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EAST TAMPA CRA

COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday, March 5, 2024, at 9 AM

City Center, 2555 E. Hanna Avenue, Tampa, FL 33610

Minutes and Action Items

I. Attendance

Diann Zeigler	Craig Fox
Carlos de la Ossa	Aileen Henderson
Eboney De Costa	Kimberly Headland
Cynthia Donnell	Connie Burton
Norene Copeland-Miller (virtual)	Rev. Dr. Jeffery Johnson
Clinton Paris	Dr. Grace Glenn
Fran Tate	

CRA Staff: Cedric McCray; Erica Moody; Alis Drumgo; Det. Andrew Washington; Corrine Linebrink; Vanessa Ross; Andrea Roshaven; Be Parks (virtual)

Community: Rick Kugler; Alison Hewitt; Felicia Hallim; Ruby Gadsen; Tony Brown; Kevin Johnson; Sherna Rich; Tony Brown; Kevin Johnson; Kella McCaskill; Dontavious Pittman

Virtual: Craig Fox; Dr. Jeffery Johnson; Noreen Copeland Miller; Lanita Brown, Nadine da la Ossa; Andrea White; Patrick ….

II. Public Comment: Kella McCaskill; Alison Hewitt

III. Action Items

A. Election of East Tampa CAC Chair (nominees)
    1. C. Paris nominated by D. Ziegler and 2nd by C. de la Ossa
    2. N. C. Miller nominated by A. Henderson and 2nd by E. De Costa
    3. C. Paris elected ETCAC Chair with a vote of 9 to 4.

B. Election of East Tampa CAC Vice Chair (nominees)
    1. C. Fox
    2. C. de la Ossa
    3. C. Donnell
    4. A. Henderson
    5. N.C. Miller

C. ETCAC Vice Chair 2nd Round
    1. C. Fox was selected as Vice Chair with a vote of 8 to 5.

IV. Approval of the minutes

Approval of February 6, 2024, CAC Meeting Minutes – There was a motion by (de la Ossa/Tate) to approve the approve the minutes with changes highlighted by C. de la Ossa and Dr. Johnson. The vote was unanimously approved.

V. Community Policing Updates

Tampa Police Department- Det. Andrew Washington discussed educating residents and business owners on working together to make East Tampa a clean, safe, and attractive place to live, work and play. He cited several examples of situations where residents can work with law enforcement and code enforcement to solve various issues related to abandoned vehicles and illegal dumping. Working with and encouraging business to clean up the exterior of their properties and discourage loitering. Recurring location checks daily on areas considered to be an issue. Det. Washington encouraged attendees to call TPD for emergencies and non-emergency situations.

VI. CRA Commercial Grants Portfolio Presentation

The Tampa CRA Grants Team shared the challenges of the varying grants across the CRAs and the approach to consolidated and improve the overall process by assessing each grant program. The goal is to shorten the approval timeline; simplify the application; reduce matching requirement for long-term property owners; and establish an equitable scoring process. The proposed commercial grants are the Façade & Site Improvement Grant; C.I.G.A.R. Grant; Pre-Development Grant; Special Project Grant; and TIF Reimbursement Grant. Performance metrics and goals will be established. Business owners are able to request a consultation with the Grants Division via the CRA website or by phone call. The proposed grants will be presented to the CRA Board on March 21, 2024.

ETCAC members questions related to Legacy Credit, publication of the grants and recipient's accountability.

VII. Water Efficiency Rebates – Ryan Smith

Information provided on kits available for internal and external use on residential properties. The City of Tampa is still on a one day a week water restriction. Information on rebates are available to retrofit the interior and exterior to assist in saving water. There is a customer assistance program for residents that may need support with a billing issue.

VIII. East Tampa Project Updates (Cedric McCray)

A. 1102 E. Curtis Street (Destinations Church)
   1. No historic designation on the church.
   2. Staff working the Planning and Neighborhood Engagement Departments to schedule community meetings in April 2024.
   3. Looking to have a vendor in place to handle remediation and lead paint removal.

B. (Gator Building) 3623 N. 22nd Street.
   1. Community Outreach and recommendations
   2. Phase II environmental testing discovered a tank on site of the property.
   3. The goal is to rehab the existing building.

C. 3623 N. 22nd Street (Gator Building)

D. Memorial Park Cemetery Update (Managers Report)
   1. A temporary fence will be placed on the open perimeter of the cemetery.

IX. East Tampa Managers Update

A. CAC Trainings on March 25th and April 1st 4:30 PM – 7 PM

B. East Tampa Community Redevelopment Plan Update
   1. Furr, Wegman & Banks Architects, P.A. awarded bid.
   2. Looking forward to beginning the process in April 2024.
   3. Will be in attendance at a ETCAC meeting on a date to be determined.

C. East Tampa Summer Youth Update
   1. Coordinator position
   2. Shared proposed orientation and daily schedule. (C. Burton and Dr. Johnson and expressed that it was agreed to increase the number of students to 72.) ***(Motion by A. Henderson/C. Fox) to work with City Departments to increase staffing and transportation for the East Tampa Summer Youth Program. Motion carried unanimously.***

D. Memorial Park Cemetery Veterans Memorial
   1. Temporary fence installed.
   2. Historic designation received in February 2024.
   3. Shared estimates for restoration of the Veterans Memorial.

(Henderson requested a GPR be used to ensure that there are not any graves located below the monument.)

E. East Tampa Land Assemblage
   1. East Osborne property purchase conversations.
   2. Going through the appraisal process currently.

F. CRA Board Motions

X. New Business

A. Request staff provide an update on probate education and helping residents (C. Burton).
B. Request on when Councilwoman Henderson will be attending a future ETCAC meeting. (C. Burton)
C. How Summer Program information can be distributed to the community (C. Burton)
E. Requesting Robin Nigh attend a future ETCAC meeting to discuss public art. (F. Tate)
F. Request tracking spreadsheet of motions and projects made in last calendar year (C. Donnell)
G. Requesting an update on the funding allocated for CAC training in the budget. (C. Burton)

XI. Announcements

A. Dr. Johnson will be absent for the next couple of months for military service responsibilities.
B. Stay and Play event March 13th between 6 PM to midnight. (F. Tate)
C. Memorial Park Cemetery historic designation March 7th at City Hall. (A. Henderson)

XII. Adjournment: 12:01 PM