



COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

(First Wednesday of the month)

Wednesday, December 6, 2023, at 5:30 p.m.
Port Tampa Bay Boardroom, 1101 Channelside Drive

MINUTES

CAC Attendance

Abbey Ahern - V
David Aylesworth - P
Kimberlee Curtis - P
Brent Hill - P

Michael Leeds - P
Andy Scaglione - A
Steve McGlockin - P
Katie Gower - V

Guests

Ed Washington – P
Tony Monk – V
Mark Siebenaller – P
Andy Wood – P

Erin Konley – V
Melisa Martinez – V
Hannah Plate – V

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Chair Kimberlee Curtis called the meeting to order at 5:34 p.m.

2. Public Comment

Mark requested staff inquire about installing a Christmas tree at Washington Street Park. Orr said that she would follow up with Parks and Recreation. Mark also brought attention to the need for no u-turns going south on Meridian at Cumberland/Kennedy/Whiting. Orr said she would contact THEA to provide this request.

3. Action Items

3.1. Approval of the November 7, 2023, Meeting Minutes

Motion (Hill/Aylesworth) to approve the November 7, 2023, minutes. Passed unanimously.

4. New Business

4.1. November Meeting Follow-up Items

4.1.1. Solid Waste Dumpster Relocation Request

Orr reported that there isn't another location for the dumpster for Solid Waste to locate the dumpster due to driver safety. The current dumpster location, per Solid Waste, is the best placement on the property. The customer used to own another property, which they no longer own. They used to place the dumpster there. The customer offered to construct an enclosure to conceal the dumpster. Solid Waste was to follow up today to find out about the enclosure. Otherwise, Solid Waste can't require them to remove or relocate their dumpster.

4.1.2. Real Estate Inquiry - 1125 Twiggs Street

Orr provided the land acquisition request to Real Estate. They conducted research on cost by contacting the broker. Orr said she will meet with Real Estate to learn more about the process to entertain the possibility of acquiring this parcel as well as if there is funding availability. Orr mentioned that there

would be an additional cost, beyond land acquisition, for remediation due the auto shop underground land contamination.

5. Reports

5.1. Tampa Police Department – Captain Daniel College

5.1.1. Security Cameras Order Placement Update

Orr said she is in communication with Detective McGinnis, and he is on board to satisfy the CAC's request to install several security cameras. He was involved in the location assessment a while ago when the request first was made. He said that Council must approve the contract with the camera vendor. Once that happens, the contractor is ready to go. There would need to be a review of the previously selected locations and updated cost. McGinnis will stay in touch with Orr to arrange the next steps as soon as the contractor's contract is approved.

5.2. Florida Aquarium Activities – Andy Wood, Executive VP of Strategic Initiatives & COO

Andy Wood provided the activities report that included snow days, speakers lined up for 2024, capital expansion with puffin habitat (under construction in spring), and their partnership with Tampa General Hospital on the aquarium's robot for pediatric guided tours of the aquarium. This is so unique that CBS ran a story on it.

5.3. Washington Street Park Update/Public Workshops – Hannah Plate and Jamie Wright, Dix Hite

5.3.1. November 18 Community Outreach Results

The team reported that they were very happy with the turnout and the great conversations. They are working on determining the best location for workshop #2.

5.4. Wayfinding Signage Project – John Scheffel, api+ Vice President and Director of Visual Design, Erin Konley, Design Services

John and Erin provided a PowerPoint presentation. The group determined it was a lot to digest seeing it for the first time and requested Orr to send the concepts for review to further discuss at the next meeting. The CAC members said that the concepts were great (very favorable overall), however, they want more time to digest.

6. Unfinished Business

6.1. Enhanced Landscaping Contract – CRA Manager Orr

Orr provided the update given to her by Parks and Rec, which is that the bid was released with an anticipated closing date in mid-January.

6.2. Beneficial Bridge Study – Orr

Orr reported that she and Melisa Martinez met with Alex Henry in Mobility to learn the steps to initiate this study.

6.3. 810 Channelside Drive (RV Lot) – Orr

6.3.1. Delineation Fencing

Orr said that the fence installation is anticipated to be completed by the end of year.

6.4. Pressure Washing – Orr

Orr reported that the next cleaning is in the spring but to let her know of any concerns in the meantime because after working with the vendor in Ybor she knows they are very accommodating.

7. Announcements/Discussion

7.1. 2024 CAC Meeting Calendar and Meeting Time

The group decided to keep the December meetings and cancel July meetings since those fall so near to the July 4 holiday.

7.2. Next CAC Meeting – January 3, 2024, at 5:30 p.m., Port Tampa Bay Boardroom

7.3. Next CRA Board Meeting – December 14, 2023, at 9 a.m., Tampa City Hall

8. Adjourned at 7 p.m.