



**Ybor City Community Advisory Committee (CAC)
Meeting Summary
When: January 23, 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>	Be Parks	Offc. James Wilcher
Chris Wojtowicz – <i>At-Large</i>	Carolyn Rhodes- <i>HEYGNA</i>	Cedric McCray	Jason Stewart
Peter Wright – <i>At-Large</i>	David Bailey - <i>HYNCA</i>	Off. Dariel Perez	Mike Petersen
Brittney Barrie – <i>At-Large</i>	Damon Shiver- <i>YCCC</i>	Darrius Stallworth	Rene Lopez
Carisa Erion- <i>At-Large</i>	Larissa Baia- <i>HCC</i>		
Michael Murphy - <i>At-Large</i>	Tom DeGeorge- <i>YMA</i>		
Olivia Aye – <i>At -Large</i>		Guests	
Fran Costantino - <i>Emeritus</i>		Andrea White	
		Lee Bell	
CAC Members Absent		Jack Smith	
Arnold Trueba- <i>At-Large/HCSO</i>	Cristal Lastra - <i>Social Clubs</i>	Lynn Kroesen	
Joseph Capitano Sr. - <i>Emeritus</i>	Walter Pinnolis – <i>Gaybor</i>		

The Ybor CRA Community Advisory Committee meeting was called to order at 4:02 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. Chair Simmons thanked Lynn Kroesen, Manager of the Entrepreneur Collaborative Center, for offering this space for the Ybor CAC meetings. Ms. Kroesen welcomed the CAC and shared information about the ECC.

Public Comment (3 minutes): None

Ybor CAC Minutes of November 28, 2023: The minutes were offered for review and comment. Hearing no comments, Chair Simmons entertained a motion to approve. ***There was a motion (Welch/Murphy) to approve the November 2023 minutes. Vote unanimously approved.***

TPD District 3 Stats Grids 128 and 129 Update: Captain Daniel College introduced himself and reported on the crime stats included in packet. Property crimes and auto burglaries were down DUI’s, were up by 100% and assaults with a firearm. Overall, crime is down significantly in Ybor and across the city due to the great job of the officers and their proactive approach. He mentioned the shooting incident at Club Tangra which involved an unhappy customer who discharged a firearm up into the air, but no one was harmed. He was arrested for discharging a firearm in public. Barrie said the media attention was negative and it discourages people from visiting Ybor. Captain said this is a national problem. Bailey commented about minor crime trends and the quality-of-life issues that are underlying the data.

Captain College can add criminal mischief to the report if helpful. Officer Wilcher commented about combatting graffiti and that tagging continues to be a problem. Bailey said he caught a person on camera doing graffiti and reported it but could only share still photo and not the video. Officer Wilcher said he can assist with that technical issue.

Homeless Liaison Update: - None

Enhanced Code Enforcement: Mike Peterson, District Supervisor, provided a revised but detailed report based on feedback he received from the last meeting. He asked if this format was better, too much or too little. Costantino asked if he could get with the IT department to see if they could assist with formatting the reports like TPD. Peterson said it's sent as a spreadsheet so that may be the issue and they have different system than TPD. He said he will take the CAC feedback and get with his analyst to see what they can do. It's a working progress and he will keep refining it. Not a lot has changed since last time. With the holidays, there were not heavy handed on the enforcement. Welch asked about the 109 new complaints, 57 active cases, and 15 civil citations and wanted to know what has been closed. Peterson said once a complaint is closed it comes off the list. Costantino asked about 2602 10th Avenue and know they have an active building permit, but their yard has been very unkept for months and should be cited. Peterson will see if the property with an active building permit can be cited. Simmons inquired about those properties cited and scheduled for magistrate. Peterson said the timeline for hearing is under zoning and historic preservation. Officer Lopez is working on the parking lot violations and making sure about the documentation. It was asked if the violations could be tracked so we know the results of magistrate. Staff to research. Land Development will be reporting back to City Council on 2/25 with Ybor parking lot enforcement recommendations.

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. The YES Team enjoyed being part of the ReliaQuest Bowl Parade on New Year's Eve.

Resident and Worker Survey Results Presentation – Jack Smith, HCP Associates gave a power point presentation on the 2023 Resident and Worker Study completed last year and it was included in agenda packet. It is the fourth iteration of the study since it began in 2016. Smith highlighted the study and its results as well as the four areas: community activation; retail development; parking and transportation; and safety and security. Barrie complimented HCP on the study and the amount of data they gathered. Wojtowicz commented on the focus of workers and residents and inquired about visitors to Ybor City. He suspects they will align with the workers in many areas. Throver said the study will be available on the website tomorrow and encouraged CAC members to share it. No action was made but it was mentioned that study results can be used in the budget process, guiding economic development decisions and prioritizing capital improvement projects and programs. Rhodes asked how we can be actionable in advising CRA Board that these are the economic development priorities we want to pursue like a grocery store. It was mentioned that the grocery store developments can be frustrating because they rely on their own market economics, and the number of people living in Ybor. Today, we have two grocery stores on the streetcar line, which is great progress in the last 20 years.

Simmons mentioned that he will be the designated CAC speaker at the CRA Board meeting, and he will share the highlights of this study with them.

Ybor CAC Chairman's Report: Rich Simmons

- **CRA Board Meeting Recap:** Simmons summarized the December and January CRA Board meeting. He reported that Gas Worx tax increment rebate proposal was approved in December. Also, the Board approved the use of the Ybor Crest for the YCDC Inc and Ybor Chamber to promote Ybor City by handles by resolution, much like the process for the City of Tampa logo. In January, affordable housing was a topic of discussion and a special housing workshop with CRA and City Council is scheduled for Feb 29.
- **Ybor City Development Corporation Inc. Update** - Simmons provided an update on YCDC Inc., paver program is operating well with Joyce Lucas managing the program. YCDC Inc. had a meeting and three new logos for YCDC Inc. were presented for their consideration. Tucker Hall offered the logo creative and a website pro-bono to the group. The Board preferred one of the options over the other. In addition, the YCDC Inc. executive board met with Vince Pardo about YCDC Inc.'s new role in Ybor City. Pardo suggested the Board create a matrix to identify the roles and responsibilities of the various organizations in Ybor to see where they fit it. This exercise was done years ago with success.

Manager's Report: Brenda Thrower

- **CAC Training** – CAC training is scheduled for new CAC members on Mondays March 25 or April 1 from 4:30 pm – 7 pm here at the ECC. All CAC members across all 8 districts are invited. Barbas mentioned that Wojtowicz presented a CRA 101 to the YCDC a few years that could serve as a great reference for the power point.
- **Community Outreach**
Parking Lot Enforcement City Council Meeting will be taking place Thursday, Jan 25 at 9 am. and its available to watch online.
- **District Events-** Upcoming district events include: Carmada en Ybor (2/3); Knight Parade (2/10), Indie Flea (2/11) and Fiesta Day (2/24). HART will provide a Gasparilla Park and Ride shuttle again this year in Ybor.
- **7th Avenue Bricking Project** – Phase 1 of this project will be the segment between 15-17th Streets and costs for the project are within budget. Mobility will work with city-wide brick contractor to install this segment. CRA Board received update and they requested a strong communications plan prior to project commencement. Bailey asked about the details on the base for the brick and transportation engineering is responsible for design with the contractor.
- **Ybor South-Pipe Drainage and Flood Mitigation Study**– Stormwater engaged consultant, Stantec, and study is moving along. There was a request for a presentation of the report and its findings at future CAC meeting.

- **CRP Update** – Staff will work with City Planning Department on the scope of work to hire a consultant to update the community redevelopment plans for Ybor CRA 1 and 2. In addition, staff will work on completing the Adamo Study too.

New Business

- **1920 Piano** – Costantino mentioned the media attention this public piano has attracted and its really a fun activity to promote.
- **Buildings Alive! Architectural Tour**- Barbas announced that this annual event is taking place on Thursday, Feb 29 and starting at the JC Newman Factory.

Meeting adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

Next Ybor CAC Monthly Meeting: Tuesday, February 27, 2024, at 4 p.m.