



**Ybor City Community Advisory Committee (CAC)
Meeting Summary
When: February 27, 2024, at 4 p.m.
Where: Entrepreneur Collaborative Center
2101 E. Palm Ave, Tampa, FL 33605**

CAC Members Attending		City Staff/Team members	
Rich Simmons, Chair- <i>At-Large</i>	Liz Welch, Vice Chair – <i>BLC</i>	Brenda Thrower	Captain Dan College
Marcia Austin – <i>At-Large</i>	Steven Barbas - <i>YCMS</i>	Dee Reed	Offc. James Wilcher
Arnold Trueba- <i>At-Large/HCSO</i>	Walter Pinnolis – <i>Gaybor</i>	Corine Linebrink	Offc. Dayna Felipe
Peter Wright – <i>At-Large</i>	David Bailey - <i>HYNCA</i>	Andrea Roshaven	Offc. Jeremy Jefferson
Brittney Barrie – <i>At-Large</i>	Damon Shiver- <i>YCCC</i>	Vanassa Ross	Srgt. Vinny Leto
Carisa Erion- <i>At-Large</i>	Larissa Baia- <i>HCC</i>	Jason Stewart	Corp. Vanessa Wright
Olivia Aye – <i>At -Large</i>	Cristal Lastra - <i>Social Clubs</i>	Mike Petersen	Rene Lopez
Michael Murphy - <i>At-Large</i>	Tom DeGeorge- <i>YMA</i>		
Fran Costantino - <i>Emeritus</i>		Guests	
		Andrea White	Jose Cayon
CAC Members Absent		Lee Bell	James Wilson
Joseph Capitano Sr. - <i>Emeritus</i>	CAC Member Virtual/Call		Jack Smith
Chris Wojtowicz – <i>At-Large</i>	Carolyn Rhodes- <i>HEYGNA</i>	Lynn Kroesen	
Peter Wright – <i>At-Large</i>		Amelia Brown	

- I. **Call to Order and Roll Call:** The Ybor CRA Community Advisory Committee meeting was called to order at 4:01 p.m. as an in-person/call-in meeting by Chairperson Rich Simmons. A quorum was present. Roundtable introductions were made, and member roll call was taken.
- II. **Public Comment (3 minutes):**
 1. Carisa Erion mentioned that the owner of 1509 E. 8th Avenue, Club Sky, has expressed interest in selling his property. A group of local businesses owners would like to see if the City/CRA would be interested in purchasing the property for a community theater/performing arts venue with an affordable housing unit.
- III. **Action Item:**

Approval of Ybor CAC Minutes of January 23, 2024: The minutes were offered for review and comment. Hearing no comments, Chair Simmons entertained a motion to approve. ***There was a motion (Bailey/Murphy) to approve the January 2024 minutes. The vote was unanimously approved.***

IV. Community Policing Reports:

- a. **Tampa Police Report:** Captain Daniel College introduced four new Ybor TPD liaison team members. They include Corporal Vanessa Wright; Sargeant Vincent Leto; Officer Dayanna Felipe; and Officer Jeremy Jefferson. The directory with their pictures, names and contact info will be updated and distributed. Captain College reported on District 3 crime stats for Grids 128 and 129 that were included in the packet. Barbas asked about the Homeless Liaison report since they have not been attending meetings last two months. Captain College said he will provide a report for next month's meeting.
- b. **Enhanced Code Enforcement Report:** Mike Peterson, District Supervisor, provided report based on feedback he received from the last meeting. He asked if this format was better, too much or too little. Costantino said its better but still confusing and Peterson will meet with her about it.
- c. **YES! Team Report:** Jason Stewart, Block by Block Manager, provided a detailed picture report on the YES Team operations over the past month. He highlighted several of the efforts they have been working on, particularly sticker removal and graffiti abatement. The homeless count is up for January mainly due to cold weather in other places. The YES Team partnered with the Ybor Chamber for cleaning services for Fiesta Day last Saturday and enjoyed participating in the parade of flags.

V. Special Presentations:

- a. **Water Efficiency Rebates:** Ryan Smith, Tampa Water Department and Amelia Brown Tampa Bay Water addressed the CAC sharing water conservation tips and information. Handouts were distributed and folks were directed to Tampa Connect for additional resources. The website is <https://www.tampaconnect.com>.
- b. **CRA Grants Portfolio Recommendations** – Dee Reed presented the Commercial Grants Update and introduced herself and the team. They presented a virtual presentation of the CRA Portfolio Audit and Recommendations and passed out a power point presentation. There was a 15-minute question and answer period and staff collected written questions from the CAC members to consider. The Grants Team is presenting this presentation to all CAC to get their feedback prior to presenting it to CRA Board on March 21, 2024.

VI. Reports

- a. **CAC Chairman's Report: Rich Simmons**
 - **CRA Board Meeting Recap:** Simmons summarized the February 8 CRA Board meeting. The expansion of the CRA was discussed and there will be a follow up at the April CRA Board regarding the interlocal agreement. There will also be an affordable housing workshop held at Tampa City Council on Feb. 29 at 9:00 a.m.
 - **CRA Board Meeting-** Simmons will present an Ybor CRA update at the March 21, 2024, CRA Board meeting.

- **YCDC Inc.** update- The organization will be resuming meetings later this Spring/Summer to continue working on bylaws, mission, vision, and branding. The CRA staff will be providing YCDC Inc. documents and files next month.
 - **Ybor CRA Property Acquisition Proposal-** Simmons asked the CAC for their thoughts about pursuing the property for sale at 1509 E. 8th Avenue. This may be an excellent opportunity for the CRA to repurpose that building for a community arts space or theater with affordable housing. There was general discussion about available property in Ybor City and the process for purchasing property in the CRA. ***There was a motion (Bailey/Murphy) to ask City staff to explore purchasing the property and to see if the owner is interested in selling it to the CRA/City. The vote passed with Larissa Baia abstaining from the vote.***
- b. CRA Manager Report- Brenda Thrower
- **West Tampa CAC and Ybor CAC Manager Roles:** Thrower announced that she has been assigned to be the interim West Tampa CRA Manager in the absence of Jesus Nino, who left to take a position in Clearwater. The initial challenge is to look to separate the monthly CAC meetings which take place on the same day of the month. She will be leaving today's meeting to make it to the West Tampa CAC meeting that begins at 5:30 p.m.
 - **Ybor CAC Meeting Date Change- April 30 (not April 23) at ECC at 4 pm –** Thrower was told that the last Tuesday in April is available at the ECC if the CAC would like to move their meeting to that date. Currently, the meeting is April 23 at HCC Ybor since the ECC is not available. The CAC agreed that the parking is better at the ECC so would like to move their meeting to April 30.
 - **CRA Projects Report –** The CRA Projects team will be providing an update on the active Ybor CRA projects for Ybor 1 and 2 next month. There will be a presentation by City Stormwater staff on the results of the Ybor South Pipe Drainage and Flooding Mitigation Study that was recently completed by Stantec.
 - **CAC Member Orientation –** Two orientation sessions will be held at the ECC from 4:30 -7 p.m. on March 25 and April 1. All CAC members are asked to sign up for one session and register using the QR Code on the attached flyer.

New Business

- **Ybor Fiesta Day –** Lastra complimented the Ybor Chamber on a fantastic event Saturday.
- **Buildings Alive! Architectural Tour-** Lastra announced that this annual event is taking place on Thursday, Feb 29 and starting at the JC Newman Factory.
- **Beer Week-** Brittney Barrie announced that beer week is the first week of March.
- **Tampa Pride –** The annual parade and festival will take place on March 23, 2024.

Meeting adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

Next Ybor CAC Monthly Meeting: Tuesday, March 26, 2024, at 4 p.m. at the ECC.