

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

September 26, 2023 at 5:30 p.m.

Hillsborough Education Foundation, TECO Hall,
2306 N. Howard Avenue, Tampa, FL 33607

Minutes and Action Items

I. Attendance

First Name	Last Name	Title
Joseph	Robinson	CAC Chair
Carlos	Ramirez	CAC Vice-Chair
Michael	Braccia	CAC Member
Sandra	Sanchez	CAC Member
Janice	Williams	CAC Member
Bobby	Wilson	CAC Member
Delphine	Jones	CAC Member
Heem	Baisden	CAC Member
Jeanette	LaRussa Fenton	CAC Member
Jesus	Niño	CRA Staff
Andrea	Roshaven	CRA Staff (virtual)
Chris	Freeman	Code Enforcement Officer
Erica	Moody	CRA Director

II. Start Time

a. 5:32 p.m.

Mr. Robinson requested to amend the agenda to include new items Xa. Related Request Update and Xb. Just School Update. Motion made by Mr. Ramirez to approve the agenda as amended by Mr. Robinson. Seconded by Ms. Fenton. The motion passed unanimously.

- III. Public Comment
 - a. Omar Gracia
 - b. Michael Randolph (virtual)
- IV. Community Updates
 - a. Tampa Police noticed staff on September 25 that they would not have a representative at this meeting.
 - b. Chris Freeman from Neighborhood and Community Affairs provided an update on activities by Code Enforcement.
- V. Presentations
 - a. None
- VI. Approval of August 22, 2023 CAC Meeting Minutes
 - a. Motion made by Ms. Sanchez to accept the August 22, 2023, meeting minutes. Seconded by Mr. Ramirez. The motion passed unanimously.
- VII. December 2023 CAC Meeting Date
 - a. Motion made by Ms. Fenton to cancel the scheduled December 26, 2023 CAC meeting. Seconded by Mr. Braccia. The motion passed unanimously.
- VIII. Rey Park Improvement Survey
 - a. Mr. Niño discussed the draft survey planned for use during the Rey Park Improvements community outreach and requested any CAC member feedback on the questions by October 3. A PDF version of the survey was provided to members by email before the meeting and in print at the meeting.
 - b. Staff will send all members a link to the draft version online.
 - c. Any feedback received will be considered by Parks & Recreation and Phinazee.
 - d. A live link to the final updated survey will be sent to members before the survey is made public.
 - e. Mr. Robinson requested a similar survey be provided upfront for any parks being improved by the CRA going forward, including Salcines Park if possible.
- IX. West Tampa Parking Study Draft
 - a. Mr. Niño discussed the draft West Tampa CRA Parking Study Report provided by Pond and Company for review and requested any CAC member final comments by October 10. A PDF version of the survey was provided to members by email before the meeting and in print at the meeting.
 - b. Mr. Robinson requested staff put the draft report on the West Tampa CRA website by the end of the week.
 - c. The final report is tentatively scheduled for approval at the October 24, 2023 CAC meeting and presentation at the November 9, 2023 CRA Board meeting.
- X. Rey Park Community Meeting
 - a. Mr. Niño discussed the general communications outreach strategy for the Rey Park Improvements Design Phase by Phinazee, CRA staff and City staff, including

two community meetings being planned in late October and early to mid-November. The survey is requested to be done before the meetings occur.

- b. Members provided suggestions to be incorporated into the meeting format and outreach, including utilizing newspaper and radio stations for noticing, having a public forum/discussion style meeting instead of an open house with display boards, and exploring the options to offer food at the meetings.
- Xa. Related Request Update
 - a. Mr. Robinson provided an update that Related Group has withdrawn its request for CRA funding for the Rome Yard project. He also mentioned the CRA Attorney had recommended denying the request.
- Xb. Just School Update
 - a. Mr. Robinson discussed a Hillsborough County Public School repurposing committee for the closed Just Elementary School and possible West Tampa CAC representation. Mr. Ramirez will reach out to Owen Young, the Chief of Student, Family, and Community Engagement, to see how the CAC can get involved.
- XI. Staff Report
 - a. Mr. Niño discussed items on the written staff report provided to members, including Fremont Linear Park and the Main Street Plan.
 - i. Members asked that the Parks and Recreation concept plans, with the roads open and closed, for Fremont Linear Park be shared with all members.
 - ii. Mr. Niño reminded members the potential reopening of the roads at Fremont Linear Park is a city function that is not dependent on CRA park improvements.
 - iii. Mr. Wilson made a motion for internal partners (Police, Fire, and Mobility) to meet immediately to make a determination on the reopening of the streets around Fremont Linear Park or not, and to include Mr. Ramirez in that meeting. Seconded by Mr. Ramirez. The motion passed unanimously.
 - b. Mr. Niño stated the staff is working to schedule an overall Main Street Improvements Plan community meeting within the next 3-4 weeks and discussed the plan for a quick-build project on Main Street.
 - i. CAC members were sent 60 percent plans for the quick build by email and requested to return feedback by Oct. 6.
 - c. Ms. Fenton requested the bulb-outs project on Howard and Armenia be added to Mr. Niño's staff report.
 - d. Mr. Robinson asked that the tree trimming project be added to Mr. Niño's report.
 - e. Mr. Niño shared the CRA reorganization staffing chart presented to the CRA Board and Ms. Moody discussed the reorganization plan and the impacts on the West Tampa CRA staffing and CAC.
- XII. General CAC Discussion

- a. Arts, Culture, Historic Preservation, and Placemaking
 - i. Ms. Sanchez requested interactive art be included in the Main Street ultimate design.
 - b. Economic Development
 - i. Mr. Robinson requested Director of Economic Opportunity Javier Marin be invited to present at a future meeting on potential activities in West Tampa.
 - c. Housing
 - i. Mr. Wilson asked to be included in any conversations on CRA housing downpayment assistance and the future use of 1940 W. Spruce St.
 - d. Infrastructure
 - i. Mr. Ramirez requested staff share an example alley information sheet from the Alleyway Pilot Project with all members.
 - ii. Ms. Fenton made a motion for staff to consult with Legal and get direction within the next two weeks on how the West Tampa Overlay amendment can proceed using a consultant paid for with West Tampa CRA funds. Seconded by Ms. Jones. The motion passed 8-0, with Mr. Ramirez absent.
 - e. Public Safety
 - i. Mr. Niño provided an update on the alleyway cleanup and SWEEP.
 - ii. Ms. Fenton asked for a status update at the next meeting on the dedicated police officers included in the FY2024 budget.
 - f. Special Projects
- XIII. Announcements
- a. Mr. Robinson read Good Neighbor Notices he received for 1936 W. Nassau St., 1902 W. Cherry St., 1906 W. Cherry St., 1735 W. Pine St., 1934 W. Nassau St., 2348 W. Columbus Dr., and 1940 W. Columbus Dr.
 - b. Ms. Jones announced a health fair at her church on Sept. 30.
- XIV. End Time
- a. 8:22 p.m.
- XV. Action Items
- a. Organize an immediate internal meeting with Police, Fire, and Mobility to decide on the reopening of the streets around Fremont Linear Park or not, and to include Mr. Ramirez in that meeting.
 - b. Invite Javier Marin to present at a future CAC meeting on potential activities in West Tampa.
 - c. Consult with Legal and get direction within the next two weeks on how the West Tampa Overlay amendment can proceed using a consultant paid for with West Tampa CRA funds.
 - d. Provide a status update at the October 24 CAC meeting on the dedicated police officers funded in the FY2024 budget.