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EAST TAMPA COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AREA
COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Meeting Summary

March 4, 2025, at 6 PM
City Center at Hanna Avenue
2555 E. Hanna Avenue Tampa, FL 33610

Meeting Called to Order by Craig Fox, ETCAC Vice-Chair at 6:01 p.m. Roll call was taken.

CAC Member	At-Large or Ex-Officio Seat	CAC Term (FY)	Present or Absent
Craig Fox, Vice Chair	At-Large	2026	P
Eboney De Costa	At-Large	2026	P
Toinette Gaines	Ex- Officio - Legacy at Fair Oaks N.A.	2026	P
Kimberly Headland	Ex-Officio – V.M. Ybor N.A.	2026	P
Aileen Henderson	At Large	2026	P
Dr. Jeffery Johnson	Ex-Officio – CDC of Tampa	2026	P
Frankie Jones	Ex-Officio – Rainbow Heights N.A.	2026	P
Carlos de la Ossa	Ex-Officio - S.E. Seminole Heights N.A.	2026	P Virtual
Fran Tate	Ex-Officio – Jackson Heights N.A.	2026	P
Diann Zeigler	At-Large	2026	P
Cedric Carrington	At-Large	2026	P
Dayna Lazarus	At-Large	2026	P
Mimi Martinez Nathalie Halsall Andrea White	Ex-Officio – Ybor Heights N.A. At-Large At-Large	2026 2027 2027	P P P

Staff present: Cedric McCray; Bryce Fehringer; Evan Johnson; Jackson Strong; Evan Johnson; Melisa Martinez (virtual); Rahel Berhanu (virtual); Susan Morgan (virtual); Alethia Somerset; Lena Graham-Morris (virtual) and Chris Ullian

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Public Comments: Bobby Creighton**;** Kella McCaskill; Valarie Bullock; Connie Burton; Alison Hewitt; Ivan Rodriguez

Action Items:

Approval of February 4, 2025, CAC Meeting Minutes – *Minutes to be provided for approval prior to the April 1, 2025, meeting.*

East Tampa CAC Chair Selection

- C. de la Ossa nominated Craig Fox
- D. Lazarus nominated Dr. Jeffery Johnson
- Dr. Johnson was selected with a vote of 9 to 3.

East Tampa CAC Vice-Chair

- F. Tate nominated Craig Fox
- Mr. Fox was unanimously selected as Vice-Chair.

A. 1904 E. Osborne Property Acquisition

- ETCRA Manager McCray provided background information over the properties that have been assembled and approved for purchase related to the Palifox properties.
- Potential mix use development on the site that is just short of an acre of land.
- The requested amount would be up to $610,000
- A question was raised by Ms. White related to history of the site related to brownfield concerns.
- Ms. White requested staff present more information on the process and valuation on the site.
- Motion (C. de la Ossa-D. Ziegler) to purchase the property at 1904 E. Osborne Avenue. The motion failed 7 yes -8 no

Presentations

A. Gator Building Visioning Presentation

- Mr. Bryce Fehringer and Jackson Strong discussed development goals and project timeline.
- Focus on the commercial corridors within the East Tampa and in the East Tampa Community Redevelopment Plan.
- Know property challenges (topographic and tree survey and structural integrity of the current building)

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- Two concepts were share with the ETCAC. (Food hall/incubation/ office space)
- Continuous public engagement and outreach
- Structural assessment on the existing building
- Request for Proposal to select a firm to design 3 development options and cost estimates for each.
- ETCAC members shared various questions and ideas related to site development.

B. 34th Street Round a bouts

- Mr. Cory Robinson shared information on the current state of the round a bouts and data from the Mobility Department related to potential hazards that exist.
- Provided background on the initial request; discovery session; visioning session and call to artists.
- Requested a CAC member to serve on the arts selection committee.
- Motion: (C. Fox-A. Henderson) to appoint Ms. Fran Tate as the ETCAC representative for the Round-a-bouts Arts Committee. Motion passed unanimously.
- Motion: (M. Martinez-C. Carrington) to select the round-a-about at 34th Street and Lake Avenue as the first location for improvements.

C. Staff Reports

- East Tampa Project Tracker - included in meeting packet
  - Ms. Martinez explained how the projects are categorized on the tracker.
- Commercial Grants Tracker - included in meeting packet
- Housing Grants Tracker - included in meeting packet
- Managers' Report
  - HB 991 and SB 1242 legislation update
  - CAC Orientation March 10th at 4:30 PM.
  - CRA Board Meeting March 13th at 9 AM.

<u>Unfinished Business</u>

- Sanchez y Haya responses provided in the ETCAC agenda packet by Mr. Newman.
  - *Motion: (M. Martinez- D. Lazarus) $500,000 over a 3-year period for a total of $1.5 million. Motion failed (9 no – 5 yes)*
  - *Motion: (C. Fox-M. Martinez) $250,000 to be allocated in FY25 and $250,000 FY26 budget*
- Fun Lan redevelopment update request (F. Tate)
- Skills Center update (F. Tate)

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New Business

- Motion: (A. Henderson-C. Fox) Invite a representative from the City of Tampa Historic Preservation Committee to discuss the analysis of the architectural integrity of East Tampa. Motion passed unanimously.
- Mr. Fox requested a listing of businesses in the East Tampa CRA be sent to the East Tampa CRA Manager.
- Ms. Martinez suggested a workshop to discuss future grant applications and the role the CACs when evaluating.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 8:36 p.m.