces and returning faces to the area.
- Ofc. Coyour noted that night time call volume has been rather low the past two weeks.
- Mr. Robinson mentioned a house fire across the street from him.

IV. Staff Reports

Solid Waste: Mr. Mark Wilfalk updated the community on the status of the yard debris from

Hurricane Irma.

- The City will be receiving the closing notice from DEP in the next couple of weeks.
- Currently performing post operations clean up and final preparations at site for closure.
- Solid Waste will host a neighborhood cleanup in the CRA area. Date will be coordinated with the community.

Additional Discussion:

- The recycling program is going well.
 - 20,000 tons collected.
 - Working on a Recycling Master Plan.
 - Program does not pay for itself. Costs about \$4 million to operate and brings in less than \$500,000 in revenue.
- If you see illegal dumping, call 813-274-8811.
- Potholes at Arch and Delaware.

Strategic Action Plan:

- First draft of Strategic Action Plan being developed.
 - Staff will provide edits, revised version will be submitted to CAC for review/edits.
 - Draft will be submitted to CAC at least 7 days prior to meeting to discuss.

Salcines Park: There will be a special meeting to discuss the Salcines Park murals:

- March 7, 2018 at the library
- 2 concepts for the mural will be presented to the CAC.
 - Concepts were developed from the two public meetings held to garner input from the community such as iconic structures and people in the community.

Legislative Update:

- Legislative session due to end on March 9.
- CRA legislation is moving through committees as part of the Growth Management legislation.
- Mr. Kiner will apprise the CAC if anything passes the legislature.

V. Requests to Address the Committee

Accion: Adriana Contreras provided an overview of their organization and the services they provide.

- Closest office is in Orlando, and they lend nationwide.
- Lend to all types of businesses with the exception of nightclubs and adult uses, non-profits, and real estate offices.
- Accion partners with local SBDCs, private and financial institutions.
- They have already made loans in the Tampa and St. Petersburg area and target CRAs throughout the state. Also target women entrepreneurs.
 - Unsecured loans up to \$12,000
 - Loan categories: \$1-\$10,000, up to \$50,000, up to \$250,000.
 - Lent out \$300,000 in Florida in January.
 - Interest rates range from: 8.99% - 15.99%

SBDC: Carol Minor provided an overview of their organization and the services they provide.

- State's designated technical assistance provider.
- Partially funded by the SBA so also cannot lend to nightclubs/bars.
- No-cost consulting services to small businesses and startups.
- Provide training and workshops on business topics.
 - Training is targeted to the level of the business person and their needs.
- Hillsborough SBDC is part of a network of 1300 SBDCs.
- SBDC partners with the City of Tampa and the East Tampa CRA to provide services to Tampa's businesses.
- Biggest challenge in assisting local businesses is the limited amount of loan money available.

Committee requested to meet a recipient of their services/loan program at a future meeting.

Tampa BBIC: Albert Lee, BBIC President.

- Focus is on providing capital in the community.
 - Making "good" loans
 - Packaging loans in partnership with other lenders
 - Guarantee of loans
 - Lines of credit for working capital
- Provide technical assistance.
 - Catch Program: 15 week, intensive training for existing businesses.

TD bank will make loans in the CRA up to \$100,000.

VI. Subcommittee Reports

Special Events Subcommittee: Postponed to next meeting.

VII. General Discussion & Questions

- Good Neighbor Notices:
 - 1907 W. Cass: PD Substantial Change
 - 2320 W. Orient: SU1, Adult Day Care
 - 701/705 N. Howard: Alcohol on premises
 - 1307 W. Kennedy: Tampa General parking lot
 - 2313 W. Columbus Dr: Change of Use Determination 2220 W. Kennedy: Vacate portion of alley
- Please bring Ray Park Parks and Recreation employee to a meeting.

VIII. Announcements & Public Comment

- Update on Tampa Housing Authority development at Main and Rome.
- What is City plan/timing for City property?
- Domain Homes is now providing affordable homes on the city contract.
- Discussion of future use of CRA funds.

Meeting Adjourned 7:55 p.m.

**West Tampa Community Redevelopment Area
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March 27, 2018

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Excused: Carlos Ramirez and Ed Turanchik

Staff: Malcolm Kiner, Urban Development Manager
Michelle Van Loan, Economic Development Staff
Vanessa McCleary, Housing Manager
Patricia Martin, Parks & Recreation
Ted Fowler, Parks & Recreation

I. Welcome / Introductions

Mr. Robinson opened the regular meeting of the West Tampa Community Redevelopment Area Advisory Committee at 5:30 p.m. on March 27, 2018.

Mr. Robinson excused Carlos Ramirez and Ed Turanchik from the meeting.

II. Meeting Minutes January 23, 2018

Mr. Perry moved to approve the February 27, 2018 meeting minutes and seconded by Mr. Rhodes. The motion passed unanimously.

III. Tampa Police Department Update

Officer Tagliani presented the TPD update.

- The multiple shootings appeared to be as a result of groups of people coming into West Tampa from other neighborhoods.

IV. Staff Reports

Strategic Action Plan:

- First draft of Strategic Action Plan being developed.
 - Staff will provide edits; revised version will be submitted to CAC for review/edits.
 - Draft will be submitted to CAC at least 7 days prior to meeting to discuss.

- West Tampa CRA programs that are developed will go before the CRA Board for approval.

Salcines Park: Melissa is working with the artists over next several weeks to address comment received at the last meeting. Funding will also be discussed during that time.

Legislative Update:

- Neither bill made it out of the Senate. Expect to see bills filed again next year.
 - Mr. Robinson thanked Mr. Buckley on his suggestions as to who to focus the letters to from the CAC.

V. Requests to Address the Committee

Morgan Stanley Financial Services: Preston Duppins provided an overview of their organization and the services they provide. Mr. Duppins also discussed his background and experience providing services to neighborhoods/communities including for the Tampa Housing Authority.

- Financial Education, retirement planning.
- Partner with Metropolitan Ministries and Tampa Housing Authority and non-profits
- Provided statistics on minority businesses.
 - Capital Access Fund run out of Broward County but covers the state. Provides business loans.

Kostas Stoilas mentioned that Nielson has capital for non-Caucasian businesses in the tech industry.

Tampa Housing & Community Development Division: Vanessa McCleary provided the annual overview of the annual action plan and funding allocations.

- Community housing survey distributed.
- Overview of funded programs and priorities and the process for participating in the programs.
- New affordable housing program for homeless for up to a year.
- Partnership with Domain Homes for infill housing.
 - Domain Homes Apprenticeship program.
- Partnership with Habitat for Humanity for housing for low income.
- Other non-profits providing housing and housing counseling services.

Link to Housing Presentation:

<https://www.tampagov.net/economic-and-urban-development/plans-presentations>

Owner occupied Home Rehabilitation Program:

https://www.tampagov.net/sites/default/files/housing-and-community-development/files/owner_occupied_rehab_flyer.checklist.locations_updated_4.18.18.pdf

Link to Programs discussed in presentation:

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

Parks & Recreation – Rey Park: Patricia Martin presented an overview of the kids programs and activities currently hosted at Rey Park. Ted Fowler announced that their department was doing a city-wide study of needs at all the centers, both infrastructure and programming.

- Vanessa McCleary is working with Parks & Recreation to get more computers into the community centers as P&R works to get the connectivity to the centers to handle the computers.
- All City of Tampa community centers will have summer camps, \$80.00.
 - Includes lunch and a snack, hours 7:30 am – 6 pm.
 - Children in the after school programs receive priority enrollment for summer camp.
- There is room for an increase in parent participation for their kids.
- Discussion of advertising for programs.
 - Working on improving their outreach efforts.
- Friends of Tampa Parks, community members can get credit for volunteering activities.

Discussion:

- Community concerned P&R is not doing enough to let the surrounding community know what is happening at the park.
- Community has notice that the P&R Department is not as involved in the community with activities as it once was.
 - Restart some of the programs had in past for seniors and adults.
- How do we get the cable company to partner with Parks & Rec on connectivity issues, what does the franchise agreement include?
- What money is in the General Fund for Rey Park and MLK Center?

VI. Subcommittee Reports

Special Events Subcommittee: Tina Young provided an update to the subcommittee's work in developing a process to request sponsorship of events. Draft applications were passed out. The subcommittee will review each application and the CAC will approve/deny.

- One program is aimed at smaller monetary requests, up to \$750 per event.
 - Aimed at non-profits

Mr. Smith moved to approve the \$750 sponsorship form, seconded by Mr. Jackson. Unanimous.

- Second program is for larger events such as concerts/festivals, up to \$5,000 per event.
 - Reimbursement program
 - Recommended to request list of vendors on the form

Mr. Rhodes moved to approve the \$5,000 sponsorship form as amended, seconded by Mr. Smith. Unanimous.

VII. General Discussion & Questions

- Loitering discussion for next meeting:
 - Main from Albany to Howard
 - Invite TPD and Legal representative

- Loitering laws, rights of property owners
 - Best practices
 - How is Ybor addressing this issue? How did Hyde Park handle?
- Invite Morgan Stanley Broward County people to a future meeting to discuss their program.
- Mr. Buckley mentioned that the North Hyde Park Civic Association would like to see an arch entrance gateway for West Tampa, maybe at Cass coming from Downtown, and possibly a second location.
- Send the WTCAC the information on the CARES Newsletter on land zoning items.
- Ms. Jones noted that Domain Homes was requesting a change to the overlay district requirements.
- Mr. Robinson shared that FDOT has responded that there is not a viable location to place one of their brown signs for historic districts on I-275. Disappointing response.

VIII. Announcements & Public Comment

- Project Link Sneaker Drive, collects new and gently used shoes for kids.
- Renaming of the Laurel Street Bridge in honor of Ms. Fortune Taylor. Sunday, May 13 at 10:00 am.
- The WCFL Labor Council asked to help put together a 4-year apprentice program. 122,000 members covering 9 counties.
- A new Restaurant on Main Street on July 4th. The owner was a chef for 8 years in the Army and is now bringing her culinary talents to the West Tampa community.

Meeting Adjourned 8:05 p.m.

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April 24, 2018

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

Excused: Benjamin Buckley, Jeffrey Rhodes, 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 5:40 p.m. on April 24, 2018. CAC members introduced themselves and Mr. Robinson recognized guests in the audience including Ms. Yvette Lewis.

Mr. Robinson excused Benjamin Buckley, Jeffrey Rhodes, Walter Smith II, and Ed Turanchik from the meeting.

II. Meeting Minutes March 27, 2018

Mr. Jackson moved to approve the March 27, 2018 meeting minutes and seconded by Mr. Ramirez. The motion passed unanimously.

III. Tampa Police Department Update

Mr. Robinson explained that he had requested the police to come address the group on the topics below because if we don't address them as a community, they will hinder and slow down economic development for the area and commercial corridor. Major Delgado is the new Major for West Tampa area.

Need the business owners and property owners on the same page on these issues.

Major Delgado reviewed the shooting incident that took place when a party got out of control. Despite the multiple shootings, no one was seriously injured. 12 people were later arrested.

- Calls for service are down 60% since 2015.
- Crime is down 50% in less than 2 years.

- Working on a new program to partner with businesses to install public safety cameras in target areas.
- TPD does not “run” anyone out of parks
- TPD is not focused on the seniors at Rey or Salcines Park.

Captain Cate presented the TPD update. Discussion on:

- Open container drinking
- Loitering – what it is and efforts to respectfully reduce
 - How TPD handles trespass complaints and issues
- Drug deals on Main
- Lighting types and effects on safety
- Business Watch Program

Captain Cate can be reached at 354-6697.

Public Comment:

- There is no place for the older generation to hang out at any more. No more open park spaces.
- Private alleys on Albany, between Cass and Lemon. Loitering, defecating, setting out chairs to hang out, and drinking beer. Appear to be former residents, not homeless. Police run them off and they come right back. Need TPD to visit area every day
 - TPD stated that there are now 3 codes staff assigned to work with TPD. Can help clear out the furnishings.
- TPD: There are two homeless liaison police officers. It recently took 6 months to get a chronically homeless person off of the streets and provide some assistance.

IV. Staff Reports

Strategic Action Plan: Mr. Kiner is still working with Kimley Horn to get a finalized draft. Do not want to present a report that has not been well vetted.

- SAP will be brought to the CAC and community for review and feedback at a special meeting for SAP only.
- Feedback will be further addressed in the plan.
- Final plan brought before the CAC and community and then to CRA Board.
- Draft will be posted on the website for all to review.

Julian B. Lane Park:

- May 11, 9:30 am. State of the City address by the Mayor
- May 13, noon to 10 pm. Grand opening
 - 9 am – noon. Fitness activities in the park
- 2 historic signs related to Philips Field

West Tampa Cleanup:

- Planning for June
- Will provide notice ahead of time
- Comprehensive cleanup
- Make notice to Sentinel, La Gazetta, and radio stations
 - Can it include alleys and hazardous materials (paint, batteries, etc?)

Dee Jackson will be the Cleanup SubCommittee Chair.

V. Requests to Address the Committee

Tampa Bay Techhire: Mr. Michael Hamilton provided an overview of the program & services and the tech economy & job market.

- Provide certificate training in computer focus areas, about 6-8 weeks
- Targeted to overlooked/underrepresented talent pool
 - Not targeted to those pursuing the traditional college path
- Also provide retraining of existing employees
- Ex-felons can apply and will be reviewed individually and based on circumstances

Members of the West Tampa community will assist Mr. Hamilton in reaching out more effectively to the people he is trying to recruit.

Tampa Housing Authority: Mr. Leroy Moore provided an update on the THA redevelopment projects. Their projects are not gentrification. New development will have 200 more affordable units than before the renovations. Creating a more diversified community. Not moving out the at-risk population for more affluent residents:

- THAFL.com/westrivier
- Review of actions over past 4 years
- Review of criteria for “affordable”, “low-income”, and “subsidized”
- Overview of land/buildings involved.
 - 3 buildings funded
 - 160 senior units at Main and Rome. 100% affordable housing
 - Existing Bethune high rise complete renovation
 - Mixed housing building. 70% affordable/30% market rate. Family Building
 - Additional building space
 - Office building at Main on Willow with retail on 1st floor
 - 4th building application has been submitted to state
 - Grocery, service and retail space
- Replacing infrastructure as each parcel is developed
- Construction:
 - Local minority business hiring
 - Hired local residents
 - School Board land swap:
 - The agreement is on the school board agenda
 - Replacement ball fields to be built before existing ones torn down
 - Proposed configuration is safer for the children
- The Yellow jackets field is not THA.
- Rome and Main will not close for construction
- Discussion of process for local and minority hiring

VI. General Discussion & Questions

- Mr. Robinson is still pursuing the brown Historic signs for the highway with FDOT.
- Mr. Robinson inquired if TECO can expedite the lighting improvements to do it all at once instead of phases.
- Mr. Andre Hill requested that the CAC direct the consultant for the development of the SAP to adopt his proposed approach to developing a historical community.
 - Discussion of the community engagement process that has taken place and the recording of comments, feedback, and priorities from the community. Kimley Horn has reported back at CAC meetings after every community meeting on the SAP.
 - Discussion of the economic history of the West Tampa community.
 - Jackson House has been stabilized and seeking tax exempt status.
- Mr. Robinson indicated that the Strategic Action Plan will not fix all the problems of the past, slum and blight. The CRA is one part of the solution.

VII. Announcements & Public Comment

- Can there be an historical marker for the old library?
- Renaming of the Laurel Street Bridge in honor of Ms. Fortune Taylor. Sunday, May 20 at 10:00 am.

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Mr. Robinson excused Marvin knight and Jeffrey Rhodes.

Mr. Robinson also mentioned that any CAC member may remain a CAC member while running for an elected position with the City of Tampa.

II. Meeting Minutes April 24, 2018

Mr. Perry moved to approve the April 24, 2018 meeting minutes and seconded by Mr. Wilson. The motion passed unanimously.

III. Tampa Police Department Update - Postponed

IV. Staff Reports

Strategic Action Plan: Mr. Keith Greminger with Kimley Horn provided an overview of the Strategic Action Plan status.

- The Draft Plan is currently under review by City staff.
- Next steps:
 - Draft Plan to CAC for review and input
 - Draft Plan to community for review and input
 - Final Plan to CRA Board for approval
- The Plan focuses on the 6 areas deemed priorities from community meetings:
 - Economic Development
 - Infrastructure
 - Safety

- Public Space
- Historic Preservation & Culture
- Strategic Community Partnership
- The Plan will include:
 - Financial analysis and 5-year TIF revenue projections
 - Proposed initiatives, programs, and infrastructure improvements
- Draft will be posted on the website for all to review.
- Once the Strategic Action Plan is adopted the CAC will work to prioritize uses of CRA dollars among all the needs identified.

Discussion:

- Sensitivity Analysis requested
- Should partner with businesses in DT & Westshore to hire our residents
- Focus on parking in order to get development
 - need walkable, safe, and multi-modal community
- Need to bring in more business to hire our residents
 - Partner with our businesses
- Need to meet the needs of the businesses – what are barriers
- Need a cleanup program and hire from community
- Can we develop a registry of people who live in WT needing a job
- Maybe have a parking lot in WT for people to then shuttle to jobs
- How to get new businesses to hire from within the community
- Zoning codes to be tweaked, land uses changed, update overlay
- Inclusionary zoning
- Affordable housing ratio
- Developments contribute to parking fund
- Speed up teco light program
- FDOT historical sign
- Focus on our ancillary parks
- WMBD for TIF funded projects/programs
- Recognize Library is an asset
- West Tampa app to help people navigate area
- Focus on all parks not just Julian B. Lane

West Tampa Cleanup:

Dee Jackson will be the Cleanup SubCommittee Chair. Committee includes Mr. Wilson, Mr. Ramirez, and Mr. Smith.

V. Requests to Address the Committee

Domain Homes: Request for changes to West Tampa Overlay District

Mr. Robles presented and overview of Domain Homes and housing in West Tampa. Focused on replacing and rehabilitating housing stock. Three requirements in the Overlay are being requested to be changed:

- Roof pitch – currently minimum pitch is 6/12. Requesting reduction to allow for pitch from 3/12 and up.
- Setback based on block average. Requesting a variance of up to 2' from block average.
- Porches – want to adjust how porches affect setbacks.

Discussion:

- Home styles need to fit the neighborhood. Concern over some of the styles shown in the presentation, which don't appear to fit in with the community.
- Don't want the suburbanization of West Tampa.
 - Not looking to make our community fit a builder's home styles.
 - The lower pitches built in the 1990s cheapen community of older housing stock and their respective styles.
- Architectural integrity of the community is important.
- Concern over garages in front.
- Domain's prices are \$226,000-\$365,000 for homes 1493 sf to 2500 sf.

CDC of Tampa: Ms. Lisa Montelione presented an overview of the services provided by the CDC of Tampa:

- Assist businesses in sustaining themselves through training and support
- Financial counseling
- Down payment assistance for new home buyers
- Housing specialist to assist with paperwork
- Job training program in various trades

(Loss of Quorum at 8:00 P.M.)

Urban Progress Alliance (UPA): Mr. Andre Hill provided an overview of his organization and the experience of African Americans in the United States and West Tampa.

UrbanProgressAlliance.org

- UPA has developers and investors
- Discussion on how to stabilize a community
- Small, local businesses should be priority to receive assistance
- Need a different model to revitalize West Tampa
- Create an economic engine
- Wants to see area lifted up

Request: Endorse UPA for an economic program for West Tampa. UPA will recruit investors to help enhance the plight of African Americans.

VI. General Discussion & Questions

- Mr. Robinson indicated that the CAC would follow the process as proscribed by law in implementing any project, program, or initiative.

VII. Announcements & Public Comment

- Midtown CRA in St. Pete put money aside for job training, housing, and small businesses. Suggest that they be invited to a West Tampa CAC meeting.
- We need transit and covered shelters at bus stops
- History of the old library at the Tampa Housing site

Meeting Adjourned 9:11 p.m.

**West Tampa Community Redevelopment Area
Advisory Committee**

Meeting Minutes

June 26, 2018

**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; Carlos Ramirez; Jeffrey Rhodes; Ed Turanchik; Tina Young; Emanuel Wilson

Excused: Marvin Knight and 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 June 26, 2018. CAC members introduced themselves.

Mr. Robinson excused Marvin knight and Walter Smith II.

Mr. Robinson announced that FDOT would be on the August agenda so that the Secretary can attend.

II. Meeting Minutes May 29, 2018

Mr. Perry moved to approve the May 29, 2018 meeting minutes and seconded by Mr. Rhodes. The motion passed unanimously.

III. Tampa Police Department Update - Postponed

IV. Staff Reports

Strategic Action Plan: Mr. Kiner announced that the Draft Strategic Action Plan would be presented at the July meeting and that it would be sent to the CAC at least a week ahead of time.

West Tampa Cleanup:

- Clean up was a success and the community came out to support.
- Businesses placed out items and they were not picked up. Mr. Kiner is working with Solid Waste to remedy this by the end of the week.
- Provide Mr. Kiner with addresses of any trash that was missed during the community clean up.
- Mr. Kiner is working on an alley sweep. Working on a list of alleys to be addressed.

Salcines Park Mural:

- Mr. Wilson announced that the revised design would be presented at the July meeting. The artist incorporated the feedback from the CAC.

FY19 Budget:

- \$500,000 more in revenue than originally anticipated.
- Including the rollover from existing budgets will have approximately \$3.2 million.

V. Requests to Address the Committee

TECO: Art Bosshart and Allen Denham.

LED Light Replacement initiative

- Smart LED lights being installed, 200,007 lights with 800 in West Tampa.
 - **West Tampa scheduled for 2019.**
- It will take 4-5 years to complete the process.
 - 4,000-5,000 light replaced per month.
 - 13,000 lights replaced so far.
- The work plan is on TECO website and is updated quarterly.
 - <https://www.tampaelectric.com/residential/programs/outdoorlighting/upgradingprocess/>
- Replacements are being done grid by grid.
 - Burnt out bulbs are being replaced with new LEDs.

Discussion:

- Placing electrical lines underground is very expensive and would have a noticeable impact of electric bills.
- Bright Lights Safe Nights program: Once the lights are expanded between Kennedy and 275 (2,000 light), Teco will know how much is left over to be addressed.
 - Main Street is not part of the 2,000 lights
- The CRA can fund additional lighting, such as the decorative pedestrian lighting, as has been done in other CRAs.
- Main Street already has some of the new LEDs and you can see the difference.

Black Business Investment Coalition: Brent Everett

- They engage in lending to increase opportunity to bring jobs into area.
- Funding through loans and loan guarantees to increase access to capital.
- Business Plan assistance and technical support for free.
- Assist both new and expanding businesses.
 - Work with businesses that are not “bankable” by bridging the gap.
 - Contractor loans.
 - Microloans
 - SBA Loans
- Received a grant to help get out into the community and help the program reach more people.
 - Need more applicants
 - Need help getting the word out
 - Cannot assist bars and night clubs, financially, but these businesses can receive technical assistance.
- How can the CRA help subsidize loans to the BBIC for WT businesses?

VI. General Discussion & Questions

Special Events Subcommittee: Ms. Young reported:

- There has not been an allocation of dollars yet to fund the sponsorships.
- Juneteenth celebration submitted application, but do not have funding to assist yet.
- October 19/20 festival event: Waiting for a proposal from Frank Garcia who also does the Taste of West Tampa.
 - Liability insurance needed?
 - MOU with sponsor/promoter

Parking Issues

- Have LDC come talk to the WTCAC.
 - Parking Issues
 - Why no retail on the first floor of new developments?
 - Where is the mixed use in areas where the development was targeted for mixed use? Almost all residential development.
 - Using density bonuses when transit is cut back in the area.
 - PDs approved keep gaining incremental changes handled administratively.
- Residents from new developments are parking where not supposed to and it is creating safety issues.
- “No Parking” areas are not being enforced.
- Streets are wide enough for two-way traffic in some areas.
- Construction is adding to these issues.
- Parking that is provided by developer isn't fully being used when parking on street is closer to unit.

Stormwater

- Cass and Rome issues.
 - Big pipe being installed at N. Boulevard.
 - Box culverts are being installed at Cass, Gray, Rome and will tie N. Boulevard.
 - No schedule yet (2019/2020)
 - SWFWMD has educational grants and cooperative grants.
 - SWFWMD to come to future meeting.
- What safety projects are scheduled for the CRA in the CIP budget?

VII. Announcements & Public Comment

- Good Neighbor Notices:
 - 7/19 public hearing for 608 N. Willow/1332 W. Cass. CMU35 for Residential/retail/commercial
 - 106 N. Albany: Parking
 - 2506 W. Columbus: Beer/wine consumption on premises for restaurant
 - 3006 N. Albany: Proposed CI Zoning
 - 210/212 N. Albany: RM16 to PD for multifamily with density bonus
- CRA staff will email West Tampa zoning notices to the CAC members.
- Boats are available at JBLane, but no local students involved yet. (Malcolm/Delphine)
- Oakhurst is coming down.

Meeting Adjourned 7:42 p.m.

**West Tampa Community Redevelopment Area
Advisory Committee**

Meeting Minutes

July 24, 2018

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

Attendees

Committee Members: Joe Robinson, Chair; Benjamin Buckley;; Delphine Jones; Carlos Ramirez; Jeffrey Rhodes; Walter Smith II; Ed Turanchik; Tina Young; and Emanuel Wilson

Excused: Dedrick Jackson; Marvin Knight; and Kenneth Perry

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 5:44 p.m. on July 24, 2018. CAC members introduced themselves.

Mr. Robinson excused Dedrick Jackson; Marvin Knight; and Kenneth Perry

II. Meeting Minutes June 26, 2018

Mr. Ramirez moved to approve the June 26, 2018 meeting minutes as amended and seconded by Mr. Rhodes. The motion passed unanimously.

III. Tampa Police Department Update - Postponed

Mr. Robinson thanked the TPD for inviting him to their active shooter training at HCC. It was well attended and very good training.

IV. Staff Reports

Strategic Action Plan: Mr. Kiner announced that the Draft Strategic Action Plan had been mailed out and posted on the West Tampa CRA webpage.

The third community meeting on the SAP is August 15. Goal is for the CAC to adopt the SAP in September or October.

Keith Greminger provided an overview:

The Strategic Action Plan, in addition to being the guiding document for the CRA, serves multiple audiences and purposes. To that end, there is a lot of background and demographic information and description of the current state of the CRA.

Mr. Greminger then presented the slide show, which can be seen at:

Discussion:

- Include Acknowledgements page
- Emphasize Partnership/entity names shown are for example
 - All partners will go through City Process
- Correct icon for the partners
- Mention SAP can be used in applying for grants
- Emphasize programs and studies listed in rollout are an example of how money can be invested over time.
- THA edits will be added by 8/15 community meeting
- Make sure that census data used reflects changes in population at THA
- Make sure it is clear why chose to show appreciation/depreciation cancelling each other out
- Transportation section is weak
 - Maybe consider referencing 2001 federal study or previous plans that fell through due to lack of funding.
- P. 34 map is not correct re boundary, it is on next page
- P.64 2.1 4th bullet add city and county
- P. 71 FY19 land use analysis. Should happen sooner than FY19
- P. 75 streetscape, it references Cass and Rome. Add Willow as a light industrial, clean tech corridor. It was in the InVision Plan.
- P. 79 traffic calming: Howard and Armenia, other roads can benefit, make it an inclusive statement
- P. 80 3rd paragraph towards the bottom. Mentions that we need additional parking. Please focus a little broader on multi-modal approach.
- P. 81 safety: Mention Teco Bright lights safe nights. TPD program to hand out porch lights to replace burnt out bulbs
- P. 82 Parks , great map
 - Please add something about the need for in lieu fees to remain in the CRA or within an appropriate radius of the project.
- Please add something about reactivating alleyways
- Nothing about social services:
 - Job employment
 - Mental health/addition that need employment
- Nothing about education in Economic development or strategic partners sections
- Hillsborough public schools as a partner
 - Mention their improvement projects in the CRA
- Brownfields as potential areas for revitalization
 - Education and training through brownfields
- Mention opportunity zones
- Land banking, land trust, what will be left?

- Discussion on land opportunities
 - City land
 - THA Land
 - School land
 - Infill housing
- Homeownership is the bedrock to stable communities and our rental rates are too high.
 - Can we have program that promotes purchase, rehab, owner-occupied
- Need strong affordable housing program
- Development agreements
 - Should require 10% (a percentage) of affordable set asides
 - Should have minority participation requirements for construction.
- There is a desert of green space in North Hyde Park
 - Can we use this in fighting against in lieu fees for future developments

Salcines Park Mural:

Mr. Kiner presented the revised mural design based on the feedback from the last community mural design discussion. Mr. Kiner noted all the elements that had been added/changed based on the community's comments. There will be a plaque with a legend to explain the key elements in the mural.

The CAC would like to see additional CRA dollars for more public art.

Mr. Wilson moved to approve the revised mural design and seconded by Mr. Turanchik. The motion passed unanimously.

V. General Discussion & Questions

Special Events Subcommittee: Ms. Young reported:

There has been a request to partner with the West Tampa Historical Cultural Festival. The proceeds of the festival are donated to a specific charity.

Discussion:

- Goal is to have an event for the local community that will grow over time.
- The CAC is not in a position to sponsor a specific charity at this time.
- Lock in the date now for 2019.

The request to partner for the event was withdrawn.

VI. Announcements & Public Comment

- Back to school event at Blake High School on August 4 at 9 am. Will provide school supplies and needed immunizations.
 - Backtoschoolfair.org
- Backpack drive August 3 at Dunbar Elementary to collect supplies for backpacks.

Meeting Adjourned 8:02 p.m.

**West Tampa Community Redevelopment Area
Advisory Committee**

Meeting Minutes

August 28, 2018

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

Attendees

Committee Members: Joe Robinson, Chair; Benjamin Buckley; Delphine Jones; Carlos Ramirez; Walter Smith II; Tina Young; Marvin Knight

Excused: Dedrick Jackson, Jeffrey Rhodes, Ed Turanchik

Staff: Malcolm Kiner, Urban Development Manager

I. Welcome / Introductions

Mr. Robinson opened the regular meeting of the West Tampa Community Redevelopment Area Advisory Committee at 5:41 p.m. on August 28, 2018. Chair Robinson personally thanked the FDOT District 7 Secretary and MPO staff attending the meeting. CAC members introduced themselves.

II. Meeting Minutes July 24, 2018

Committee requested that a link to the minutes be added to the website.

Motion: Ken Perry

Second: Tina Young

The motion passed unanimously.

III. Tampa Police Department Update – Captain Ruth Cate

- September 5th District 1 quarterly Meeting held at the Tampa Yacht Club 5320 Interbay Blvd 6:30-8 PM
- October 2nd National Night Out- Neighborhood Night Out- Julian B. Lane Riverfront Park- 5:30 pm – 8:30 pm
- October 13th – Police Memorial Run – Downtown Police Headquarters 8 AM
- Crime Report- No recent shootings in the area, violent crime is down, there have been 6 gun related deaths city-wide this year. Same period last year saw 22 deaths.
- TPD is down 30 officers due to placement in schools

Questions:

- What time is the Memorial Run? 8 AM
- How does TPD address loitering around Cass & Howard, people drinking beer behind store?
 - *Zone officers are aware of the issue and TPD is patrolling the area.*

- What is TPD doing about the parking problems in N. Hyde Park?
 - *TPD is working with transportation and they are planning to do more traffic enforcement.*
- What is TPD doing about parking issues in the West River neighborhood?
 - *Again working with transportation and doing more enforcement in the area.*
- Is there an update on the RING initiative that TPD has started?
 - *TPD has a limited amount of cameras so they are not advertising the program, but those who are interested can contact TPD for a camera. The citizen has to pay a yearly fee of \$30 and sign a waiver, but this will allow RING to share video with TPD.*

IV. Staff Reports

Strategic Action Plan: Mr. Kiner recapped the third SAP community meeting, and asked that if anyone in the community had additional comments or questions to please contact him.

V. Request to Address the Committee

FDOT- District Seven Secretary David Gwynn introduced himself to the committee and the community, he reiterated that he and his staff are serious about gathering feedback related to the Tampa Bay Next project, and they are willing to meet with big or small groups. He provided an update on Tampa Bay Next and where they are in the process, a few of the items he discussed were that

- The express lane concept along I-275 North of downtown was removed from the plan and they are working on additional Downtown interchange options.
- The SEIS is currently in the engineering phase and will culminate next summer with a public hearing.
- Randy Deshazo from the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council gave a presentation on the Economic Impacts of transportation in the Tampa Bay Region.
 - Focused on the economic impacts of leaving the transportation system as it currently is constructed, adding non-tolled express lanes, or construction with tolled express lanes.

Questions:

- Walter Smith II: When the major projects come to the area will local residents get access to the jobs and will those jobs be tracked?

District Secretary – FDOT goal is to get local residents/businesses involved, especially in the areas with high unemployment rates. FDOT looked at other states that have done it, as well as other organizations that do training and have received commitments from those organizations.

Mrs. Coney: They are working with the contractors now in St. Petersburg, and will need West Tampa to help identify young people who need work so they can start to build a pipeline of workers from West Tampa.

Member Perry would like to participate in the process and make sure locals are getting

jobs. He also would like the over passes maintained from Howard east to N. Blvd and would like to see the over passes receive nice landscaping and lighting.

District Seven Secretary: We will look into maintenance and improvements of over passes.

- Member Buckley: Would like to see it in writing that locals will be hired. Noise pollution should be addressed and he would like to see a plan for noise complaints.

Kirk Bogen/FDOT: Those issues will be addressed in the SEIS

- Member Smith: Good information, would like to see:
 - more meetings for all the community to participate
 - focus on sustainability of jobs, how long will they last
 - better explanation of impacts of future work and make sure everyone is on the same page. Feels it is critical that the community is part of the transformation of West Tampa,
 - FDOT needs full buy-in of businesses in area so everyone understands the details of the plans.
 - FDOT needs the buy-in of the community for jobs programs, need to make partnerships with community churches and other partners.
 - people cannot make it to training if the training is not in the area, and there are several organizations in the area that can help to make the job program a success.
- Member Ramirez: The focus seems to be on cars, what are the other mass transit plans that may help to take cars off the road?

District Secretary: A portion of the budget will be utilized for public transportation. FDOT is also looking into a study to better move people from downtown to the university area. Transit funding faces challenges because in order to receive federal dollars it requires a local match versus highway dollars, which are allocated based on population. FDOT is also looking at safety; around 500 people a year are struck by cars in the area, so safety is a top concern.

- Member Ramirez: FDOT should make sure to include all modes of transportation in the study and for implementation.

Kirk Bogen: FDOT is working with the MPO on land use and other issues related to how the community is growing.

- Member Jones: Requested maintenance of on the North Side of LaSalle.

District Secretary: We will look into the maintenance schedule.

- Member Wilson: How will FDOT address people who have a criminal background with the work training program?

District Secretary: FDOT is researching ways to overcome hurdles but does not have a final answer at this time.

Chloe Coney: FDOT realizes it is a challenge. Once the model is developed they will come back to the community to present proposed solution and find out from the community if they think the program will work.

- Member Wilson: Suggest that FDOT use data to tell the story. How often is the grass cut along Howard and Armenia at the underpasses?
- Chair Robinson: Is FDOT coordinating with the MPO, based on the maps the MPO has on display?

Johny Wong and Jenifer Malone presented from the Hillsborough MPO: They presented the Community Survey. The survey provides the community with the opportunity to provide their opinion on transportation in the region.

VI. General Discussion & Questions

Special Events Subcommittee: Member Young provided a presentation on the Unity in Community Event, the event is scheduled to be held on Saturday October 13th at Julian B. Lane Park, the event will include food trucks, entertainment, kids activities, and vendors. Staff asked the CAC to approve a budget of \$10,000 for the event.

Motion: Member Smith
Second: Member Buckley
Passed unanimously

VII. Announcements & Public Comment

- Member Jones announced Blake High School will be starting a row team on September 4th and passed out a flyer.
- Member Buckley discussed parking issues in N. Hyde Park.
- Mathew and Steven from Bay Cannon Beer Company introduced themselves and the new micro-brewery they plan to bring to Main Street. They have a zoning hearing on September 27th with the City and would like support.
- Chair Robinson announced notices for zoning and land use request in the CRA. Commented on a branding meeting hosted by the Tampa Housing Authority, the new THA development will be called West River and they are planning follow up meetings as the plan continues to develop. Chair Robinson would like to meet to discuss the possibility of cross branding the West Tampa CRA and the West River development. Request that the Hillsborough County Schools attend a CAC meeting.
- Fred Hearn thanked the CAC for allowing him to work on the Strategic Action Plan, and offered his help with the festival. He announce that the THA will not be creating a West Tampa History Museum.
- Member Smith offered his support for Bay Cannon Brewery and their plans to work with local residents to provide jobs and training.

Meeting Adjourned 7:53 p.m.

**West Tampa Community Redevelopment Area
Advisory Committee**

Meeting Minutes
September 25, 2018

**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; Walter Smith II; Ed Turanchik; Tina Young; and Emanuel Wilson

Excused: Carlos Ramirez and Jeffrey Rhodes

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 5:34 p.m. on September 25, 2018. CAC members introduced themselves.

Mr. Robinson excused Carlos Ramirez and Jeffrey Rhodes.

II. Meeting Minutes August 28, 2018

Mr. Perry moved to approve the August 28, 2018 meeting minutes as amended and seconded by Mr. Wilson. The motion passed unanimously.

III. Staff Reports

Strategic Action Plan: Keith Greminger presented the updates to the draft plan made in the past 30-45 days based on additional comments and input from the West Tampa Community.

Next Steps:

- CAC Approval of Final Draft Strategic Action Plan
- CRA Board review and approval
 - Adopted West Tampa CRA Strategic Action Plan

Discussion:

- Mr. Wilson's text edits and additions:
 - Pages: 65, 69, 70, 81
- Mr. Buckley:
 - Development pattern should be what is in the Comp plan and intended. Too many variances granted and approvals of "minimally" mixed-use developments
- Mr. Robinson:
 - The CAC can make recommendations based on what is in the WT

- redevelopment and strategic Action Plan. We are a recommending body.
 - The SAP does not provide specifics as to partnerships and programs. The work now is to identify and develop those processes and programs.
- Mr. Turanchik:
 - The SAP is a spending guideline document, not a development document.
 - Thanks to the Chair for all his hard work and effort he has put into the CRA and the Strategic Action Plan.
 - Thanks to Kimley Horn and Keith for getting us through the process.

Mr. Turanchik moved to approve the West Tampa Strategic Action Plan with additional edits as discussed and seconded by Mr. Perry. The motion passed unanimously.

Salcines Park:

The artist will begin the mural on October 15. There will be a plaque near the mural to recognize the figures in the mural with additional information/explanation.

IV. Requests to Address the Committee

Ready for Work Hillsborough: Andre Perks presented the Abe Brown Ministries program for ex-offenders. The program was developed in 2014 and assists those re-entering the workforce.

- Individuals fully released from prison/Jail or on parole qualify
 - No history of violence or sexual offenses
- Provides tax credits to small/medium businesses who provide employment through the program
- Program also provides volunteer mentors/life coaches
 - Monthly commitment by mentor
- Interested individuals should come to office and meet with an intake specialist
- Working with FDOT on future partnership for employment
- Abe Brown Ministries has partner who provide transitional housing
- AbeBrownMinistries.org

Blake High Rowing team: Mike Mosely: The rowing team exists! Mr. Mosely works at the Tampa River Center and is currently working on fundraisers at the school. Currently sponsored by CanDo and City of Tampa.

- More than 50 kids are interested
- 23 kids have come through this month to learn rowing
- \$70 for race training
 - Seeking rowing “andgels”/sponsors
- Princeton will be coming back for training
 - Princeton is donating 2 used rowing boats in January
- Funding:
 - West tampa Chamber
 - CRA?
 - Hillsborough County School District
 - Blake High Booster Club
 - Teco

V. **General Discussion & Questions**

Special Events Subcommittee: Ms. Young reported on the Unity, Cultural and Historical Festival.

- October 13, 10 am – 4 pm
- City Council provided \$10,000 toward the festival costs.
- Tampa Housing Authority is a sponsor.
- Discussions with West Tampa Chamber are on-going.
- 6-8 food trucks.
- Mr. Jackson is lining up entertainment, along with R&B groups and the Straz Band.
- There will be family games and Blake Boosters.
- The CAC is not in a position to sponsor a specific charity at this time.
- Lock in the date now for 2019.
- Discussion on marketing
- Discussion on City festival fees

Mr. Knight moved that the CAC work at getting the City to waive the \$7,200 permit fee for the festival and seconded by Mr. Smith. Motion passed. Mr. Turanchik absent for vote.

- Discussion on vendors and candidate areas
- 2019 Festival date has been reserved at Julian B. Lane

Good Neighbor Zoning Notices:

- 1810 N. Armenia – Substantial change
- 2106 W. Main – Beer and wine permit

Discussion on zoning requests, supporting new businesses coming into the community, and the potential roll of the CAC.

CAC requests that legal attend a future meeting to discuss this issue.

VI. **Announcements & Public Comment**

- Please have Hart on the October Agenda. Contact Ms. Lee.

Meeting Adjourned 7:26 p.m.

**West Tampa Community Redevelopment Area
Advisory Committee**

Meeting Notes

October 23, 2018

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

Attendees

Committee Members: Joe Robinson, Chair; Benjamin Buckley; Dedrick Jackson; Carlos Ramirez; Jeffrey Rhodes; and Tina Young

Excused: Delphine Jones; Marvin Knight, Kenneth Perry, Walter Smith II, Ed Turanchik, and 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 5:41 p.m. on October 23, 2018. CAC members introduced themselves.

Mr. Robinson excused Marvin Knight, Kenneth Perry, Walter Smith II, Ed Turanchik, and Bobby Wilson.

Mr. Robinson announced that the City attorney, Jorge Martin would be postponed to next meeting.

Mr. Robinson requested that TPD attend next meeting after there was a shooting and a bullet penetrated a house and wounded an occupant.

II. Meeting Minutes September 25, 2018

Approval of the September 23, 2018 meeting minutes was postponed to next meeting.

III. Staff Reports

West Tampa Cultural and Historical Festival: The festival was a success and the weather and park were perfect for the event.

Salcines Park Mural: The artist began working on the mural.

Strategic Action Plan: After two almost years, West Tampa has a Strategic Action Plan. The CRA Board approved the Plan on October 11.

Other Items:

- Ben Buckley Started with the City of Tampa as a Building Inspector.
- Mr. Wilson is concerned about the loitering on Main Street and submitted a

- complaint. Captain Cade is working on increasing patrols.
- Trash in the back of the studio on main has not been addressed yet.
- Request for Codes to attend the next meeting.
 - Codes never cleaned up the alley that were identified.
 - Alley between Palmetto & Sheridan was cleaned
 - This is a safety issue.

IV. **Requests to Address the Committee**

Hillsborough County Social Services: James Girard, Audry Ziegler, and Sharon Gordon provided an overview of services and answered questions.

- Services Center: The City owns the property they occupy and the County leases it. The County has the funding to rebuild the building. At this time, do not know the fate of the building or timing.
- The building will continue to provide Head Start and Aging Services.
- Health care provider does not appear to be returning.
 - Tampa Family Health Care wants to maintain presence in West Tampa, but future location is unknown at this time.
- There are a lot of different agencies and County divisions involved in the final decisions.
- They are still providing:
 - Support services for electric, water, rent
 - Self-sufficiency grants
 - Childcare for those in education/training
 - Ongoing case manager for those trying to change circumstances
 - There are scholarships for ages 17-23 for university/community college
 - There is free health insurance program if you are at 110% of federal poverty level
 - There are many services one can apply for at the center
 - www.hillsboroughcounty.org/en/residents/social-services

V. **General Discussion & Questions**

Special Events Subcommittee: Ms. Young reported on the Unity, Cultural and Historical Festival.

- 20 vendors participated
- Bounce House
- Train
- Honor Faith, Hope and Charity
- Great start to the first festival of many to come
- 2019 Festival date is reserved for the park
- Committee will continue to meet and work on next year's event

Mr. Kiner recognized the hard work of members of the subcommittee in bringing it all together:

- Tina Young Sub Committee Chair, Dee Jackson, Heem Baisden, Brenda Lindsey, Delphine Jones, Carlos Ramirez, Janelle McGregor, Carla Lewis

Mr. Kiner work with Tina Young to send out thank you letters for the participants.

Ms. Fenton announced that the West Tampa Chamber has agreed to a sponsorship for next year's event.

Good Neighbor Zoning Notices:

- 608 N. Willow – Multi-Family
- 1912/1914 W. Fig Street – reconfigure and lot split for 4 townhomes

Additional Items:

- Status of the lighting program from Jan Washington.
- Mr. Kiner will come back to WTCAC with a list of proposed subcommittees for the CAC. Some suggestions included the following topics:
 - Zoning issues
 - The local neighborhood groups can filter up their opinions/comments through their member on the CAC.
 - Safety – Mr. Ramirez is willing to Chair the committee
- Jazz on the Lawn on 11/7 to support Edison Elementary
- Carla Lewis will be honor by the City with a special site at the Port Tampa Community Center.
- Nov 30 West Tampa Listening Tour with FDOT
 - Mr. Ramirez should attend
 - South side of Main Street, what is FDOT's plans for the future of that land?
 - It has become an eyesore
 - It has great potential if the area is created as "something" such as with flowers, nice landscaping, and beautification.
- Florida Redevelopment Association annual meeting will be in Tampa next year.

VI. Announcements & Public Comment

- The Festival was fantastic for the community.
- Need updates on TECO lights.
- The West Tampa Strategic Plan is online.
- Anyone can get on the C.A.R.E.S. newsletter email list and see all the requests that come through zoning and land use.
- Community would like to have input on zoning issues before Council votes on them.
- Rabi Mendy Dubrowski, Chabad Chai 808 N. Armenia (Armenia and State across from JCC). He looks forward to being a part of the community. He is also a chaplain with TPD.
 - Center is more community focused than a traditional synagogue.
 - Their doors are open to all and will council and provide services to peoples of all faiths.

Meeting Adjourned 7:00 p.m.

**West Tampa Community Redevelopment Area
Advisory Committee**

Meeting Minutes
November 27, 2018

**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; Carlos Ramirez; Jeffrey Rhodes; Walter Smith II; Tina Young; and Emanuel Wilson

Excused: Ed Turanchik 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 5:36 p.m. on November 27, 2018. CAC members introduced themselves.

Mr. Robinson excused Ed Turanchik and Marvin Knight.

II. Meeting Minutes September 25, 2018

Mr. Perry moved to approve the September 25, 2018 meeting minutes and seconded by Mr. Rhodes. The motion passed unanimously.

III. Staff Reports

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- Dedication will be on December 8 at 10 am
- Councilman Maniscalco and Reddick are scheduled to speak.

SubCommittee Discussion:

Mr. Kiner presented a list of proposed subcommittees. Recommend a CAC member as chair for each subcommittee, up to 2-3 CAC members per subcommittee, 9 is ideal subcommittee membership. All subcommittee meetings must be noticed and minutes taken.

- Special Events: Chair Ms. Young
- Economic Development
- Infrastructure: Chair Mr. Ramirez
 - Includes land Use and Zoning
- Housing: Chair Mr. Wilson, member Mr. Turanchik

Jorge Martin, City CRA Attorney:

- Subcommittee meetings are subject to Sunshine Law
 - Open to public
 - Reasonable notice of meeting
 - Minutes taken and reported out
 - If 2 or more members are in attendance and discussing an item that may come before the full CAC for a vote, then those members should refrain from discussing their opinions
 - Covered communication includes: face-to-face, written, text, email, social media, through a third party
- Voting prohibitions/conflict of interests:
 - Abstain: vote/discussion which you/your family may receive a special, private gain
 - Abstain: vote/discussion on an issue that is regarding the organization you represent
 - CAC members should not apply for CRA-funded grants
 - CAC member should not receive CRA funding that directly improves their real estate.
 - You cannot use your knowledge as a CAC member to pursue a business endeavor which you can then benefit by
 - Can vote on an area-wide benefit that benefits everyone, you included
 - Go to Mr. Kiner for any questions or uncertainties, before a conflict is created
 - CAC members should take a backseat to the needs of the CRA and public

Land Use/Zoning Discussion: Jorge Martin, City CRA Attorney

- CAC is an advisory body and viewed in the same way a Neighborhood Association is
- CAC can have opinions on zoning and land use matters
 - CAC opinions should be submitted through city staff vis established procedures
- Individual members should not provide opinions on these matters as members of the CAC. Only as individual citizens.

CRA Financial Questions: Jorge Martin, City CRA Attorney

- The CAC cannot do fundraising. TIFF is their funding source
- The CRA budgets do not have line items for contingency or reserves. Usually funds without an immediately identified purpose are held in the infrastructure line item and are then programmed into a line item for specific projects/programs.

Elections and CAC Membership: Jorge Martin, City CRA Attorney

CAC members may run for City office. If a CAC member is elected to office, they must then resign from the CAC.

IV. Tampa Police Department

Sgt. Bishop and Crpl. Furbush

- Mr. Robinson's rental home was shot at and a tenant hit by a bullet.
 - No arrest yet. There is evidence and it appeared to be due to a conflict, not random.
- Mr. Wilson mentioned an uptick in loitering last month on Main Street, including open containers and pop-up chairs. After many businesses utilized the "No Loitering" signs there was a reduction in activity. However, it has appeared to increase again.

- TPD response is to converse with violator and arrest on second occurrence.
- There may be a short lag in seeing TPD response when a new area/increase in activity is seen as they try and focus on areas.
- TPD regularly patrols and stops at Columbus Court, Main Street and Oakhurst.
- Mr. Robinson was victim of a cyber-attack and is grateful for all the assistance from TPD and Major Delgado.
- Shooting at W. State Street. Homicide is still working the case.
 - Recent shooting incidents appear to be aimed at specific individuals, but there is a risk of collateral injuries.

V. General Discussion & Questions

Special Events Subcommittee: Ms. Young

- Finalized Sponsorship Application
 - \$750 per small event, apply at least 30 days in advance
 - \$5,000 per large event, apply at least 60 days in advance
 - Requesting \$30,000 for reprogramming to fund the scholarships
 - Up to 5 \$5,000 grants and five \$750 grants in first year.
 - Mr. Kiner has set the request for the December 13 CRA Board meeting

Mr. Perry moved to approve reprogramming \$30,000 for the event scholarship program and seconded by Mr. Smith. The motion passed.

General Discussion:

- Façade Grant program will be worked through the subcommittee
- Mr. Wilson requested that each subcommittee develop a budget and priorities for FY19
- Mr. Robinson asked Mr. Kiner to send out the MPO plan to the CAC. The plan considers a roundabout at Rome and Columbus and a complete street concept for Main Street.
 - Request MPO to come talk about the plan
 - Mr. Ramirez has requested any engineering information on the plan.
- Meeting on the Cypress Street outfall (Stormwater) on December 4 at 5:30 at the MLK Center.
- Big hole in the road at Green and Albany has been fixed.
- Funding for any programs/project first require that there be a program/project established for such funding. A framework must first be created to provide funding.

VI. Announcements & Public Comment

- Request for meeting schedule of subcommittees when established.
- Request Codes to attend next meeting.

Meeting Adjourned 7:16 p.m.