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**TAMPA HEIGHTS RIVERFRONT
 COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**
 Bush Ross Conference Room, 1801 N. Highlands Ave.

**MINUTES
 August 15, 2023**

1. Roll Call and Call to Order

		Committee Attendees			City of Tampa Representatives	
1	P	Chris Ahern			Jeff Burton	A
2	P	Tina Eloian			Melisa Martinez	P
3	P	Fred Henry III	Vice-chair		Be Parks	A
4	A	Michael Musetta	Chair		Erica Moody	P
5	P	Raj Patel			Additional Attendees	
6	A	Matthew Sokolowski			Justin Willits – Go Hart	P
7	P	Jeffrey Warren				
8	P	Kareem Young				
9	P	Justin Ricke				

2. **Public Comment –**

- 2.1 Justin Willits with Go Hart provided an update on the arterial Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) study which is more than 50% planned. The recommended BRT is on Florida from downtown up through the heights to Linebaugh, Overton, Nebraska, Kitty Fowler Avenue, and then Brisby Downs to the University of South Florida, the university is within the transit center.
- Go Hart is pursuing stations funding to build stations to level boarding. They already have the service dollars. They're hoping to acquire the lane from DOT. They would like to count on the CRA as a potential funding source at \$150,000 to support the design and construction of a station at Tampa St. and West 7th Ave.
- Justin R. would like to investigate CRA funding for ridership as well. He asked about an interagency agreement with the Parking Department if they increase their fees to offset this cost.

3. **Action Items:**

- 3.1. The June 20, 2023, regular meeting minutes were offered for review. Musetta asked the committee for any additional comments or corrections. None were provided. The minutes were approved by unanimous consent.
- 3.2 Motion for the Doyle Carlton Dr. Traffic Calming/Crossing Signal funding request of \$495,400. The CAC requests to table this motion until we get a detailed breakdown of cost.

- 3.3 Chair put a motion to instruct staff to validate CRA plan with the BRT proposal and communicate with finance on the carryover. Also, to check with the city attorney for a CAC letter of recommendation and report back at the next meeting. This motion was approved by unanimous consent.
4. **New Business:** None
5. **Unfinished Business:**
 - 5.1. Tampa Bay Watch Reef Ball project. Staff need to put a startup with Contract Administration to bid out. Also, after a presentation with Urban River floating island, the CAC will need to decide which option. Their biggest concern is the ongoing maintenance needed for this system.
 - 5.2. CRA Redevelopment Plan update. Staff met with Professor Green who is currently scheduling interview appointments with community stakeholders to start the process. He will do a charrette to gather information for this update. Armature Works may be one place to host a charette. Ricke asked to host one of the charettes at a Civic Association meeting.
 - 5.4 Wayfinding signage update. The process is moving forward well. We have come across something that may slow us down. City Parking is doing an overhaul of their parking spaces. We are about 80% done. What we were asked to do is see if we can take the data of available parking and provide a guide to where parking is available. We thought it was important to get the digital information included in the study. We also are giving time to other CRAs to get on board with this study. The downtown partnership also hired the same consultant to provide signage in their districts.
 - 5.5 Public Art update. No Update. CAC is requesting deadlines for the Public Art. They have been waiting for more than a year to install an art piece at the roundabout on West Palm Avenue and North Highland Avenue. Director Moody stated that the CRA has a position planned for FY24, but she is trying to work around this to bring the art person earlier.
6. **Announcements** and future meetings were brought forward.
Next CAC Meeting: September 19, 2023, at 6 p.m. - Location: Bush Ross Conference Room
Next CRA Board Meeting: September 17 at 9 a.m. - Location: Tampa City Hall
Director Moody Announcement: Jeffrey Burton has accepted a position with Manatee County. His last day will be August 25.
7. The meeting **adjourned** at 7:22 p.m.