



**Ybor City Community Advisory Committee (CAC)  
Meeting Summary**

**When: November 28, 2023, at 4 p.m.**

**Where: Ybor CRA Office, 2015 E. 7<sup>th</sup> Ave, Tampa, FL 33605**

CAC Members Attending		City Staff/Team members	
Rich Simmons, Chair- <i>At-Large</i>	Liz Welch, Vice Chair – <i>BLC</i>	Brenda Thrower	Captain Dan College
Marcia Austin – <i>At-Large</i>	Steven Barbas - <i>YCMS</i>	Corine Linebrink	Off. James Wilcher
Chris Wojtowicz – <i>At-Large</i>	Carolyn Rhodes- <i>HEYGNA</i>	Off. Jasmine House	Jason Stewart
Peter Wright – <i>At-Large</i>	Cristal Lastra - <i>Social Clubs</i>	Off. Dariel Perez	Mike Petersen
Brittney Barrie – <i>At-Large</i>	Damon Shiver- <i>YCCC</i>	Darius Stallworth	Rene Lopez
Carisa Erion- <i>At-Large</i>	Larissa Baia- <i>HCC</i>		
Michael Murphy - <i>At-Large</i>	Tom DeGeorge- <i>YMA</i>	<b>Guests</b>	
Olivia Aye – <i>At -Large</i>	David Bailey - <i>HYNCA</i>	Jack Smith	Bill Carlson
Arnold Trueba- <i>At-Large/HCSO</i>	Walter Pinnolis – <i>Gaybor</i>	Sean Coniglio	Claire May
Fran Costantino - <i>Emeritus</i>		Tyler Hudson	Stephanie Harrison-Bailey
		Graham Tyrell	Mark Almonte
<b>CAC Members Absent</b>		Lourdes Vinas	Lee Bell
Joseph Capitano Sr. - <i>Emeritus</i>		James Wilson	Andrea White

The Ybor CRA Community Advisory Committee meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. as an in-person/call-in meeting by Chairperson Rich Simmons. A quorum was present. Roundtable introductions were made, and member roll call was taken.

**Public Comment (3 minutes):** Bill Carlson, Tampa City Council and Ybor City business owner, addressed the Ybor CAC to answer questions about what was happening with YCDC Inc. He explained that YCDC Inc. is a separate entity now and free to do what they want and not subject to sunshine law. He also mentioned the Ybor Arts Ad Hoc meeting on the last Wednesday of the month at 8 am at Hotel Haya lobby. He invited all to attend. Mr. Carlson left the meeting after his comments.

**Ybor CAC Minutes of October 17, 2023:** The minutes were offered for review and comment. Hearing no comments, Chair Simmons entertained a motion to approve. ***There was a motion (Welch/Murphy) to approve the October 2023 minutes. Vote unanimously approved.***

**TPD District 3 Stats Grids 128 and 129 Update:** Captain Daniel College introduced himself as the sector Captain for District 3. Considering the recent shooting on 10/29/23, he opened the floor to questions from the CAC members. He reported that two arrests have been made and TPD is looking for a third person. He said the community played a key role in helping TPD make these arrests with the many leads they received. Following the incident, police enforcement was significantly enhanced in Ybor with the assistance of Hillsborough County Sheriff’s Office and acknowledged Arnold Trueba, HCSO representative serving on the CAC. Captain College asked for feedback and several CAC members

participated in an open dialogue on a variety of district safety issues for about 40 minutes. Captain College mentioned that he is visiting Orlando this Friday to shadow their operation.

**Enhanced Code Enforcement:** Mike Peterson, District Supervisor, provided a detailed report with stats on district code enforcement violations including parking lots. Code enforcement staff has teamed up with a TPD officer every weekend since the shooting and it is working out well. They have completed 229 inspections, 36 in compliance, 11 citations and five parking lots are going to the magistrate. Costantino commented that the data presented is too much and feels summarized data would be better for meetings. Bailey said that he requested detailed reports and is to blame. Peterson said he will try to break it out and reduce the data for the next meeting.

**TPD Homeless Liaison Update:** Officer House provided the homeless report. They continue to target hot spots where encampments are being set up. They are planning an outreach event next week. There was a question about the Salvation Army and if people are staying there. Yes, but they only have 100 beds and it's on a first-come first-serve basis. Also, the snowbirds are coming now so demand is high. It was reported that several homeless are east of 22<sup>nd</sup> Street and people are feeding them.

**YES! Team Report:** Jason Stewart, Block by Block Manager, provided a detailed picture report on the YES Team operations over the past month. The team continues to work closely with Officer Wilcher and the homeless liaisons on addressing issues in the district. There are still dealing with graffiti, stickers, biowaste and sharp needles. Rhodes inquired about the level of service for Ybor CRA 2 as compared to Ybor CRA 1 and it was explained that the needs and funding differ. Stewart stated that the monthly reports are very comprehensive and detail activities taking place in both Ybor CRA 1 and 2 districts.

**Gas Worx Project Presentation** – Tyler Hudson and Graham Tyrell introduced themselves and presented a detailed power point on the Gasworx project. The project spans four CRA districts: Downtown, Central Park, Ybor 1 and Ybor 2, but they are only asking for support from three of them. Public realm site improvements will be about \$14 million. They are in the process of forming a Community Development District (CDD) to funnel the TIF to pay off the bonds. It is estimated the \$20 million for Ybor CRA 2, but only requesting \$13,781,342 to be paid until 2034. The TIF requested only comes from Gasworx, not any other project. ***There was a motion (Wojtowicz/Welch) to approve the Gasworx CDD request for a Ybor CRA 2 Tax Increment Finance rebate for public realm infrastructure improvements in the amount of \$13,781,342. Vote was unanimously approved.***

**Resident and Worker Survey-** Due to the late hour, this presentation was postponed to January.

#### **Ybor CAC Chairman's Report: Rich Simmons**

- **CRA Board Meeting Recap:** Simmons summarized the CRA Board meeting. Both awards for the 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue Archway Lights were formerly presented to the CRA Board and photographs taken.
- **Welcome New CAC Members** – Five new Ybor CAC members were approved by Tampa CRA Board to include: Carolyn Cheatham Rhodes (HEYNCA); Tom DeGeorge (YMA); Olivia Aye (At-

Large); Carisa Erion (At-Large) and Michael Murphy (At-Large). Joe Citro's application was deferred until the December 14 CRA Board meeting.

- **Ybor City Development Corporation Inc. Update** - Simmons provided an update on YCDC Inc., now that they are operating independently from the Ybor CAC. The YCDC is having separate meetings now and working on updating their bylaws. Currently, they have about 14-15 active Board members and need to conduct an annual meeting soon. They will also be making a written request to the City Attorney for the use of the Ybor crest logo for marketing purposes.

#### **Manager's Report: Brenda Thrower**

- **Community Outreach** – City is hosting the second public meeting on Ybor Parking Lot Enforcement on Tuesday, December 19 at 5:30 p.m. at the new City Center at Hanna Avenue. The flyer will be distributed by FLASH and feel free to share with others.
- **7<sup>th</sup> Avenue Bricking Project** - Staff working with City Mobility to move this project forward. Bi-weekly meetings taking place and exploring opportunity to utilize the existing brick contractor.
- **Ybor South-Pipe Drainage and Flood Mitigation Study**– Stormwater has engaged consultant, Stantec, to conduct flooding study in Ybor CRA 2. Kick off meeting is 12/4. Costs: \$46,488
- **CRP Update** – The Plan needs updating. Staff will initiate conversations with City Planning.
- **CAC Training** – Staff will be scheduling and offering training in 2024 for new CAC members.

#### **New Business**

- **HCSO Tree Lighting** – Tomorrow, 11/29 at 6 pm at Fallen Heros Park, Sheriff's Parking Lot.
- **Merry Little Market** – Bailey announced Nimble Shops premiering this new market on 12/9 and 12/16 at 1805 East 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- **Centro Asturiano**- Lastra announced theater renovation celebration on 12/17 5-8 p.m.
- **Barrie Haus**- Barrie announced 4<sup>th</sup> Anniversary party on 12/9- 12/10
- **United Way Fundraiser** – Murphy is selling lanyards for \$15
- **Hotel Haya**- Wright announced BBQ fundraiser with Barrie House
- **Visitor Information Center**- Holiday Open House on 11/30 10 am to 6 pm.
- **Nick Capitano**, son of Joseph Capitano, Sr (Emeritus Member) passed away.

**Meeting adjourned at 6:03 p.m.**

**Next Ybor CAC Monthly Meeting: Tuesday, January 23, 2024, at 4 p.m.**