



**ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW COMMISSION  
PUBLIC HEARING**

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| <b>MEETING DATE:</b> | <b>Monday, November 3, 2025</b>   |
| <b>TIME:</b>         | <b>5:30 PM</b>  |
| <b>LOCATION:</b>     | <b>Old City Hall, 315 E. Kennedy Boulevard, City Council Chambers, 3rd Floor,<br/>Tampa, FL 33602</b> |

**MINUTES**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chair Ted Kempton called the hearing to order and gave instructions to petitioners regarding procedures at the Public Hearing.

**SILENT ROLL CALL:** Jared Varnum completed the silent roll call.  
Commissioners Present: Ted Kempton, Dan Myers, John Prokop, Tim Jones, and Elena Paras Ketchum  
Commissioners Arriving After Roll Call:  
Commissioners Absent: Brian Hammond and Carole Wallace Post  
Staff Present: Dennis Fernandez, Ron Vila, and Jared Varnum  
Staff Arriving After Roll Call:  
Legal Present: Dana Crosby Collier

**INTRODUCTIONS:** Chair Ted Kempton introduced himself and staff. The commissioners introduced themselves.

**READING OF THE MINUTES FOR October 6 & 8, 2025:**  
By motion the minutes stand as read by unanimous consent.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Dennis Fernandez, Architectural Review and Historic Preservation Manager

- Staff approvals for the month of October will be provided at the next public hearing
- A new alternate commissioner is being appointed and will be joining in the month of December
- Tampa Bricks and Mortar Newsletter is now included in the packets and digitally at Tampa.gov

**PRESERVATION IN PROGRESS:**

- Presented a PowerPoint highlighting José Martí Park, a 0.15-acre site in Ybor City's Historic District at 8th Avenue and 13th Street that honors José Julián Martí Pérez, the Cuban patriot and writer who became a symbol of Cuba's struggle for independence from Spain. Born in Havana in 1853, Martí's early passion for politics and writing led him to found La Patria Libre at age 16, resulting in his arrest and exile to Spain. After earning a degree from the University of Zaragoza, he lived and worked across Europe, Mexico, and Guatemala before settling in New York in 1881, where he emerged as a leader among Cuban exiles. A prolific journalist, poet, and advocate for racial equality, Martí traveled widely to rally support for Cuba's independence, including delivering powerful speeches during his 1891 visit to





