

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

July 25, 2023 at 5:30 p.m.
Hillsborough Education Foundation
2306 North Howard Avenue
Tampa, FL 33607

MEETING MINUTES

Attendees

Committee Members: Joe Robinson, Chair; Carlos Ramirez, Vice-Chair; Janice Williams; Michael Braccia; Jeanette LaRussa Fenton; Tina Young; Sandy Sanchez; Heem Baisden

Absent: Walter Smith II; Delphine Jones; Bobby Wilson; Shemeka Archer-Grundy

Staff: Jesus Niño; Andrea Roshaven; Officer Gig Brown; Tony Monk

I. Meeting Called to Order

Mr. Robinson opened the meeting of the West Tampa Community Advisory Committee at 5:35 p.m.

II. Opening Comments & Roll Call

- Ms. Roshaven completed the roll call and indicated a quorum was present.
- Mr. Robinson congratulated Ms. Sanchez and Mr. Braccia on their reappointment to the CAC.
- Mr. Robinson introduced Tampa City Council Member Lynn Hurtak. Councilmember Hurtak made brief comments.
- Mr. Robinson introduced CRA Director Erica Moody. Ms. Moody made brief comments.

III. Public Comment

- none

IV. Community Policing Update

Officer Gig Brown provided information on crime statistics and police operations in the West Tampa CRA.

Action Items

V. Approval of June 27, 2023 CAC Meeting Minutes

- Ms. Fenton made a correction to the minutes to reflect she made a second officer nomination for Mr. Wilson for Chair and Ms. Sanchez for Vice-Chair.
- Mr. Ramirez made a motion to approve the June 27, 2023 meeting minutes with Ms. Fenton's correction. Seconded by Mr. Braccia. Motion passed unanimously.

VI. Salcines Park Concept Presentation

- Angel Wood-Mark and Rafael Faddul, with Phinazee Construction and Consulting Services, Inc., and John DelVitto, with Clearview Land Design, made a brief PowerPoint presentation on an updated draft design concept for Salcines Park incorporating feedback received at the June 27, 2023 CAC meeting.

- Mr. Monk discussed some of the design features related to Parks operations and best practices.
- Mr. Robinson requested staff come back next month with a list of amenity decisions for a vote by the CAC members.
- Ms. Fenton asked Mr. Niño to reach out to HART about a transit shelter at the existing bus stop on the sidewalk adjacent to the park.
- Officer Brown urged using the principals of CPTED (Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design) in the design of the park.

VII. Rome Yards Project Update

- Peter Van Warner with the Related Group made a brief PowerPoint presentation on the status of the Rome Yards development project.
- The presentation included a request for the CRA to provide \$4.25 million to help fund infrastructure improvements and other features for the project.
- Motion made by Ms. Fenton to request legal provide an opinion as to if the proposal presented by Peter Van Warner of the Related Group is a legal use of CRA funds and whether it would be allowable under the development agreement(s) and original RFP for the Rome Yards project. Seconded by Ms. Sanchez. Motion passed 8-0.

VIII. Proposal for 2106 W. Main Street Property

- Ernest Coney with the CDC of Tampa made a brief PowerPoint presentation about a proposed plan for acquisition and utilization of 2106 W. Main Street.
- The presentation included a request for the CRA to provide a \$1.5 million grant to acquire the property and brewing equipment.
- Motion made by Mr. Baisden to request a legal opinion/options on what the CRA can and can't do to support the proposal by CDC of Tampa for 2106 W. Main Street. Seconded by Ms. Young. Passed 7-0, with Mr. Baisden absent.

Old Business

Reports

IX. Staff Report

- Mr. Niño provided a written staff report.
- Mr. Robinson requested Mr. Niño add back the Howard Avenue tree trimming request to his future staff reports.
- Mr. Niño provided a brief update on the Community Redevelopment Department reorganization.
- Members requested the staff report be organized by topic related to the subcommittees.

X. General Discussion

- Members discussed how to streamline and shorten the meeting agendas.
- Mr. Braccia made a motion to eliminate presentations not specifically invited by the Chair based on business that is currently CRA business and CRA funded and offer folks with an ask an opportunity to do so during public comment and add staff report based on the previous subcommittee information members deem important to discuss on the agenda. Seconded by Mr. Ramirez. After discussion, Mr. Braccia withdrew his motion and made a new motion to add the six subcommittee subjects as topics under General Discussion on future agendas. Seconded by Mr. Ramirez. Motion passed unanimously.

- Ms. Fenton made a motion that any entity that wants to provide an informational presentation would be placed on the agenda under public comment and allowed three minutes. Seconded by Mr. Braccia. Motion passed unanimously.
- Ms. Young and Mr. Robinson discussed the potential to need a second CAC meeting each month for general discussion topics only.
- Ms. Sanchez suggested all members view the SB 102 Live Local Act presentation given at the July 13, 2023 City Council meeting.
- Mr. Ramirez requested an update next month on the school zones and the planning professional for the overlay and other initiatives.
 - Mr. Niño provided an update that the planning professional costs were included in the proposed FY 2024 budget.
- Ms. Young asked for an update on the event planner RFP to help with the Unity Festival.
 - Mr. Niño stated there is no update because the administration is looking at a resource for department-wide support.

XI. Announcements

- Ms. Young provided information and printed cards about upcoming Back to School Health Clinics.
- Mr. Robinson shared the Good Neighbor Notices he received for 1303 W. Kennedy Blvd., 510 N. Rome Ave., 3203 W. Saint John St., and 2406 W. North B St.
- Mr. Robinson reminded members about the Future Land Use Assessment CRA CAC webinar on August 8.
- Mr. Niño stated the Salcines Park project team and staff had met with Judge E.J. Salcines that afternoon and the Judge had expressed an interest in making a future presentation about West Tampa history.
- Ms. Williams spoke about an unresolved Code issue at a neighbor's home. Mr. Niño asked her to send a picture for follow-up with the area Code supervisor.
- Ms. Young spoke about a pile of trash at the curb of 1125 W. Spruce St. Mr. Robinson asked her to send a picture to Mr. Niño for follow-up with the area Code supervisor.

XII. Adjournment

Mr. Robinson adjourned the meeting at 8:51 p.m.