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COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

(First Wednesday of the month)

Wednesday, May 1, 2024, at 5:30 p.m.

Port Tampa Bay Boardroom, 1101 Channelside Drive

MINUTES

1. **Call to Order and Roll Call** – Chair Kimberlee Curtis called the meeting to order at 5:34 p.m.
   1.1. Welcome New CAC Member Mark Siebenaller
2. **Public Comment**
3. **Action Items**
   3.1. Approval of the March 6, 2024, Meeting Minutes *{MOTION}*
   Motion (Scaglione/McGlockin) to approve the March 6, 2024, meeting minutes. Motion passed unanimously.
4. **Reports**
   4.1. Florida Aquarium Funding Request – Andy Wood, Executive VP of Strategic Initiatives & COO
   Andy Wood, joined by CEO Roger German, provided a presentation on the Aquarium that covered activities at the Aquarium, its overall economic impact, and capital project overview. Wood and German requested CAC support of a $15M funding request before presenting it to the CRA Board. CAC questions included how this request compares to other funding requests made in Downtown. Orr provided funding amounts for the Theatre, Straz and Tampa Museum of Art. They also asked when the completion is expected (early to mid-2026). The CAC requested CRA recognition such as use of the CRA logo (they will follow whatever is required in the CRA agreement). Scaglione said that since the residents pay into the TIF, residents should also receive recognition. In the end, the CAC unanimously supported the Aquarium's request. **A motion (Sabolic/McGlocklin) was made to support the Aquarium's funding request of $15 million spread out over FY25, FY26 and FY27 at $5 million each fiscal year. Motion passed unanimously.**
5. **New Business**
   5.1. FY25 Budget Draft Discussion and Approval
      5.1.1. Priority Project Considerations Prior to 2034 Sunset
   Orr presented the draft FY25 budget. There were questions about three properties values being included in the projection. Orr said she would research and provide this information. Orr requested they discuss priority projects to consider if the CAC wasn't interested in discussing the budget's line-item figures. In the end, two priorities were mentioned – land acquisition and sidewalk repairs. There was discussion about hosting a special call budget meeting. Orr said that she'll make sure that the FY25 budget is the only item on the scheduled June 5 CAC monthly meeting agenda. Leeds offered to work with Orr before that meeting on a budget presentation that may be clearer to the CAC.
   5.2. Riverwalk Extension Discussion (See Adopted CRP-4/18/24)
   The CAC supports efforts to consider the extension of the Riverwalk, especially considering the recent revisions to the CRP that now refers to extension and enhancements to the Riverwalk.
6. **Unfinished Business**
   6.1. Real Estate Inquiry (1125 Twiggs Street) – CRA Manager Courtney Orr
   Real Estate is actively working on this prospect. Once information is available that is shareable, Orr will report the information to the CAC.

6.2. No U-turn Request on Meridian – Orr

THEA is looking into this request and Orr is awaiting the results of their findings.

6.3. Enhanced Landscaping Bid – Orr

The contractor has been working in the field. Hopefully the community is recognizing the improvements. The group asked who is enforcing the scope of services on this contract and Orr mentioned Parks but would follow up for more detail.

6.4. Security Cameras Update – Orr

Per the Detective assigned to the project, the camera contractor is on a May Council agenda to be approved and then is ready to order the requested cameras for installation.

6.5. Beneficial Bridge Study – Orr

Elements Engineering has developed its scope of work and Mobility has approved them to commence the study.

6.6. 810 Channelside Drive Passive Park (RV Lot) – Orr

Melisa Martinez is working with staff on the scope of work for the RFP. It then will be reviewed by Parks and Rec and then meet with CAD to issue the formal RFP. Some funding is in the current budget and additional funding is being allotted in FY25.

6.7. Quarterly Pressure Washing – Orr

The contractor is on schedule and will conduct four pressure wash services per year.

7. **Announcements/Discussion**

7.1. Next CAC Meeting – June 5, 2024, at 5:30 p.m., Port Tampa Bay Boardroom

7.2. Next CRA Board Meeting – May 9, 2024, at 9 a.m., Tampa City Hall

8. **Adjourned at 7:18 p.m.**

CAC Attendance

Kimberlee Curtis-P
Brent Hill-P
Michael Leeds-P
Steve McGlockin-P
Julie Sabolic-P
Andy Scaglione-P
Mark Siebenaller-P
Ed Washington-P