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**CHANNEL DISTRICT COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AREA
COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Port Tampa Bay Boardroom
January 8, 2025

MINUTES

I. Call to Order and Roll Call – Andy Scaglione, Chair, called the meeting to order at 5:33 p.m.

II. Public Comment(s)

J.B. McKibbon introduced a future development at 111 N. Meridian. The development will be a hotel by Marriott to include 13 stories with 297 keys. There also will be 13k sf of retail space. The developer has a dozen properties already in Tampa. They will begin construction in approximately 8 to 12 months.

III. Action Items

- a. Approval of the November 2024 Meeting Minutes. Motion (Siebenaller/Washington) to approve the November 2024 meeting minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

IV. Presentations

- a. The Florida Aquarium Updates – Andy Wood, The Florida Aquarium

Wood reported that the aquarium received 60k visitors over their 16-day holiday period. He also stated that they are working on their accreditation this week with Zoos and Aquariums. A new application is required every five years. They now are onto the next phase of construction. Their newest exhibit is being delivered in 8 to 10 weeks. They are working on the puffin and outside exhibits currently.

- b. TPD Updates – Captain Dan College

The Captain reported that in approximately 60 days the CAC-requested security cameras will be installed. Regarding stats, every category is down, however, up in shoplifting. He was happy to

report that in 50 U.S. major cities, Tampa came in as number two for being the safest. Member Siebenaller mentioned that any support TPD can give to patrol of the Riverwalk would be appreciated.

V. CRA Staff/CRA Manager's Reports

- a. Capital Projects Update (see spreadsheet) – Melisa Martinez, Senior Project Supervisor
Martinez reviewed the list of projects provided on the spreadsheet. Members asked for more information on Washington Street Park and the future 810 Channelside Drive urban park, which Martinez provided.
- b. Commercial Grants Update (see spreadsheet)
Orr directed the group's attention to the commercial grants spreadsheet that includes one lead – Stageworks. The applicant has not yet applied.
- c. Security Cameras Update
Per the Captain, the Detective working on this project said that the TPD is approximately 60 days out from installation.
- d. CAC Meeting Date, Time and Location
Orr recommended the monthly meeting location be moved to TMOB due to equipment already being set up. The group would like the meetings to remain at the Port.
- e. Next Meeting, February 5, 2025

VI. New Business

- a. Previous Meeting Follow-up
John Zemina (Kimmins) spoke with THEA and their inspections do not indicate any blockages of the pipes leading into the pond at Meridian and Cumberland. They have no other reports of the pond not functioning properly.
The group thinks there are new flooding problems due to new construction. Orr offered to triage their concern to city stormwater.
Zemina is continuing to reach out to Mobility about the traffic speed signs.
- b. Siebenaller's Irrigation and Landscaping Assessment
Orr reported that as of today, all irrigation is functioning properly. Apparently, reoccurring damage kept happening due to vehicles that would shut down entire systems. Certain sprinkler heads were relocated to hopefully avoid the reoccurring damages. She requested that if there are any not running properly to report these locations to her.
The landscape contractor currently is drafting a proposal of work and cost with the plan for installation of landscaping in February to bring it back to what it looked like when first installed. Member Siebenaller is wanting to learn from Parks and Rec who is responsible for what with his understanding being that from curb to sidewalk is the responsibility of the city unless an agreement



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exists. He would like for the city to report who are the respective property owners that are responsible and who has an existing agreement for landscaping and irrigation. He provided the community assessment he and others performed. Orr and Interim CRA Director Cedric McCray said that they will speak with the appropriate staff and request their attendance in February.

VII. Announcements from CAC Members

VIII. Adjourned at 6:23 p.m.

CAC Member Attendance

Mark Siebenaller

Brent Hill

Julie Sabolic

Ed Washington

Steve McGlocklin

Guests

Andy Wood

J.B. McKibbon

Melisa Martinez

Cedric McCray