



Community Redevelopment Agency
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COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

(Third Tuesday of the month)

Tuesday, May 21, 2024, at 6 p.m.

Bush Ross Law Firm Conference Room - 1801 N. Highland Ave.

MINUTES

1. **Call to Order and Roll Call** – Michael Musetta, Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.
2. **Public Comment** - None
3. **Action Items**
 - 3.1. Approval of the May 21, 2024, Meeting Minutes
Motion (Young/Ricke) to approve the May 21, 2024, meeting minutes. Motion passed unanimously.
4. **Reports**
 - 4.1. Community Redevelopment Plan Presentation – Trent Green, USF Associate Professor of Urban and Community Design
Professor Green provided a presentation of the draft CRP Plan (84 pages) that will be presented to the CRA Board on July 25.
Table of Contents have links that take you directly to the sections. Color tabs refer to specific sections. The goal is to link the section to go directly to the correct plan page.
CRA referenced and its objectives. Comprehensive Plan and Tampa Heights Neighborhood Plan are addressed. Zoning and land use in the CRA as well as the overlay that was adopted in October 2023 are included though the CRA is not included in the overlay. Adjacent CRAs are referenced.
Need for Redevelopment addresses conditions of existing buildings and vacant lots.
Matrix identifies everything that has been built in the CRA. (Project name, description, project stats)
They would like to paint the level of private versus public investment to illustrate how the CRA is performing and meeting the objectives of the agency.
Additional elements include Urban and Community Design; Adjacent Development Trends; Public Participation Process (CAC and community workshops); Vision for the Future; Wayfinding Features/Branding; Transportation, Connectivity, and Mobility; Anticipated Infrastructure Requirements; and Key Performance Indicators.
Green’s objective today was to have the CAC review and provide feedback.
Member Ricke mentioned that affordable housing is a high priority, and funds need to get directly to residents.
Overall, the group was pleased especially with the detailed maps.
Green said edits still to make are work on the narrative and grammatical edits with additional photos to be added.
Intent is to have most edits done soon since they will meet with CRA board members in June. Then, planning commission presentation and city council for final approval.
The group agreed that any final CAC input would be sent to Mgr. Orr within the next few days.
5. **New Business**
6. **Unfinished Business**

Orr reported that she messaged former CRA Manager Jeff Burton as requested by the CAC and called Whit Remer, the city's Sustainability and Resilience Officer. He recalled the original introduction of floating gardens for water quality and then later the Reef Ball concept. He said it really isn't the best practice for that area of the river.

He mentioned vertical oyster reefs may be an alternative approach and easier from a maintenance standpoint. Reef Balls require high maintenance.

Overall, the viability of the Reef Ball project did not check out with the environmental scientists/ecological experts consulted. In the end, due to input received, the feasibility of the project didn't warrant continued exploration.

Member Ahern also had a conversation with Remer and further explained the reasoning behind not moving forward on this project.

7. Announcements/Discussion

7.1. Next CAC Meeting – June 18, 2024 ***CANCELED*** Next Meeting July 16, 2024

7.2. Next CRA Board Meeting – June 13, 2024, at 9 a.m., Tampa City Hall

8. Adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

CAC Members

Michael Musetta -P

Fred Henry - P

Jeffrey Warren - P

Kareem Young - P

Chris Ahern - P

Tina Eloian - A

Raj Patel - P

Justin Ricke - P

Mathew Sokolowski - A