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**EAST TAMPA COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AREA  
 COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**Meeting Summary**

June 4, 2024, at 6 PM  
 City Center at Hanna Avenue  
 2555 E. Hanna Avenue Tampa, FL 33610

**Meeting Called to Order** by Clinton Paris, ETCAC Chair at 6:33 p.m. Roll call was taken.

CAC Member	At-Large or Ex-Officio Seat	CAC Term (FY)	Present or Absent
Clinton Paris, Chair	At-Large	2024	P
Craig Fox, Vice Chair	At-Large	2026	P
Connie Burton	At Large	2024	P
Norene Copeland Miller	Ex-Officio	2024	P
Eboney De Costa	At Large	2026	P
Cynthia Donnell	At-Large	2024	P
Toinette Gaines	Ex- Officio - Legacy at Fair Oaks N.A.(virtual)	2026	P
Dr. Grace Glen	At-Large	2025	A
Kimberly Headland	Ex-Officio – V.M. Ybor N.A.	2026	P
Aileen Henderson	At-Large	2026	P
Dr. Jeffery Johnson	Ex-Officio	2024	A
Frankie Jones	Ex-Officio – Rainbow Heights N.A.	2026	P
Carlos de la Ossa	Ex-Officio - S.E. Seminole Heights N.A.	2026	P
Fran Tate	Ex-Officio – Jackson Heights N.A.	2026	P
Diann Zeigler	At-Large	2026	P

**Staff present:** Cedric McCray; Alis Drumgo; Melisa Martinez (virtual); Brenda Thrower (virtual); Evan Johnson, Chris Ullian

**Public Comments:** Kella McCaskill; Alis Drumgo; Valarie Bulluck; and Joseph Robinson

**Approval of May 7, 2024, CAC Meeting Minutes** – *There was a motion (E.DeCosta/N.C. Miller) to approve the minutes with requested changes. The vote was unanimously approved.*

## Presentations

### A. Gwendolyn Henderson, CRA Board, Chair

CRA Board Chair, Gwendolyn Henderson addressed the members of the East Tampa Community Advisory Committee (ETCAC). Topics discussed:

- CRA leadership changes; Fair Oaks Park; Destinations/ Faith Baptist Church and absence following the passing of her mother. Chair Henderson shared that she wants the best for East Tampa and appreciates everyone's involvement.
- ETCAC members asked questions related to residential owner-occupied rehabilitation programs; elimination of committees; measuring progress in East Tampa; staff recommendations on programs and budget; project updates and tracking.

### B. 4603 N. 19<sup>th</sup> Street Property Purchase

Cedric McCray, ETCRA Manager presented on the purchase of the property at 4603 N. 19<sup>th</sup> Street for \$400,000 and \$20,000 towards the overall purchase and closing cost. Acquisition of the property would allow for an additional ingress and egress point to lost previously purchase in 2023 for the purpose of affordable housing. The parcel is .46 acres and if acquired, would total the site assemblage of all five lots to 4.48 acres. This is a unique opportunity to establish a catalyst site for redevelopment. The seller has agreed to a purchase price of \$400,000 and closing costs at approximately \$20,000, totaling a CRA acquisition allocation of \$420,000. East Tampa CRA Budget has funds to support this transaction and further housing initiatives through strategic acquisitions. The purchase would be on June 13, 2024, CRA Board agenda for approval. There were several questions and concerns from ETCAC members related to future plans on the parcels being assembled by the East Tampa CRA related to pass history. purchase process and necessity to purchase the property.

***There was a motion (Ziegler/Paris) to recommend the purchase of 4603 N. 19<sup>th</sup> Street in the amount of \$420,500. The motion passed with C. Burton voting no.***

### C. East Tampa CRA FY25 Budget

East Tampa CRA Manager covered the ETCAC recommended changes on the various budget line items following the May 28<sup>th</sup> budget workshop. \$1.4 million were allocated to a grand total of \$12.9 million. Final recommendations will be presented to the CRA Board on July 25, 2024. There are anticipated changes or future adjustments to the budget amount once the updated TIF allocations are confirmed by the taxing authorities in July 2024. Mr. McCray will make himself available to answer questions on the FY25 budget. ETCAC members asked questions related to utilities expenses, previous budget allocations and \$1.5 million in funds designated for the stormwater retention pond on North 22<sup>nd</sup> Street.

***There was a motion by (C. dela Ossa/C. Donnell) to approve the FY25 East Tampa CRA budget. The budget was approved with 7 in favor and 4 against.***

## **Unfinished Business**

- None

## **New Business**

- Affordable housing workshop to be scheduled at a future date and time following the July 2<sup>nd</sup> ETCAC meeting. (Craig Fox)
- Plans, timelines, density information for the 17 owned ETCRA lots and parcel on Osborne Ave and E. Palifox. (C. Donnell)
- ***There was a motion by (C. Fox/F. Tate) to come back with information timelines and development possibilities on ETCRA owed lots during the August 6<sup>th</sup> ETCAC meeting.***
- Request presentation from the East Tampa Environmental Detective on July 2<sup>nd</sup> ETCAC meeting and monthly updates moving forward.
- ***There was a motion by (C. Paris/E. DeCosta) to provide statistics, cases, and activities to be provided schedule a special call budget workshop. The motion was withdrawn due concerns with the Chair being the original maker of the motion.***
- ***There was a motion by (C. Fox/F. Tate) to provide statistics, cases, and activities to be provided schedule a special call budget workshop. The vote was unanimously approved.***
- Mrs. Copeland Miller requested information on the legality of the ETCRA to using CRA funding to fund the Environmental Detective position continuously.

## **Announcements**

- a. Next CAC Meeting: July 2, 2024, at 6 p.m., City Center at Hanna Avenue
- b. Next CRA Board Meeting: July 25, 2024, at 9 a.m., Tampa City Hall

**Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 8:04 p.m.