

CITY OF TAMPA
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT
COMMUNITY NEEDS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FY2001-2002
December 11, 2001

Block Club: City-wide
Neighborhoods: City-wide
Boundaries: City-wide
Contact Person: All Block Club Captains

Need and Recommendation 1. Better lighting for streets and a change in the criteria.

Response: From Calvin Thornton, Transportation Planning Engineer, 274-7884. The current City of Tampa lighting requirements exceed national design standards for streets and highways (AASHTO).

Lighting levels in excess of this basic level of lighting is considered enhanced lighting. Enhanced lighting may be acquired by individuals or by groups.

Individuals wanting brighter lighting in the vicinity of their property have an excellent program available to them from Tampa Electric Company. This program is known as the Bright Choices program. The Bright Choices program provides free consultation, installation and maintenance for an entire lighting system or just one light. To schedule a free outdoor lighting consultation, contact Tampa Electric at (813) 228-1010 or toll free at 1-877-588-1010 or on the internet at www.brightchoices.com.

Neighborhoods and/or commercial districts may decide to create a non-ad valorem, special assessment district to provide the funding for lighting levels deemed appropriate by that group of property owners benefited by the enhanced lighting. Tampa Electric's Bright Choices group has assisted in the formation of many of these districts and can be reached at the above listed contact points.

Need and Recommendation 2. Increase Neighborhood Code Enforcement and change to the enforcement process.

Response: From Bill Doherty, Manager, Neighborhood Improvement Division, 274-5562. The Neighborhood Improvement Division this

past year completed a very successful program that resulted in an increased presence in City of Tampa Neighborhoods. A record number of code cases were opened and processed this year. This was a direct result of expanding the operation into a seven day a week operation and scheduling inspectors in the evening hours until 2:00 A.M. We expect this to continue throughout fiscal year 2002. Changes to the process will include targeting repeat offenders and arresting severe public nuisance violators through the criminal report affidavit process. We also anticipate a budget increase of \$150,000.00 for mowing and demolitions, which will be used expressly to bring public nuisance properties into compliance.

Need and Recommendation 3. Stormwater improvements.

Response: From Alexander P. Awad, Department of Sanitary Sewers, Stormwater Management Division, 274-7865. The Recommended Annual Budget FY2001/Year Ending September 30, 2001 highlights the priorities of work within the Stormwater section. Among the priorities that the Department completes regularly is to alleviate structural, right of way and private property flooding. The duties of Stormwater Maintenance and Operations Divisions is to rehabilitate existing systems, sweep curb and gutter streets, response to flooding complaints, maintain ditches, construct small in-house projects, oversee the mowing contract, and compile field surveys as needed. If you have any questions, please call Alex Awad at 274-7865.

Need and Recommendation 4. A change to criteria for continued funding non-profit groups with CDBG Funds.

Response: From Jim Stefan, Budget Officer, Department of Revenue and Finance, 274-8111. The City of Tampa will continue to use Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds for non-profit groups qualifying for a specific need as allowed by federal regulations. In the past we have had the non-profit groups make reports to the Advisory Committee. These meetings have been informative in the past and can occur again if desired. We have involved the Advisory Committee in requesting recommendations and have incorporated some in this program year. Because CDBG funding eligibility is governed by federal regulations, the various programs need to meet the requirements.

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Block Club: Area I

Neighborhoods: Florence Villa, Beasley, Grant Park, Oak Park, Northview Hills, Galloway Heights, Northeast Community, Highland Pines.

Boundaries: Hillsborough River (north); Tampa By-Pass Canal (south); Tampa By-Pass Canal (east); 40th Street (west).

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Grant Park Civic Association:

Need and Recommendation 1. The Grant Park Civic Association would like to purchase two computers, library books, and fund a part-time salary for an instructor (2 or 3 times a week) at the Grant Park Recreation Center.

Response: From Wayne Papy, Deputy Director, Recreation Department, 274-7726. The Recreation Department will work with the Grant Park Civic Association to assist with this request. We can match their funds with Friends of Recreation funds to complete this request.

Update: From Wayne Papy, Deputy Director, Recreation Department, 274-7726. Grant Park Center is currently under construction. Improvements to the Center will be completed in early January 2002. The Recreation Department will provide new computers at that time and will work with the Civic Association to secure other requests.

Need and Recommendation 2. Grant Park Civic Association needs and requests funding for traffic improvements in the community. The funds are for speed humps and streetlights on 30th Avenue.

- a. Speed humps on 30th Avenue from 52nd Street East to 56th Street to slow down the vehicle traffic.

- b. Streetlights do not meet the criteria for illumination to provide safe vehicle movement on 30th Avenue from 52nd Street East to 56th Street.**

Response to a.: From Ron Phillips, Traffic Studies Section, 274-8122. Before consideration can be given to the installation of speed humps or other measures to control speeding on any street, the street must have a documented speeding problem.

The Transportation Division will conduct a speed study on 30th Avenue between 52nd Street and 56th Street to determine whether or not the street is experiencing a speeding problem.

We anticipate completing the study by mid-June. If the results of the study indicate that a speeding problem does exist on 30th Avenue, the street will be added to Police Department's selective enforcement list of streets with documented speeding problems. This list is currently being used to prioritize candidate locations for installation of traffic calming devices, such as "Speed Tables." Speed Tables are being installed on a provisional basis on several streets in the City to evaluate their effectiveness in controlling vehicle speed. The information we obtain on the use of speed tables will provide some insights into their future use to address speeding on neighborhood streets throughout the City. If 30th Avenue were added to the list, it might become a candidate for installation of speed tables or other traffic calming measures in the future.

Update to a.: From Ron Phillips, Traffic Studies Section, 274-8122. On July 9, 2001, Transportation Division staff conducted a radar speed study on 30th Avenue between 52nd and 56th Streets to determine if the street is experiencing a speeding problem. The study was performed from 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. The speed data showed the 85th percentile speed to be 38 mph.

The 85th percentile speed represents the speed at or below which 85% of the motorists are traveling and is used to evaluate the presence of a speeding problem. Excessive speeding is occurring when 15% of the motorists exceed the speed limit by 10 mph or more. Based on the results of our study, 30th Avenue does not appear to be experiencing a speeding problem at this time.

Response to b.: From Calvin Thornton, Transportation Planning Engineer, 274-7884. Your request for additional street lighting has been reviewed by the Transportation Division and the lighting level meets the basic needs for transportation purposes. Transportation Division has a street light coordinator who reviews street lighting level on continuous

basis. We encourage you to call Terry Wermuth (274-8007) with your street light requests or issues concerning streetlights.

Need and Recommendation 3. Grant Park Civic Association needs and requests sidewalks from 30th Avenue on 53rd Street and 54th Street going North to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd. This would allow students and pedestrians' safe access to this major arterial collector street.

Response: From Jim Burnside, Street Design Supervisor, 274-8054. We will do a feasibility study to determine the possible installation of sidewalks on 53rd Street and 54th Street for the fiscal year 2002.

Update: From Jim Burnside, Street Design Supervisor, 274-8054. The above locations on 53rd and 54th Streets were put on the backlog list for Neighborhood requests for New Sidewalk. However, they are considered a lower priority being local streets with an apparent low volume of traffic, and competing with higher priority locations, due to the limited funding for the New Sidewalk Program. Call Mr. Ron Litts at 274-8541 to inquire about the status of these locations.

Northview Hills Civic Association:

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Northview Hills Civic Association and Northview Hills Neighborhood Watch needs and recommendations are for sidewalks, street repair, street lighting, and William Park improvements.

Need and Recommendation 1. Replace cracked sidewalks located in front of the following homes:

- a. On Atwood Drive the following addresses: 4401, 4405, 4408, 4413, 4414, 4418 and 4709.(7 homes)
- b. On 48th Street at the addresses of 4404, 4405, 4406, 4409, 4413, 4414, 4415, 4418, 4420 and 4424.(10 homes)
- c. On Curtis Street at the addresses of 4704, 4706, 4708, 4714, 4802, 4804, 4805, 4809, 4810 and 4812.(10 homes)
- d. On John Bell Drive at the addresses of 4402, 4403, 4409, 4410, 4413, 4414, 4416 and 4604, 4605, 4606, 4609, 4611, 4612, 4614, 4616, 4617 and 4619.(17 homes)

- e. On Ashland Drive at the addresses of 4602, 4606, 4608, 4609, 4610, 4801, 4819, 4821, 4823, 4824, 4830, 4832 and 4833.(13 homes)
- f. On Ashmore Drive at the addresses of 4502, 4509, 4511, 4513, 4515, 4516, 4519, 4521, 4525, 4529, 4601, 4605, 4702, 4703, 4704, 4705, 4707, 4708, 4710 and 4712.(20 homes)
- g. On Atwater Drive at the addresses of 4401, 4403, 4405, 4406, 4408, 4409, 4410, 4414, 4418, 4420, 4422, 4423, 4425, 4426, 4429, 4431, 4433, 4434, 4435, 4436 and 4441.(21 homes)

Response: From Jim Burnside, Street Design Supervisor, 274-8054. Sidewalk repair on Atwood Drive, 48th Street, Curtis Street, John Bell Drive, Ashland Drive, Ashmore Drive and Atwater Drive will be scheduled for repair in October 2001.

Update: From Jim Burnside, Street Design Supervisor, 274-8054. All of the above locations on Atwood Drive, 48th Street, Curtis Street, John Bell Drive, Ashland Drive, Ashmore Drive, and Atwater Drive have been re-scheduled for repair in December 2001, because of delays in the contract work. Call Mr. Ron Litts at 274-8541 to inquire about the status of the work orders.

Need and Recommendation 2. Resurface Streets:

- a. On Ashmore Drive from the intersection of 48th Street and Ashmore Drive to the 45th block of Ashmore Drive.
- b. On Atwater Drive from Chelsea Street to Curtis Street.
- c. On Curtis Street from Ashland to 48th Street.
- d. From Ashland Drive and Osborne Avenue intersection to Ashmore Drive.
- e. From Ashland Drive and Osborne Avenue intersection left on Ashland into cul-de-sac.
- f. John Bell Drive from Chelsea Street to 48th Street.
- g. On Atwood, from Chelsea Street to Ashmore Drive.

Response to a.: From Scott Shaw, Street Operations Section, 274-8644. Ashmore Drive from 48th Street to Cul-de-sac of Ashmore Dr.: This segment has a Pavement Condition Index (PCI) grade of

39. Grades run 1-100, with 100 being new pavement. The City considers a rating of 45-55 PCI enough to consider the street for resurfacing. However, the street next has to pass the utility clearance list. This list is reviewed by utility companies, who take into consideration projects they may have on these streets, if no conflict exists the City schedules the street for resurfacing.

Response to b.: From Scott Shaw, Street Operations Section, 274-8644. Atwater from Chelsea to 48th Street: This segment has a Pavement Condition Index (PCI) grade of 25. Grades run 1-100, with 100 being new pavement. The City considers a rating of 45-55 PCI enough to consider the street for resurfacing. However, the street next has to pass the utility clearance list. This list is reviewed by utility companies, who take into consideration projects they may have on these streets, if no conflict exists the City schedules the street for resurfacing.

Response to c.: From Scott Shaw, Street Operations Section, 274-8644. Curtis from Ashland to John Bell: This segment has a Pavement Condition Index (PCI) grade of 48. Grades run 1-100, with 100 being new pavement. The City considers a rating of 45-55 PCI enough to consider the street for resurfacing. However, the street next has to pass the utility clearance list. This list is reviewed by utility companies, who take into consideration projects they may have on these streets, if no conflict exists the City schedules the street for resurfacing.

Response to d., e.: From Scott Shaw, Street Operations Section, 274-8644. Ashland from cul-de-sac to Ashmore: This segment has a Pavement Condition Index (PCI) grade of 36. Grades run 1-100, with 100 being new pavement. The City considers a rating of 45-55 PCI enough to consider the street for resurfacing. However, the street next has to pass the utility clearance list. This list is reviewed by utility companies, who take into consideration projects they may have on these streets, if no conflict exists the City schedules the street for resurfacing.

Response to f.: From Scott Shaw, Street Operations Section, 274-8644. John Bell from Chelsea to Curtis: This segment has a Pavement Condition Index (PCI) grade of 49. Grades run 1-100, with 100 being new pavement. The City considers a rating of 45-55 PCI enough to consider the street for resurfacing. However, the street next has to pass the utility clearance list. This list is reviewed by utility companies, who take into consideration projects they may have on these streets, if no conflict exists the City schedules the street for resurfacing.

Response to g.: From Scott Shaw, Street Operations Section, 274-

8644. Atwood from Chelsea to Ashmore: This segment has a Pavement Condition Index (PCI) grade of 21. Grades run 1-100, with 100 being new pavement. The City considers a rating of 45-55 PCI enough to consider the street for resurfacing. However, the street next has to pass the utility clearance list. This list is reviewed by utility companies, who take into consideration projects they may have on these streets, if no conflict exists the City schedules the street for resurfacing.

Update to all responses: From Scott Shaw, Street Operations Section, 274-8644. Segments with a PCI less than 45 have been placed on the pending list for resurfacing awaiting funding.

Need and Recommendation 3. Upgrade street lighting- Very dim, criteria for lighting not met.

- a. Atwater Drive from Chelsea Street to 48th Street.
- b. John Bell Drive from Chelsea Street to 48th Street.
- c. Ashmore Drive from 48th Street to Atwood Drive.
- d. 48th Street from Chelsea Street to Ashmore Drive.

Response: From Calvin Thornton, Transportation Planning Engineer, 274-7884. Your request for additional street lighting has been reviewed by the Transportation Division and the lighting level meets the basic needs for transportation purposes. Transportation Division has a street light coordinator who reviews street lighting level on continuous basis. We encourage you to call Terry Wermuth (274-8007) with your street light requests or issues concerning streetlights.

Need and Recommendation 4. Williams Park requested Improvements:

- a. Construction of a recreation center.
- b. Sensor security-night light for parking area. (to have been installed in May of 2000 by TECO.)
- c. Lights installed between pool and equipment building.
- d. In-line skating area.
- e. Painting the trim of the shelters.
- f. Resurface tennis courts.

Response to a., b. & d.: From Wayne Papy, Deputy Director, Recreation Department, 274-7726. Williams Park will be included in the Recreation Department's CIP request for a small recreation center. TECO light request will be followed up to ensure the lights are installed. The Recreation Department will discuss with the association the possibility of converting the tennis courts into a skating rink.

Response to c.: From Wayne Papy, Deputy Director, Recreation Department, 274-7726. We will contact the Community Group to determine the exact location in the Park that needs additional lighting. If additional site lighting is needed, a funding request will be submitted (due to underground wiring poles, etc.).

Response to e.: From Wayne Papy, Deputy Director, Recreation Department, 274-7726. We will request Building Maintenance to paint existing buildings.

Response to f.: From Wayne Papy, Deputy Director, Recreation Department, 274-7726. The tennis court resurfacing will depend on the in-line skating discussion.

Update: From Wayne Papy, Deputy Director, Recreation Department, 274-7726. Williams Park improvements have been funded through FY2002 Community Investment Tax Funds. The project will include a new playground activity center, all lighting requests and resurfacing of existing tennis courts. Construction design phase will begin in November 2001, with construction set to begin April 2002.

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Block Club: Area II

Neighborhoods: Palmetto Beach, Historic Ybor City, Belmont Heights/Jackson Heights, College Hill Community, Live Oak Square, Woodland Terrace, River Cove.

Boundaries: Sligh Avenue and Hillsborough River (north); Hillsborough Bay (south); 40th Street (east); 15th Street (west).

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Need and Recommendation 1. Needs for improvements on 34th Street. 34th Street is very much in need of improvement. This request is for streetscape, facades and beautification. Specifically (34th Street from Hillsborough Avenue to Interstate 4).

34th Street from Hillsborough Avenue South to I-4 is a major North-South corridor from River Grove to Adamo Drive. The City

of Tampa, with the support of the NFL Super Bowl XXXV Task Force, has designated Tampa as a Youth Education Town (YET). Ground has been broken for a YET Center on 34th Street between Lake and Lindell. The project has the support of numerous private donors and the community represented by the East Tampa Business and Civic Association. A project of this impact should have an "inviting" atmosphere and aesthetically appealing access route along its corridors.

34th Street, (particularly the segment between Hillsborough and Dr. Martin Luther, King, Jr. Boulevard) is narrow and unsightly. Because there are no curbs, the street surface often disintegrates into the dirt between the narrow sidewalk and the street.

Some trees have been planted on 34th Street. In support of this initial effort, there is a need to use a "streetscape design" to further improve the overall appearance of the street. This will help to implement the beautification initiative, which is being promoted by The East Tampa Business and Civic Association as presented to the City of Tampa. Furthermore, buildings are very close to the street from Hillsborough Avenue to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd. Some commercial properties are unsightly, and are in need of painting, façade improvements and enhanced signage. The City of Tampa should clean up 34th Street by:

- a. Add curbing and storm drainage.
- b. Repair or replace missing sidewalks.
- c. Mow and maintain vacant lots and right-of-way.
- d. Initiate funds to encourage renovation of the existing business facades.
- e. Landscape right-of-way and all public areas.
- f. Landscape 34th Street from Hillsborough Avenue South to I-4.

Response to a.: From Alexander P. Awad, Department of Sanitary Sewers, Stormwater Management Division, 274-7865. The Department of Sanitary Sewers Maintenance Division concludes that grading, drainage, of storm sewers along 34th Street between MLK Blvd. and Hillsborough Avenue, currently functions as designed. Should the Department of Public Works desire to add curbing to this roadway, we would have no objections. However, since the drainage performs as designed the curbing request has been referred to Mr. Jim Burnside in the Department of Public

Works Transportation Division.

Response to b.: From Jim Burnside, Street Design Supervisor, 274-8054. Sidewalk repair on 34th Street at Palifox Street, McBerry Avenue, Shadowlawn Avenue, and 23rd Avenue will be scheduled for repair in November 2001.

Update to b.: From Jim Burnside Street Design Supervisor, 274-8054. Sidewalk repair on 34th Street was completed in September 2001. Call Mr. Ron Litts at 274-8541 if there are any questions.

Response to c.: From Bill Doherty, Manager, Neighborhood Improvement Division, 274-5562. The Neighborhood Improvement Division will systematically inspect these properties and notify the listed property owners who may be in violation for not mowing their vacant lots and right-of-way areas. Appropriate follow up code enforcement will take place to ensure that these areas are maintained. In addition to this, the Division already works in conjunction with the Solid Waste Department and the Parks Department to ensure that this neighborhood is involved in at least one clean up a year with the NEAT Team. This clean up emphasizes the clean up of vacant lots and right-of ways.

Response to d.: From David Snyder, Assistant Manager, Community Redevelopment Agency, 274-7977. The Hillsborough County City-County Planning Commission has been working with East Tampa residents and community leaders to develop an economic development plan and analysis of the East Tampa area. A draft version of this economic development study is under development and will be presented to the community soon. When the study is completed Community Development Block Grant funds may be utilized for neighborhood and economic revitalization programs.

Update to d.: From David Snyder, Assistant Manager, Community Redevelopment Agency, 274-7977. The economic development study has been completed and is available from Jim Hosler of the Planning Commission. Jim Hosler may be contacted at 272-5940. The plan provides an ideal framework for citizens to identify strategies for the general improvement of the quality of wealth generating opportunities in East Tampa. The positive input that has been received from residents and business owners who were involved in the citizen participation portion of the plan development has been overwhelming.

Response to e.: From Henry McGriff, Deputy Director, Parks Department, 931-2117. Landscaping of right-of-ways will be looked into by Parks. All public land is not landscaped due to

various reasons, i.e. sight line, inadequate right-of-way.

Update to e.: From Henry McGriff, Deputy Director, Parks Department, 931-2117. The Parks Department is currently reviewing the right-of-way. All public land is not landscaped due to various reasons, i.e. sight line, inadequate right-of-way.

Response to f.: From Henry McGriff, Deputy Director, Parks Department, 931-2117. Parks will review the landscaping from 34th Street to Hillsborough. Parks has already landscaped 34th & Lake and 34th & 19th. Parks will also look at additional right-of-way trees on 34th Street.

Update to f.: From Henry McGriff, Deputy Director, Parks Department, 931-2117. The Parks Department has placed trees along the right-of-way along 34th Street from Hillsborough Ave to I-4 over the past few years under the Mayor's 1000 Tree Program. Additional trees can not be planted along the right-of-way on 34th Street due to the power lines and inadequate right-of-way space. But the Department is continuing to review the area.

Parks is reviewing the medians along 34th Street to determine if landscaping for plant replacement is needed. The Department will be replacing some plants at 34th and Lake. The first median south of 34th and 21st will be reviewed for landscape renovations. The Department will review the right-of-way along the retention pond located at I-4 with the Stormwater Department.

Need and Recommendation 2. Renovation and upgrade the Fair Oaks Playground to a Playground Complex- Close Caracas Street from 34th Street to 35th Street and incorporation of retention pond as an integral part of the complex. Make Fair Oaks complex more "user-friendly" as follows:

- a. Remove existing fencing around retention pond and incorporate the beautification scheme that has been proposed to The East Tampa Business Civic Association and Mayor's Beautification Committee.
- b. Close Caracas from 34th Street east to 35th Street to provide a larger contiguous recreation complex.
- c. Add walks, trails, covered picnic area, trees and landscape and other beautification enhancements to make better use of retention pond land add more green space.

d. Build dugout for baseball field.

The Fair Oaks Center has an excellent staff and is very highly used by children and adults. Enhancements submitted in this request would provide an aura of continuity of a planned community corridor and complement other facilities and improvements underway for the southern half of 34th Street, including the NFL YET Center.

Response to a.: From Alexander P. Awad, Department of Sanitary Sewers, Stormwater Management Division, 274-7865. At the request of City Council the Department of Sanitary Sewers implemented a fence removal project in the East Tampa area. The stormwater retention pond across the street from the Fair Oaks Playground located on 34th Street and Caracas Avenue was one of these ponds chosen for the pond beautification project. This project was completed on April 14, 2001.

Response to a., b.: From Ron Phillips, Traffic Studies Section, 274-8122. The decision to close a public street to through traffic raises several concerns related to both safety and traffic engineering. For example, diversion of through traffic from one street to other parallel streets often creates other complex problems for another area. Also, such changes in traffic flow patterns in an area often have a negative impact on the ability of emergency vehicles to access the immediate area and surrounding neighborhoods. This could expose the City to unreasonable liability.

Terminating streets at one end is usually accomplished by constructing a cul-de-sac. However, cul-de-sacs require more right-of-way than is generally available in a residential neighborhood and are expensive to build. The right-of-way and drainage requirements add to the cost of this type of improvement.

Although it is our general policy to avoid permanent closures of public streets to through traffic, cul-de-sacs have been used in a few locations within the City. However, before any further consideration can be given to your request for the street closure, there must be a documented need and solid consensus among area residents on the need for the closure. Furthermore, there must be total agreement among police, fire and paramedic service personnel that the closure will not significantly affect their ability to access the immediate and surrounding area.

If all those affected are solidly in favor of the street closure, the Transportation Division will evaluate the technical feasibility of the closure. In order to begin this process, a

representative from the neighborhood should make a formal request, in writing to Mr. Elton Smith, Manager, Transportation Division at 306 E. Jackson St., Tampa, Florida, 33602. The letter should include reasons supporting the neighborhood's decision to have the street closed.

Update to b: From Ron Phillips, Traffic Studies Section, 274-8122. In the Transportation Division's initial response to the request to close Caracas Street between 34th and 35th Streets, we suggested a representative from the neighborhood make a formal request, in writing, to Elton G. Smith, P.E., Transportation Manager. The request must include reasons supporting the neighborhood's decision to have the street closed. To date, such a request has not been received.

Response to c.: From Wayne Papy, Deputy Director, Recreation Department, 274-7726. Recreation will request funds during the FY03 budget process for a Master Plan for development of Fair Oaks Playground and adjacent Storm Water Land.

Response to d.: From Wayne Papy, Deputy Director, Recreation Department, 274-7726. The existing softball field has dugouts that are consistent with all of the department's fields.

Belmont Heights Civic Association:

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Need and Recommendation 1. Residents in Block Area II are requesting a qualified consultant from the University of South Florida be hired to develop an economic plan to enhance and revitalize their neighborhoods. (Approx. \$30,000-\$50,000.) An economic development study was to have been under taken by the Hillsborough County; City-County Planning Commission for East Tampa Area but no report has been made available. Area Boundaries are North - E. Hillsborough Ave.; South - E. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd.; East - N. 34th Street; West - N. 15th Street.

Response: From David Snyder, Assistant Manager, Community Redevelopment Agency, 274-7977. The Hillsborough County City-County Planning Commission has been working with East Tampa residents and community leaders to develop an economic development plan and analysis of the East Tampa area. A draft

version of this economic development study is being prepared and will be presented to the community soon.

Need and Recommendation 2. Upgrade the traffic signal at 40th Street and East Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd. by adding turn signals for North/South and East/West traffic, at East Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Blvd. and North 34th Street. Our recommendation for upgrade was to have been forwarded to Florida Department of Transportation. The association has not received a response. Our neighborhood feels these improvements are necessary for traffic safety and the movement of traffic driving through the intersection.

Response: From Mike Scanlon, Traffic Operations, 274-8105. As noted in the request, these are FDOT locations. To inquire about the status of last year's request, the association should contact FDOT directly by calling Mr. Steve Fox, FDOT Traffic Operations at 975-6250. From previous experience on this type of request, we have found that the private citizen's direct call to the government agency will receive a faster response than the City placing the call.

Palmetto Beach Civic Association:

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Need and Recommendation 1. The Palmetto Beach Community Association, Inc. currently operates a Child Care Center within the neighborhood for our residents. We charge on a sliding scale according to income using the Federal Title XX guidelines. We are a not-for-profit charitable 501(c) 3 and are experiencing operation cash flow problems due to high overhead costs and leasing 3 connected modular that comprise the current facility. We are attempting to reduce our overhead expenses by moving to a building that was donated to the Association by the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT). The building was placed on two lots on Corrine Street, one block from Desoto Elementary School. We have already gone through the zoning and variance process to be able to use this location for our child care program. Costs for remodeling and completing the changes to the building to make it child care ready are estimated \$65,000. The Association is asking for \$30,000. The Children Board of Hillsborough County will consider matching funds of \$30,000, the Association will raise the remaining \$5,000. The current child care program serves the residents of Palmetto Beach, Tampa, FL and nearby communities, as well as employees of

the Port of Tampa. We currently have a waiting list for the program due to licensing constraints of space per child. If we are able to complete the planned renovations to the said building and move to the new location we will be able to serve 22 more children while at the same time, reduce our overhead cost by \$29,000 per year! This change alone can bring our center into a more viable financial position making it possible for improved programming at the center. With the Development of Port Ybor within the boundaries of this neighborhood, the employees will be needing child care, which will be conveniently located near their place of employment. We are striving to offer excellent programming and care for all our children.

Response: From David Snyder, Assistant Manager, Community Redevelopment Agency, 274-7977. The Palmetto Beach Civic Association is required to submit a project proposal for the Child Care Center renovations. This submission should describe the project; the clients served, and provide a construction budget and how the project serves the low and moderate-income residents of the community. A "Request for Proposal" form has been forwarded to Irene Rodriguez. Upon receipt of the project proposal, the City of Tampa will conduct a review of the project for CDBG eligibility of child care facility renovations and verification of low and moderate-income benefit.

Update: From David Snyder, Assistant Manager, Community Redevelopment Agency, 274-7977. The Palmetto Beach Civic Association has submitted a "Request for Proposal" for the Child Care Center Renovations. The City has conducted a review of the project for CDBG eligibility and has prepared the legal agreement to authorize project funding. This agreement should be approved by City Council by December 20, 2001.

Need and Recommendation 2. The Community Association has been told in a previous request that limited funds are available for a study. If funds are not available to hire an outside consultant (USF), the association would request the City of Tampa to instruct the Hillsborough County Planning Commission (city long range planning division) to conduct the study from budgeted funds. The Palmetto Beach Community Association, Inc. request funds to prepare a Community Redevelopment Plan for our neighborhood and our business district, on 22nd Street, 19th Street and 20th Street. The area is being developed, with Port Ybor planned for the west side of our neighborhoods, along the channel's eastside, a gated apartment/condo building on the south side of our neighborhood, and other developers looking into other projects. The time is right to complete a comprehensive redevelopment plan that will be congruent with the planned development at the Port, Ybor City, and Channelside. Planned development and growth will ensure the best possible use

of business areas that will support, compliment, and enhance other nearby proposed projects, communities, workers and residents of our community. A consultant at USF estimates the cost for this Plan to be at approximately \$50,000. The Community Association agrees to raise \$8,000 for this purpose with the help of the Port Authority and other businesses at the Port.

Response: From David Snyder, Assistant Manager, Community Redevelopment Agency, 274-7977. Hillsborough County City-County Planning Commission is presently undertaking a study of the East Tampa, which will be presented to the community soon. Upon completion of this study, a request will be forwarded to the Planning Commission to undergo an economic development study for the Palmetto Beach area.

CITY OF TAMPA
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Block Club: Area III

Neighborhoods: Old Seminole Heights, Southeast Seminole Heights, Ybor Heights, V.M. Ybor, Tampa Heights, Davis Islands, Historic Ybor, South Nebraska, Harbor Island.

Boundaries: Sligh Avenue (north); Hillsborough Bay (south); 15th Street (east); Florida Avenue (west).

Contact Person: Ms. Lena Young-Green, Chairperson
3406 N. Avon Avenue
Tampa, FL 33603
Phone: 229-3403 (h)

Tampa Heights Civic Association

Need and Recommendation 1. Funds are needed to repair the water fountain in the pond at Robles Park. The water fountain in the park has not worked in about two years.

Response: From Alexander P. Awad, Department of Sanitary Sewers, Stormwater Management Division, 274-7865. Due to the current drought situation, there has been a decline in the water level at the pond causing the fish population to clog up the pump intake. The Stormwater Maintenance and Operations Division had turned off the fountain at Robles Park to avert any damage to the system. The fountain will be turned on when the drought is over and the pond is at a level that will not cause damage to the system.

Update: From Alexander P. Awad, Department of Sanitary Sewers, Stormwater Management Division, 274-7865. The center jet to the fountain has been cleared of debris and is operational. The Department of Sanitary Sewers Maintenance and Operations Division is working on a permanent method for keeping the intake and jet free of debris. If you have any questions, feel free to call Alex Awad at 274-7865.

Need and Recommendation 2. In Highland Park, funds are needed to repair the wall that goes around the park and the cracked walk path.

Response: From Henry McGriff, Deputy Director, Parks Department, 931-2117. Repairs at Highland Park will be referred

to Terry Smith, Building Maintenance for repairs. Concerning the walk path, Parks will make request in FY02.

Update: From Henry McGriff, Deputy Director, Parks Department, 931-2117. The repairs to the walk path are funded in FY02 with CDBG funds.

Need and Recommendation 3. Funds are needed to purchase and plant additional trees in the neighborhood.

Response: From Henry McGriff, Deputy Director, Parks Department, 931-2117. Some trees will be planted in the neighborhood from the Mayor's program.

Update: From Henry McGriff, Deputy Director, Parks Department, 931-2117. The Parks Department is reviewing the areas to plant the 1000 trees. Neighborhood areas may be included in the planting as they have been in the past. The Parks Department makes every effort to distribute the tree equally throughout the City of Tampa.

Ybor Heights Civic Association:

Contact Person: Ms. Sandra Ramos
P.O. Box 5495
Tampa, FL 33675

or

3520 N. 9th Street
Tampa, FL 33605
Phone: 222-0078

Need and Recommendation 1. Repair of historical Cuscaden Swimming Pool located at 2806 N. 15th Street, Boys and Girls Club, Ybor Heights. This pool is not operational due to cracks in the wall. The children at this Boys and Girls Club are bused out of the community into Sulfur Springs to swim. This has created a hardship on the director Ms. Bertha Gary and an inconvenience to the coaches and regular staff members at this site. This should not occur.

- a. Location is 2806 N. 15th Street in Ybor City Heights, Boys and Girls Club. The need is evident. There are more drowning in the State of Florida than there are nationally. It is an important factor that children learn how to swim. The Ybor Heights Branch should be afforded the opportunity to do their share in helping the children of this community learn how to swim in the Cuscaden Pool.

Response: From Wayne Papy, Deputy Director, Recreation Department, 274-7726. This request is included for funding by the Mayor's proposed 5-year plan for the Community Investment Tax, which has been approved by City Council.

Update: From Wayne Papy, Deputy Director, Recreation Department, 274-7726. Cuscaden Pool improvements have been funded through FY2002 Community Investment Tax Funds. A Request for Qualifications for design services has been issued as of November 1, 2001. Construction on this pool facility should begin mid summer of FY2002.

Need and Recommendation 2. Upgrade of traffic signals - The addition of these turn signals would stop the diversion of vehicular traffic into the residential community. Because of this diversion, it creates a speeding problem in our community. Also, beautification on the medians has not occurred. Beautification should be added when the traffic turn signals are installed with the exception of the Columbus Drive intersection. The locations of needed upgrades are:

- a. Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd. and Nebraska Avenue. The traffic west bound on Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd. does not have the signal to turn south on Nebraska Avenue.
- b. The intersection of Lake Avenue and 15th Street, traffic needs the signal for turning east or west onto Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd.
- c. The intersection of Nebraska Avenue and Columbus Drive, traffic needs the signal to turn onto East or West Columbus Drive.
- d. Also, the 15th street median, between Lake Avenue and E. Louise Street needs beautification.

Response: From Mike Scanlon, Traffic Operations, 274-8105. Nebraska Avenue and Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd. Are STATE roadways. Any changes to the traffic signals at the noted intersections must be generated by FDOT. The City has no jurisdiction. The association should contact FDOT directly by calling Steve Fox, FDOT Traffic Operations at 975-6250. From previous experience on this type of request, we have found that the private citizen's direct call to the government agency will receive a faster response than the City placing the call.

Need and Recommendation 3. New sidewalks are needed at designated School Bus stops that meet other criteria established

by the Department of Transportation. The requested locations are:

- a. 700 block of Plymouth Street between Nebraska Avenue and Taliaferro Street.
- b. 1200 block of 20th Avenue between 12th Street and 13th Street.
- c. Both sides of Cone Court (3500 block) between 28th Avenue and Lake Avenue.
- d. 29th Avenue (1200 and 1300 block) between 12th Street and 13th Street.
- e. Both sides of 14th Street (3800 block) between E. Louise and 33rd Avenue.
- f. 12th Street (3700 block) between 32nd Avenue and Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd.
- g. Both sides of Stratford Avenue (800 block) between Nebraska and Taliaferro Avenue.
- h. Both sides of Virginia Avenue (800 block) between Nebraska and Taliaferro Avenue.

Response to a., b., f.: From Jim Burnside, Street Design Supervisor, 274-8054. New sidewalk request for Plymouth Street, 12th Street and 20th Avenue have sidewalk existing on one side and the City of Tampa's policy is to install sidewalks on one side only.

Response to c., d., e.: From Jim Burnside, Street Design Supervisor, 274-8054. New sidewalk request for 14th Street, 29th Avenue and Cone Court is not possible due to the limited right of way.

Response to g.: From Jim Burnside, Street Design Supervisor, 274-8054. New sidewalk request for Stafford Avenue will be studied for a possible installation of sidewalk for the fiscal year 2002.

Update to g.: From Jim Burnside, Street Design Supervisor, 274-8054. The above location on Stratford Avenue was put on the backlog list of Neighborhood requests for new sidewalks. However, it is considered a lower priority being a local street with an apparent low volume of traffic, and competing with higher priority locations, due to the limited funding for the

New Sidewalk Program. Call Mr. Ron Litts at 274-8541 to inquire about the status of this location.

Response to h.: From Jim Burnside, Street Design Supervisor, 274-8054. New sidewalk request for Virginia Avenue is not possible because of tree problems.

V.M. Ybor Neighborhood Association and Crime Watch:

Contact Person: Ms. Carrol Josephs-Marshall
1001 E. 25th Avenue
Tampa, FL 33605
Phone: 223-7438 (h)

Need & Recommendation 1. Additional street lighting for neighborhood is needed for the movement of vehicular traffic and pedestrians. The street lighting is not sufficient to drive on the streets.

Street Light and/or pole is needed:

- a. Light and pole on 12th Street between 19th Avenue and 20th Avenue.
- b. Light on pole at 13th Street between 17th Street and Columbus Drive.
- c. Light on pole at 15th Avenue between 10th Street and Nebraska Avenue.
- d. Light on pole on the Northside of 17th Street between 13th and 14th Avenues.
- e. Light for pole in front of the address 1401 E. 23rd Avenue.

Response: From Calvin Thornton, Transportation Planning Engineer, 274-7884. Your request for additional street lighting has been reviewed by the Transportation Division and the lighting level meets the basic needs for transportation purposes. Transportation Division has a street light coordinator who reviews street lighting level on continuous basis. We encourage you to call Terry Wermuth (274-8007) with your street light requests or issues concerning streetlights.

Pole Numbers needing a light to be installed:

- f. Pole #2557842310-corner of 12th Street and 25th Avenue
- g. Pole #2566542318-on 25th Avenue
- h. Pole #2556642320-corner 25th Avenue and 12th Street

i. Pole #2550042307-on 10th Avenue between 25th Avenue and 24th Avenue

Response: From Calvin Thornton, Transportation Planning Engineer, 274-7884. Of the four locations that specified pole grids the following was found:

- f.** On 25th Ave. - 12th St. to 13th St. grid #25578-42310, there is an existing 50W HPS light at this location.
- g.** On 25th Ave. - Republica De Cuba to 15th St. grid #25665- 42318, there is not an existing light at this location. However there is an existing light within approximately 130-ft. of this location.
- h.** On 12th St. - 25th Ave. to 25th Ave. grid #2556642320, there is an existing 50W HPS light at this location.
- i.** On 10th St. - 24th Ave. to 25th Ave. grid #25500-42307, there is not an existing light at this location. However, there is an existing light within approximately 100 ft. in either direction of this location.

All locations visited have adequate lighting for Transportation purposes.

Need & Recommendation 2. The V.M. Ybor Civic Association and Crime Watch request the tree removal and sidewalk replacement on 10th Street between 24th and 25th Avenues. One-way traffic signs are needed on 24th Avenue and 15th Street.

Response: From Henry McGriff, Deputy Director, Parks Department, 931-2117. The Parks Department will look at the removal of the trees.

Update: From Henry McGriff, Deputy Director, Parks Department, 931-2117. The Parks Departments Urban Forester is reviewing the viability of the trees to determine if proper trimming or removal is needed.

Response: From Jim Burnside, Street Design Supervisor, 274-8054. The request for the removal of the trees and sidewalk repair on 10th Street will be reviewed with the Parks Department for approval.

Update: From Jim Burnside, Street Design Supervisor, 274-8054. Sidewalk repair on 10th Street is scheduled for June 2002 contingent upon Parks approval to remove the tree. Call Mr. Ron

Litts at 274-8541 to inquire about the status of the work order.

Response: From Ron Phillips, Traffic Studies Section, 274-8122. The Transportation Division will conduct an on-site investigation at the intersection of 15th Street and 24th Avenue and install any additional signs needed to ensure the one-way streets are adequately signed.

Update: From Ron Phillips, Traffic Studies Section, 274-8122. An on-site investigation at the intersection of 24th Avenue and 15th Street on April 17, 2001, found 24th Avenue is not a one-way street as cited in the "Need and Recommendation" statement. 15th Street is one-way northbound as stated. Our investigation found there is adequate signage on 24th Avenue where it intersects 15th Street to inform motorists of the one-way traffic pattern on 15th Street.

Need & Recommendation 3. Sidewalk replacement and tree removal is needed on 10th Street between 24th Avenue and 25th Avenue. During the last six years, there have been several sidewalk replacements in the same spot. We would like to have the badly pruned oak tree removed and a new tree planted to replace it.

Response: From Henry McGriff, Deputy Director, Parks Department, 931-2117. The Parks Department will look at the pruning of the oak tree.

Update: From Henry McGriff, Deputy Director, Parks Department, 931-2117. The Parks Department's Urban Forester is looking at the options pertaining to pruning or removal.

Response: From Jim Burnside, Street Design Supervisor, 274-8054. The request for the removal of the trees and sidewalk repair on 10th Street will be reviewed with the Parks Department for approval.

Update: From Jim Burnside, Street Design Supervisor, 274-8054. Sidewalk repair on 10th Street is scheduled for June 2002 contingent upon Parks approval to remove the tree. Call Mr. Ron Litts at 274-8541 to inquire about the status of the work order.

Need & Recommendation 4. Additional traffic signs needed:

- a. 15th Street is a one way from South to North, while 24th Avenue is a one-way East to West with no sign.

Response: From Ron Phillips, Traffic Studies Section, 274-8122. The Transportation Division will conduct an on-site investigation at the intersection of 15th Street and 24th Avenue

and install any additional signs needed to ensure the one-way streets are adequately signed.

Update: From Ron Phillips, Traffic Studies Section, 274-8122. An on-site investigation at the intersection of 24th Avenue and 15th Street on April 17, 2001, found 24th Avenue is not a one-way street as cited in the "Need and Recommendation" statement. 15th Street is one-way northbound as stated. Our investigation found there is adequate signage on 24th Avenue where it intersects 15th Street to inform motorists of the one-way traffic pattern on 15th Street.

Need & Recommendation 5. Request closures and funding for alley closures. Alleys are being used for drug dealing, prostitution, and vandalism to private property. The closing of the alleys would assist the Police Department in the protection and safety desired by property owners in the neighborhood. Some alleys are overgrown and provide ideal "Cover" for the illegal activities and garbage collects allowing scavenger critters to feed, run and reproduce. The following alleys are requested to be closed.

- a. Alley from 10th Street East to 12th Street, parallel to the streets of 23rd and 24th Avenues.
- b. Alley from 10th Street to Nebraska Avenue, parallel to the streets of 24th and 25th Avenues.
- c. Alley from 10th Street east, behind two homes where it ends, parallels the streets of 24th and 25th Avenues.
- d. Alley from 10th Street west, behind four homes where it ends, parallel to streets of 24th and 25th Avenues.
- e. Alley 10th Street west to Nebraska, parallel to streets of 25th and 26th Avenues.

Response: From Thomas Snelling, Manager, Land Development Coordination, 274-8405. We could work with the existing Neighborhood Association in the same fashion we are working with the North Tampa Community Area. Attachment A is a copy of an "agreement to close" letter we have sent to the neighborhood representatives. They will in turn get a "sign" off from the adjacent residents to the alley in question. Once this is complete and it is determined to be City initiated LDC/ROW will process a request petition to close the alleys.

Update: From Thomas Snelling, Manager, Land Development Coordination, 274-8405. The alleys in question are in an area, which has "split" neighborhood boundaries. The City has taken a

new direction in area wide vacatings in that the neighborhood(s) in question are being asked to be "co-petitioners with the City of Tampa. Neighborhood representatives from each of the above groups need to contact Land Development Coordination and pick-up a "Co-Petitioners Application". Co-Petitioners are needed for each of the alleys to be considered. Attachment A, replaces form mentioned in the first response above, is a copy of the form to notarize. This is the process we followed for the North Tampa Community wide vacatings.

Old Seminole Heights, Southeast Seminole Heights and Ybor Heights:

Contact Person: Mr. Frank H. Roder
908 E. Louisiana Avenue
Tampa, FL 33603
Phone: 238-1772 (h)
794-1876 (w)

Need and Recommendation 1. The Civic Associations of Old Seminole Heights, Southeast Seminole Heights, Ybor Heights and Block Area #7 jointly request the formation of a Task Force. This Task Force will form a focus group for the community visioning to plan and implement the refurbishing of Nebraska Avenue. This includes Fowler to downtown area, where upgrading of lighting, repaving, and landscaping is needed and long overdue.

Response: From David Snyder, Assistant Manager, Community Redevelopment Agency, 274-7977. The Community Redevelopment Agency would be pleased to participate in a task force to study the Nebraska Avenue corridor.

Response: From Henry McGriff, Deputy Director, Parks Department, 931-2117. Parks has looked at this issue over the years. There is limited right-of-way. The associations need to work with the State of Florida to get more right-of-ways or an easement, before any type of planting can occur.

Update: From Henry McGriff, Deputy Director, Parks Department, 931-2117. The Parks Departments has looked at Nebraska Ave in the past years and has determined there is limited right-of-way. Parks will participate with the neighborhood associations and FDOT in the task force looking at the landscaping of Nebraska Ave.

Response: From Calvin Thornton, Transportation Planning Engineer, 274-7884. There is already an established group that could consider these issues called the Transportation Advisory

Committee (TAC).

However, Transportation would be happy to assign a person to the task force if one is formed.

Southeast Seminole Heights:

Contact Person: Mr. Frank H. Roder
908 E. Louisiana Avenue
Tampa, FL 33603
Phone: 238-1772 (h)
794-1876 (w)

Need and Recommendation 1. Southeast Seminole Heights request an upgrade for Giddens Park through the addition of landscaping and picnic facilities because of increased use by softball leagues, soccer teams and a women's professional football team. The park is utilized on many nights especially during the summer, by upwards of 200 people which has limited facilities. We feel that if the park is upgraded it would enhance neighborhood patronage as well as providing necessary facilities to accommodate the large number of people who are using the park for games and practice. The park does support the need for additional shelters.

Response: From Henry McGriff, Deputy Director, Parks Department, 931-2117. The landscape plan is to be reviewed by the Police Department. Parks will request a shelter in FY02 budget.

Update: From Henry McGriff, Deputy Director, Parks Department, 931-2117. The Police Department is reviewing the landscaping plan. Parks will request a shelter in FY03 budget.

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Block Club: Area IV

Neighborhoods: South Seminole Heights, Wellswood, Plaza Terrace, Riverside Heights, and Riverbend.

Boundaries: Hillsborough, Henry, Sligh Avenue (north); Columbus Drive (south); Florida Avenue (east); City Limits (west).

Contact Person: Ms. Sandra L. Drake, Chairperson
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Tampa, FL 33603
Phone: 239-1097 (h)
837-1911 (w)
832-4168 (f)

South Seminole Heights Civic Association:

Need and Recommendation 1. River Crest Park, the focal point of our community, is fast becoming the focal point of criminal activities. We have taken our firehouse police into the park after dark so that they might see the activities, which are taking place. We are very proud of our park and do not want illegal activities to escalate. Our police force agrees that lighting this park would discourage most of the abuse, which now occurs. We had the USF Architecture School do a study and suggest ways in which to fully utilize the park while keeping the flavor of the neighborhood. WITHOUT EXCEPTION, each of the 12 plans recommended lighting. We would suggest that the Police Department, the Parks Department and a citizens group, decide on the most effective placement of these lights in River Crest Park. This lighting for River Crest Park is recommended as the method to stop and prevent criminal activities in our park.

Response: From Henry McGriff, Deputy Director, Parks Department, 931-2117. Parks Department is looking into the need for lighting at River Crest Park.

Update: From Henry McGriff, Deputy Director, Parks Department, 931-2117. The Parks Department has targeted River Crest Park lighting in FY03 with Community Investment Tax funds.

Response: From Ann Andrews, Tampa Police Department, 276-3755. We agree that lighting in this park would discourage unwanted

activities. The Tampa Police Department can offer suggestions on the most effective placement of this lighting.

Need and Recommendation 2. The speed limit, as it applies to residential neighborhoods, is not posted within South Seminole Heights. We feel this is the first step toward traffic calming within our area. Additionally, most streets within the area are old and narrow. There are no sidewalks on the majority of the streets that act as "cut-thru" for traffic off of Highland Avenue. When you add curbside parking to this mix, a very dangerous situation is created. We are requesting "Slow, Children At Play" signs on the following streets:

- a. W. Frierson Avenue
- b. W. Giddens Avenue
- c. W. Crest Avenue
- d. W. Haya Street
- e. W. Wilder Avenue
- f. W. South Avenue (between Highland Avenue and River Crest Park)
- g. N. Ola Avenue
- h. W. River Heights Drive.

Response: From Ron Phillips, Traffic Studies Section, 274-8122. The City has implemented a project to reduce the speed limit to 25 mph on all local residential streets in the City. Some 25-mph signs have already been installed in several City neighborhoods in Phase 1 and 2 of the project. South Seminole Heights is scheduled to have 25-mph signs installed in Phase 3. We anticipate having these signs installed in July of this year.

With regard to the request for "Children at Play" signs, studies made in cities where such signs were widely posted in residential areas show no evidence of having reduced pedestrian crashes, vehicle speed or legal liability. Furthermore, if signs encourage parents with children to believe they have an added degree of protection, which the signs do not and cannot provide, a great disservice results.

Obviously, children should not be encouraged to play in the roadway. The "Children at Play" sign is a direct and open suggestion that it is acceptable to do so. Therefore, we

discourage the use of this sign.

Update: From Ron Phillips, Traffic Studies Section, 274-8122. 25 mph speed limit signs were installed on the local residential streets throughout the South Seminole Heights neighborhood in September 2001.

Need and Recommendation 3. River Crest Park has a small canal in one section of the park and presents a problem to walkers. Adding a pedestrian bridge would aid in using the entire park. In order to get from one end of the park to the other there are two options.

- a. Exit the park, and re-enter on the far side of this small drainage canal or
- b. Get your feet wet and trample plants. The entire width of the canal and native plants is approximately 4 to 4.5 feet wide. A small bridge would also add to the beauty of this fine passive park.

Response: From Henry McGriff, Deputy Director, Parks Department, 931-2117. Parks will look at the installation of a pedestrian bridge.

Update: From Henry McGriff, Deputy Director, Parks Department, 931-2117. The installation of the pedestrian bridge should be completed within FY02.

Need and Recommendation 4. River Crest Park needs an addition of a Picnic Pavilion/Gazebo. South Seminole Heights Civic Association has many activities in the park. Our association would schedule more if a shelter/picnic pavilion/gazebo were provided.

Response: From Henry McGriff, Deputy Director, Parks Department, 931-2117. Picnic shelter is funded in FY01 and installation is scheduled to begin before September 30, 2001.

Update: From Henry McGriff, Deputy Director, Parks Department, 931-2117. The picnic shelter was purchased in FY01 and the installation will be completed in FY02.

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Block Club: Area V

Neighborhoods: Parkview, Courier City/Oscawana, North Hyde Park, Old Hyde Park, Historic Hyde Park, New Suburb Beautiful, Bayshore Gardens, Palma Ceia Park.

Boundaries: I-75 (north); Euclid Avenue (south); Bayshore Blvd. (east); MacDill Avenue (west).

Contact Person: Mr. Robert L. Allen, Chairperson
301 N. Fremont Avenue
Tampa, FL 33606
Phone: 254-6844 (h)

North Hyde Park Community Association:

Need and Recommendation 1. Alleyways need maintenance. The trash, debris, old furniture, along with overgrown weeds have made the vacant lots an ugly eyesore in our community. These lots have been neglected for the last year. All of these lots have been reported to Code Enforcement and they are working hard to find the solution to solve these problems. We recommend a larger budget for the Department of Business and Community Services, Neighborhood Improvement Division and the Department of Community Affairs, Community Services Department, for FY2001 and 2002 to resolve problems. Vacant lots, which need clean up and overgrowth removal are: (Map addendum I page 36 and II page 37)

- a. 1721 W. LaSalle Street
- b. Lot at Rome and LaSalle Street
- c. 1717 W. Nassau Street
- d. 1710 North "B" Street

Response: From Bill Doherty, Manager, Neighborhood Improvement Division, 274-5562. We have just completed a systematic inspection program in North Hyde Park at the request of the Civic Association. We have addressed the alleyways to cite for overgrowth, trash, and debris. Illegal dumping continues to be

a problem in this area. The Neighborhood cleanup for North Hyde Park is in October of this year. We felt by targeting these code problems now, we could in effect be assisting in doing what amounts to a second neighborhood cleanup. The City of Tampa Parks Department and Solid Waste Department have been assisting us in cleaning up the alleyways. The Tampa Police Department has been actively involved in identifying problem areas for us as well. This division has recommended in unfunded Budget requests for the upcoming fiscal year that we increase the amounts of money funded for mowing and cleanups associated with out of compliance private property. The problem would be much greater if we were not in the midst of a severe drought. Addressing the following addresses we have:

- a. 1721 W. La Salle Street- the address is actually 1723 La Salle Street- is an active case that has been open and we intend to correct the violation.
- b. Lot at Rome and La Salle Street - same as above.
- c. 1717 W. Nassau Street - active cases have been opened and we will follow them through to compliance.
- d. 1710 North "B" Street - same as above.

Update: From Bill Doherty, Manager, Neighborhood Improvement Division, 274-5562. At the final budget hearing city council approved additional expenditures of \$150,0000 for Neighborhood Improvement specifically earmarked for cleaning derelict properties.

- a. 1723 W. La Salle has been cleaned and case was closed on 7/28/01.
- b. Lot at Rome and La Salle Street - same as above.
- c. 1717 W. Nassau on 1/14/02 will appear before a code enforcement hearing master.
- d. 1710 North "B" Street has cleaned and case was closed on 7/19/01.

Need and Recommendation 2. We also recommend a better service plan for burned out structures vacated by the owners and left to be dealt with by the Home Owners Association in some case for years. There are two structures that are in need of immediate attention. The first is in need of maintenance or removal because it has been siting vacant for more than a year. The second was burned and has been abandoned by the owner. It has been sitting vacant for 3 or 4 years. The locations of these

structures are: (map addendum III page 38 and 39).

- a. 1711 North "B" Street (needs maintenance or removal, has been vacant for more than a year)
- b. 306 North Fremont Avenue (burned and has been abandoned by the owner for 3 or 4 years)

Response: From Bill Doherty, Manager, Neighborhood Improvement Division, 274-5562.

- a. There is an active code case of AF#01-10422 for overgrowth and accumulations. This has been turned over to the Condemnation Team to expedite the compliance process.
- b. This address is currently running a Code Enforcement fine of approximately \$60 thousand at \$150 a day. It has an active case # of AF#99-03138. It also has been turned over to the Condemnation Team to expedite the compliance process.

Update: From Bill Doherty, Manager, Neighborhood Improvement Division, 274-5562. At the final budget hearing city council approved additional expenditures of \$150,000 for Neighborhood Improvement specifically earmarked for cleaning derelict properties.

- a. 1711 North "B" Street has cleaned and case was closed on 11/5/01.
- b. 306 N. Fremont has been condemned and we will expedite removal and/or rehab.

Need and Recommendation 3. The Neighborhood Association is asking to have the traffic department conduct a parking study in the area of Cass Street and Fremont Avenue. Parked vehicles endanger the driving safety of vehicular traffic. Vehicles traveling North on Fremont Avenue are a hazard due to the parked cars along Cass Street on the South side in both the East and West directions. This permitted parking makes crossing Cass Street extremely hazardous due to poor visibility created by the vehicles that are parked in this area. (Map addendum III page 38)

Response: From Ron Phillips, Traffic Studies Section, 274-8122. The Transportation Division will install "No Parking" signs on Cass Street near the intersection of Fremont Avenue to eliminate the sight obstruction caused by parked vehicles.

Update: From Ron Phillips, Traffic Studies Section, 274-8122. To eliminate the sight obstruction caused by parked vehicles at the intersection of Cass Street and Fremont Avenue, "No Parking" signs were installed on Cass Street on the southwest and southeast corners of the intersection on March 27, 2001.

Need and Recommendation 4. The North Hyde Park Civic Association is requesting funding for a stormwater study be made in the Benjamin Addition to West Tampa (5th and 6th additions) and should come from the City of Tampa Storm Water Budget. We recommend this for FY2001 and 2002-budget support this study. (Map addendum III page 38)

- a. North Hyde Park Civic Association request funding for all storm water basins located in the community. It is essential that the schedule be increased during the rainy season starting in early May. We are also requesting regular maintenance to free the system of any clogs at the following locations: northeast corner of North "A" Street and Westland Avenue; southwest corner of North "A" Street and Westland Avenue; and the corner of Fig Street and Albany Avenue.

Response: From Alexander P. Awad, Department of Sanitary Sewers, Stormwater Management Division, 274-7865. Prior to initiating a study of this area, we would need specific drainage information (i.e., flooding) from the residences. How often does it flood? Do you have pictures? Location of flooding problem? In order to initiate a study the first step is a neighborhood representative needs to contact the Maintenance Yard at 274-8588. Information needs to be collected (such as those asked above) and pertinent questions answered. Then we will proceed from there.

Update: From Alexander P. Awad, Department of Sanitary Sewers, Stormwater Management Division, 274-7865. Mr. Robert Allen of the neighborhood association has been in contact with the Department of Sanitary Sewers. A coordinated effort between the Department and the neighborhood association is in place to locate and repair the drainage problems in the area. The residents need to contact the Maintenance yard at 274-8588 when they observe a drainage problem.

Need and Recommendation 5. The North Hyde Park Civic Association request funding to repair local brick street with potholes and cave-in's. The community wants to have the brick streets remain with the repairs being done by replacing the bricks and not by using asphalt in potholes or cave-ins. The potholes are on: (Map addendum page 39)

- a. Westland Avenue at the intersection of North "A" Street and Westland Avenue.
- b. 1900 block of North "A" Street from Albany Avenue to Rome Avenue. (North "A" Street is a Historic Brick Street).
- c. The cave-in's are on Westland Avenue going North from Kennedy Blvd. to Gray Street. (Map addendum V page 40)

Response: From Scott Shaw, Street Operations Section, 274-8644.

- a. Westland Ave. at North A Street: Intersection has depression created by sewer line. A work request to repair the line and brick will be turned into the Sewer Department complaint desk.

Update to a: From Steve Sweeney, Wastewater Collection Superintendent, 259-1702. Four months ago the Sewer Department worked on the Westland Ave. problem. The sewer lines had leaks and cracks. These were replaced, new liner was put underneath them and house connections were replaced. The road now is no longer considered a safety problem.

- b. North A from Albany to Rome: These road segments are asphalt not brick. They have a 39 PCI, which meets our requirements for resurfacing. Transportation will place the segments on the next utility clearance lists and subsequently will schedule for resurfacing if no conflicts exist.
- c. Westland Ave. from Kennedy Blvd. To Gray Street: The depressions look to have been created by an old sewer line. A work request to repair the line and brick will be turned into the Sewer Department.

Need and Recommendation 6. The North Hyde Park Civic Association request the City of Tampa to negotiate and possible acquire the facility and property that the Florida National Guard vacates upon its relocation some time in 2001 or 2002. The civic association needs a portion of this facility for community uses (i.e.) a community recreation center, police substation, or a health center.

Response: From Archie West, Manager, Real Estate Division, 274-8624. The State of Florida and Armory Board of the State of Florida own the National Guard Armory. In recent weeks, there have been news articles and reports that the Department of

Defense is building a complex in Pinellas County that would house and serve as a new location for the National Guard along with other federal state units. At the time the State of Florida and Armory Board stop using Fort Hesterly Armory and move to Pinellas County, this property will revert in title to the City of Tampa. It is my understanding that the Mayor would like to relocate the Parks and Recreation Division to this location. It must also be noted that should this planned relocation take place, due to construction time, it would be highly unlikely that title would revert to the City within the next year.

It would also be important to check for contaminants such as oil, asbestos, and nitrates that may have to be cleaned from this site. This environmental cleanup process could require an extensive amount of money and another six months.

This property is an extremely large site and the building may need to be replaced or would require an extensive amount of renovating before it could be adapted for any use other than a National Guard Armory.

Due to all of the above, the building and property is not now nor will it be available for neighborhood use within the next year.

CITY OF TAMPA
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT
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Block Club: Area VI

Neighborhoods: Northeast MacFarland, Old West Tampa, Ridgewood River.

Boundaries: Dr. Martin L. King Jr., Blvd. (north); I-275 (south), Florida Avenue (east); MacDill (west).

Contact Person: Mr. Jim Gray, LDO, Chairperson
1709 N. Armenia Avenue
Tampa, FL 33607
Phone: 253-0527 (w)

West Tampa Civic Association:

Need and Recommendation 1. Establish a center of Non-Custodian Parent(s) and Grandparent(s). The Pilgrims Rest M.B. Family CDC is requesting a grant of \$10,000 to aid the Center for Fatherhood and Non-Custodial Parents/Grandparents. Citizens of this area are requesting financial assistance to set up the office equipment, operation and technology, and renovation of this center located at 4204 Nassau Street in the Carver City/West Tampa Community.

Purpose:

- a. To aid non-custodial parents in adhering to Domestic Family Laws and Fatherhood Values.
- b. To provide counseling to members of affected families.
- c. To provide a toll free hotline for individuals to call before becoming non-compliant of court orders.
- d. To provide professional counseling and legal referral programs to individuals accused of contempt of court orders and domestic incidents.

We are a 501(c) 3 faith-based organization. We have acquired a site that will serve the community and expanded service area.

Process:

- a. Operate a 24-hour hotline and calming shelter for fathers who need help before and after domestic

- incidents.
- b. Create awareness programs and literature for individuals and families impacted by fatherhood and domestic incidents.
 - c. Provide counseling and instructional material to individuals/families on financial management of child support mandates before and after legal incidents.

Desired Outcome:

- a. Decrease economic hardship and domestic violence among community members.
- b. Decrease the number of contempt of court violations in family court.
- c. Improve respect for fatherhood, family values, and marriage financial stability.
- d. Improve extended family unity fatherhood responsibility and unplanned parenthood.
- e. Improve urban economics.

Response: From Jim Stefan, Budget Officer, Department of Revenue and Finance, 274-8111. The City sent and received a Request For Proposal (RFP) from Mr. Gray for the Center for Fatherhood. The RFP has been included with other requests submitted through the RFP process and will be taken into consideration for funding.

Update: From Jim Stefan, Budget Officer, Department of Revenue and Finance, 274-8111. The City was unable to provide assistance through the Community Development Block Grant Program. Funding was not available for all the worthwhile RFP's submitted.

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Block Club: Area VII

Neighborhoods: Lowry Park, North Lowry Park, Sulphur Springs, Forrest Hills, Blue Sink/Curiosity Creek, North Tampa Community, University Square, Hillsborough Heights, Terrace Park, Temple Crest.

New Tampa-Brookfield, Deer Creek, Cypress Green, Espirit, Fox Chase, Heather Downs, Hampshire, Hampton on the Green, Heritage Oaks, Hunter's Green, Lakeside, Laurel Ridge, Lockwood Links, Magnolia Chase, Nathan's Court, Oakcrest, Osprey Point, Pinnacle, Quail Creek, Richmond Place, Stonebridge, Tampa Palms, Waterforde, Wynstone.

Boundaries: Fowler Avenue (north); Sligh Avenue (south); City limits (east); City Limits/Armenia Avenue (west) and New Tampa Annexation.

Contact Person: Ms. Betty Shaffer, Chairperson
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Tampa, FL 33612
Phone: 971-2481 (h)
234-9181 (w)

North Tampa Community Civic Association and Crime Watch:

Need and Recommendation 1. A joint priority is the establishment of the Task Force project with Old Seminole Heights, Southeast Seminole Heights, and Ybor Heights as presented by Mr. Frank Roder.

Response: From David Snyder, Assistant Manager, Community Redevelopment Agency, 274-7977. The Community Redevelopment Agency would be pleased to participate in a task force to study the Nebraska Avenue corridor.

Response: From Henry McGriff, Deputy Director, Parks Department, 931-2117. Parks has looked at this issue over the years. There is limited right-of-way. The associations need to work with the state of Florida to get more right-of-ways or an

easement, before any type of planting can occur. However, I'd be happy to sit on a task force if one is formed.

Update: From Henry McGriff, Deputy Director, Parks Department, 931-2117. The Parks Department will participate in the task force looking at landscaping Nebraska Avenue.

Response: From Calvin Thornton, Transportation Planning Engineer, 274-7884. There is already an established group that could consider these issues called the Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC). However, Transportation would be happy to assign a person to the task force if one is formed.

Need and Recommendation 2. Needs and Recommendations for North Tampa Community are for sidewalks on Lantana Avenue from 109th Avenue south to Bougainvillea Avenue. These sidewalks have been requested at least three times in the past five years to no avail.

Response: From Jim Burnside, Street Design Supervisor, 274-8054. New sidewalk request for Lantana Avenue will be studied for a possible installation of sidewalk for fiscal year 2002.

Update: From Jim Burnside, Street Design Supervisor, 274-8054. The above location on Lantana was put on the backlog list of Neighborhood requests for New Sidewalk. However, it is considered a lower priority being a local street with existing sidewalk already on the west side, and is competing with higher priority locations without any sidewalk, due to the limited funding for the New Sidewalk Program. Call Mr. Ron Litts at 274-8541 to inquire about the status of this location.

Need and Recommendation 3. Needs and Recommendations for North Tampa Community are for drainage to correct flooding by lack of proper flow into retention ponds. Due to overflow pipes clogged with trash and sand. These have been reported often to no avail.

- a. Retention Ponds for Poinsettia Avenue and Lantana Avenue
- b. 113th Street at 22nd Street and 113th just west of 15th Street to Lantana Avenue
- c. Nebraska Avenue (east and west sides) on Linebaugh Avenue

Response: From Alexander P. Awad, Department of Sanitary Sewers,

Stormwater Management Division, 274-7865. We inspected the pipes and they currently are not clogged. However, the next time they are seen clogged, a request to clean them should be directed to the Maintenance Operations Division at 274-8588. A project is being implemented for the Duck Pond Basin within the location of 113th Street and 22nd Street. A new pumping station will alleviate the flooding issues in this area. Another project along Linebaugh and Nebraska is underway. Properties have been purchased and the pond will be constructed to alleviate flooding in the area.

Update to c.: From Alexander P. Awad, Department of Sanitary Sewers, Stormwater Management Division, 274-7865. A project along Linebaugh and Nebraska is underway. Properties have been purchased and the pond is under construction to alleviate flooding in the area.

Need and Recommendation 4. Closing of alley/utility easements between 113th and 109th Avenue. The association has been told that the closing of an alley is the responsibility of the property owner. The property owners do not have the funds. Permission to close the alleys can be obtained and proved to the City of Tampa to assist in the preparation for an ordinance to close and vacate the right-of-ways. It is requested that the City of Tampa provide legal or instructional assistance for the neighborhood to close these alleys. These utility easements have not been used for several years by either TECO or General Telephone. They are an open invitation for drug dealers running from TPD to drive down and park their cars, jump the fence into somebody's yard. Thus forcing the squad car to have to back up and allowing the suspected criminal to escape. Portions of the alley are also being used for drug sales, beer and pot parties by teenagers.

Neighbors' fences are being damaged and the easement is being trashed. Homeowners abutting these easements are then required to clean up the trash or be violated by Code Enforcement and also have the cost of repairing their fences torn down in the escape attempts, and rowdy teenagers damaging the area. The alleys are between 113th Street and 109th Avenue:

- a. Between 15th Street and Aster Avenue
- b. Between Aster Avenue and Hyacinth Avenue
- c. Between Hyacinth Avenue and 14th Street
- d. Between 14th Street and Lantana Avenue.

Response: From Thomas Snelling, Manager, Land Development Coordination, 274-8405. We are already in the process of

collecting needed petitions from the neighborhood residents in this area to process an alley vacating. The form they are taking the responsibility to complete and return to the City is reflected in attachment A. Once we have all the necessary forms we will process a petition to close the alley.

Update: From Thomas Snelling, Manager, Land Development Coordination, 274-8405. Neighborhood residents have become Co-Petitioners for the alley closures. The petition has already been filed with Land Development Coordination and should be ready for City Council action in January. At that point the alleys will be vacated and residents will be asked to move their fences to provide the closure they desire.

Lowry Park Civic Association-Robson Crime Watch:

Boundaries: Sligh Avenue (north); Kirby (south); Rome (west); Hillsborough River (east).

Contact Person: Mr. Steven G. Dusek
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Tampa, FL 33604
Phone: 933-1607 (h)

Need and Recommendation 1. Road resurfacing/repair is needed due to roads not being level from water line installations. The pavement is cracking.

- a. North Orleans from Sligh Avenue to other side of Park.
- b. Clinton from North Boulevard to River Cove Drive. The road is unlevel from reclaimed water line installed by Dallas One. The roadways are in need of proper repair. The surface is showing signs of cracking.
- c. River Cove Drive to Florida Avenue. Beginning at Sligh Ave on North Orleans to the other side of Lowry Park then following Clinton to North Boulevard to Rivercove Drive to Florida Ave is the route used to put in the reclaimed water line.

Response: From Scott Shaw, Street Operations, Department of Public Works 274-8644.

- a. N. Orleans from Sligh to Patterson: These segments have a Pavement Condition Index (PCI) grade of 63. Grades run 1-100, with 100 being new pavement. The City considers a rating of 45-55 PCI enough to consider the street for resurfacing. However, there is a large Water Dept. patch that may give the road the appearance

it's in bad condition. The PCI does not warrant resurfacing at this time.

- b. Clinton from N. Blvd. to River Cove: These segments have a Pavement Condition Index (PCI) grade of 65. Grades run 1-100, with 100 being new pavement. The City considers a rating of 45-55 PCI enough to consider the street for resurfacing. However, there is a large patch that may give the road the appearance it's in bad condition. The PCI does not warrant resurfacing at this time.
- c. River Cove Drive to Florida Ave.: This segment has a Pavement Condition Index (PCI) grade of 65. Grades run 1-100, with 100 being new pavement. The City considers a rating of 45-55 PCI enough to consider the street for resurfacing. However, there is a large patch that may give the road the appearance it's in bad condition. The PCI does not warrant resurfacing at this time.

Need and Recommendation 2. Additional Street lighting on Clinton Street is requested. Only two streetlights are on Clinton Street. One is on the corner of Orleans and Clinton. The second is in front of 1315 W. Clinton Street. The lumination does not meet standards.

Response: From Calvin Thornton, Transportation Planning Engineer, 274-7884. Your request for additional street lighting has been reviewed by the Transportation Division and the lighting level meets the basic needs for transportation purposes.

Transportation Division has a street light coordinator who reviews street lighting level on continuous basis. We encourage you to call terry Wermuth (274-8007) with your street light requests or issues concerning streetlights.

Need and Recommendation 3. The addition, to better ensure the safety for the children and adults going to and from Lowry Park, would be another streetlight installed located between the corner of Orleans Avenue and Clinton Street and before 1315 W. Clinton Street. The additional street light allow drivers to see better and provide safer walking for the pedestrians in the area of the park.

Response: From Calvin Thornton, Transportation Planning Engineer, 274-7884. Your request for additional street lighting has been reviewed by the Transportation Division and the lighting level meets the basic needs for transportation purposes.

Transportation Division has a street light coordinator who reviews street lighting level on continuous basis. We encourage you to call Terry Wermuth (274-8007) with your street light requests or issues concerning streetlights.

Need and Recommendation 4. Rome Avenue, Orleans Avenue, and all cross streets need "Children Playing" and speed limit signs. No such signs are now located within the neighborhood.

Response: From Ron Phillips, Traffic Studies Section, 274-8122. At first consideration, it might seem that "Children Playing" signs would provide protection for children playing in the neighborhood. However, it doesn't.

Studies made in cities where such signs were widely posted in residential areas show no evidence of having reduced pedestrian crashes, vehicle speed or legal liability. Furthermore, if signs encourage parents with children to believe they have an added degree of protection, which the signs do not and cannot, provide great disservice results.

Obviously, children should not be encouraged to play in the roadway. The "Children at Play" sign is a direct and open suggestion that it is acceptable to do so. Therefore, we discourage the use of this sign.

With regard to the request for speed limit signs on Rome Avenue, North Orleans Avenue and all the cross streets, Florida State Law (F.S. 316.189) sets the maximum speed limit on all streets in the City at 30 mph unless posted otherwise. This is a statutory speed limit for which no posting is required by law. Only changes in speed limits from the 30 mph require posting.

It has been our practice to limit posting of 30 mph speed limit signs on local streets experiencing speeding problems where the police direct their enforcement efforts.

A speed study has been scheduled to be conducted on Rome Avenue between Sligh Avenue and Kirby Street. The study should be completed by mid-June. If the results of the study indicate a speeding problem exists on Rome Avenue then the City will install speed limit signs.

The City has implemented a project to reduce the speed limit to 25 mph on all local residential streets in the City. 25 mph signs have already been posted in several City neighborhoods and on streets with documented speed problems, including North Orleans Avenue between Sligh Avenue and Waters Avenue. The City

plans to phase in all neighborhoods over the next five (5) years.

Update: From Ron Phillips, Traffic Studies Section, 274-8122. On June 20, 2001 a radar speed study was conducted on Rome Avenue between Sligh Avenue and Kirby Street. The study was performed during the PM peak traffic period (4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.). The results of the study showed 85% of the motorists were traveling 41 mph or less in a posted 30 mph speed zone, which is indicative of a speeding problem. Because citizens' speeding concerns and the speed data we collect are used to help the Police Department direct its enforcement program, the results of the study along with a request for enforcement of the 30 mph speed limit signs on Rome Avenue were forwarded to the Tampa Police. They have assured us citizens' speeding complaints will continue to be monitored, and as time permits, enforcement action will be taken.

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Block Club: Area VIII

Neighborhoods: South Westshore, Gurnsey Estates, Fairoaks/
Manhattan Manor, Bayshore Beautiful, Gandy
Gardens, Gandy, Ballast Point, Interbay, Port
Tampa, Bel Mar Shores.

Boundaries: Euclid Avenue (north); MacDill AFB (south);
Hillsborough Bay (east); Old Tampa Bay (west).

Contact Person: Ms. Margie A. Vogel, Chairperson
4424 W. Pearl Avenue
Tampa, FL 33611
Phone: 837-2575 (h)

Civic Association of Port Tampa:

Contact Person: Mr. Norman Cannon
5102 Idaho Street
Tampa, FL 33616
Phone: 839-0295 (h)

Need and Recommendation 1. Needs to have sewer lines provided south of Bradley Street to residents living on Sherill Street, Elliott Street, Germer Street and O'Brien Street to Commerce Street.

Response: From Alexander P. Awad, Department of Sanitary Sewers, Stormwater Management Division, 274-7865. Germer, Elliott, and O'Brien Streets from Bradley south have had sanitary sewer service for many years. In 2000, we constructed a line in O'Brien north of Bradley to provide sanitary sewer service for those customers who wished to connect. The only street segment in this area without service is Sherrill Street south of Richardson. There are no houses in this area and thus no demand for sewer service.

Update: From Alexander P. Awad, Department of Sanitary Sewers, Stormwater Management Division, 274-7865. The Department of Sanitary Sewer contacted the residents in the area that had expressed interest in connecting to Sanitary Sewers. It was determined they could not be served by gravity sanitary sewers. The

residents declined to connect using private lift stations. Additional residents, who could be connected with gravity sewer, declined when offered connection.

Need and Recommendation 2. Need to have Southwest Playground provided with off street parking to ensure the safety of our citizens using the playground. This is necessary for traffic safety in providing users of the playground to unload pickup and park while using the park.

Response: From Wayne Papy, Deputy Director, Recreation Department, 274-7266. Currently there is no land for parking. We will need to purchase land to provide parking.

Update: From Wayne Papy, Deputy Director, Recreation Department, 274-7266. Improvements for Southwest Port Tampa Center & Playground have been funded through Community Investment Tax Funds. Improvements to include parking and a covered multi-purpose court will be funded during FY2006.

Need and Recommendation 3. Need to have a Hartline Bus shelter on the corner of Idaho Street and Elliott Street to provide protection from the weather for our citizens.

Response: From Mahdi Mansour, Transportation Planning Engineer, 274-8333. We have forwarded the request to HARTline. They are researching the funds available for the next construction program and will perform a route and ridership analysis to determine if a shelter is warranted at the requested locations. To inquire about the status of the program, call Les Weakland at 223-6831.

Update: From Mahdi Mansour, Transportation Planning Engineer, 274-8333. HARTline responded that a shelter is not warranted at Idaho and Elliott as determined from a route and ridership analysis. If you have any questions regarding their response, call Les Weakland at 223-6831.

Need and Recommendation 4. Need to have Commerce Street resurfaced for citizens going to Picnic Island Park. This street as it passes Chevron Oil Company is very much in need of repair due to the heavy truck traffic.

Response: From Jim Burnside, Street Design Supervisor, 274-8054. The design and permitting stages are complete for the proposed project to reconstruct Commerce Street. We are currently in the acquisition stage that is necessary to make the roadway a Public right-of-way.

Update: From Jim Burnside, Street Design Supervisor, 274-8054. The acquisition of the right-of-way for Commerce Street has been completed and the project is under construction to be completed by the end of 2002.

Need and Recommendation 5. The Civic Association of Port Tampa needs and requests funding for the Southwest Playground to supply the need of a swimming pool. The only pool available is across from Robinson High School out of the neighborhood.

Response: From Wayne Papy, Deputy Director, Recreation Department, 274-7726. The existing pool at Bobby Hicks, which is 2.5 miles away, falls well within the entire Port Tampa/Southwest Port Tampa service area.

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Block Club: Area IX

Neighborhoods: Carver City/Lincoln Gardens, North Bon Air, MacFarland Park, Oakford, Park, West Shore Palms, Gray Gables/Bon Air/Southern Pines, Palma Ceia, Golfview, Beach Park Home Owners, Beach Park Isles, Culbreath Isles, Culbreath Bayou, Culbreath Heights, Sunset Park, Mid-Peninsular, Virginia Park, Bel Mar Shores, Southern Pines.

Boundaries: Columbus Drive (north); Euclid Avenue (south); MacDill Avenue (east); Old Tampa Bay (west).

Contact Person: Ms. Thelma Davis, Chairperson
1602 N. Lois Avenue
Tampa, FL 33607
Phone: 878-0025 (h)

Carver City and Lincoln Gardens:

Need and Recommendation 1. Upgrade traffic signal at Lois Avenue and Cypress Street to allow north/south traffic to turn east/west onto Lois Avenue. The upgrade is necessary due to the high risk of accidents trying to turn onto Lois Avenue.

Response: From Mike Scanlon, Traffic Operations, 274-8105. We currently have northbound and westbound left turn signals. Our investigation showed no accident problem and the volume of left turning traffic for eastbound and southbound traffic did not justify the addition of left turn signals.

Need and Recommendation 2. Installation of traffic signal at Manhattan and Boy Scout Blvd. This is due to several bad traffic accidents and one death at this intersection by vehicles trying to turn west onto Boy Scout Blvd.

Response: From Mike Scanlon, Traffic Operations, 274-8105. This location is under the jurisdiction of the Florida Department of Transportation. We have plans to install an emergency signal for the Fire station located here, but FDOT will not allow us to install a complete traffic signal installation.

Need and Recommendation 3. The neighborhood association request the removal of a "No Right Turn On Red" prohibition for vehicles going south on Hubert turning onto Cypress Street. This prohibition of "No Right Turn On Red" does not allow for uniform traffic movement from southbound traffic on Hubert to turn onto Cypress Street.

Response: From Mike Scanlon, Traffic Operations, 274-8105. We have investigated this request and found that a sight obstruction currently exists that will not allow removal of the restriction. We have forwarded this request for action to the Parks Department so they can trim or remove the bushes that are blocking driver visions. When this is completed, we will look at removing the sign.

Update: From Mike Scanlon, Traffic Operations, 274-8105. After further study of the intersection of Hubert at Cypress, we have determined that trimming the bushes on private property blocking driver vision would just be a reoccurring problem. Therefore, we have decided not to remove the "No Right Turn On Red" sign.

Need and Recommendation 4. Funds for protective railings on Grady Street along an open ditch. The ditch is located on the eastside of Grady Street and the northside of Spruce Street. These railings would protect vehicles and pedestrians because the ditch is deep. The neighborhood association believes this is a mandatory safety addition for the community.

Response: From Alexander P. Awad, Department of Sanitary Sewers, Stormwater Management Division, 274-7865. The ditch along the north side of Spruce Street is functioning as designed. There is a sidewalk on the south side of Spruce Street. It is encouraged that the pedestrians use it. The protective railing is a Transportation issue that will be addressed by their department.

Response: From Steve Hiza, Street Design Supervisor, 274-8998. Protective railing along the ditch is not warranted for pedestrian safety on the north side of Spruce because there is an existing sidewalk on the south side of the road from Grady to Manhattan that should be used by pedestrians. Due to limited funding, the City cannot justify the installation of sidewalk on both sides of a two-lane road. With regard to vehicular safety, the City will survey the area and accident history to determine whether guardrail on the north side of Spruce would be warranted per FDOT guidelines.

Update: From Steve Hiza, Street Design, 274-8998. A site visit

revealed the addition of signs and markers to warn motorists of the open ditch, which is over four (4') feet deep with rather steep slopes. Fortunately, there is a nine (9') foot wide grass shoulder between the road and the ditch, which is adequate for normal recovery. Therefore, the installation of guardrail is not warranted along the north side of Spruce.

Palma Ceia Park Neighborhood Association:

Contact Person: Mr. John Dingfelder
3006 San Carlos Drive
Tampa, FL 33629
Phone 254-6384 (h)
277-1596 (w)

Need and Recommendation 1. Palma Ceia Park playground improvements:

- a. Purchase and install new playground equipment
- b. Restore or replace restroom facilities and provide a means to secure them from vagrants and vandalism
- c. Repair or replace the existing on-site shelter until master plan approved
- d. Install drinking water fountain(s) in consideration of master plan design
- e. Provide signs to designate a dog walk area and pet clean up requirements; provide dog-waste disposal station
- f. Install a new fence and repair easement along Marti Avenue with fresh ground cover
- g. Install paved perimeter loop
- h. Install park quality xeroscaping and landscaping with inground sprinkler system in compliance with proposed master plan
- i. Install vintage lighting along the perimeter walkway and seating areas in compliance with proposed master plan

Response to a.: From Henry McGriff, Deputy Director, Parks Department, 931-2117. Item will be requested in the FY02 budget.

Update to a.: From Henry McGriff, Deputy Director, Parks Department, 931-2117. The playground equipment is projected to be funded by the FY04 CIT fund.

Response to b.,c.: From Wayne Papy, Deputy Director, Recreation Department, 274-7726. We have requested a Capital Improvement Project in the amount of \$221,000 to replace restroom/shelter building and other requests, and are awaiting approval.

Update to b.,c.: From Wayne Papy, Deputy Director, Recreation Department, 274-7726. Improvements to Palma Ceia Playground have been funded through FY2002 Community Investment Tax Funds. The project, to include a new restroom shelter building, lighting improvements and the demolition of the old building, will begin in late summer 2002.

Response to d.: From Henry McGriff, Deputy Director, Parks Department, 931-2117. Parks will install a drinking fountain.

Update to d.: From Henry McGriff, Deputy Director, Parks Department, 931-2117. The drinking fountain was installed in FY01.

Response to e.: From Henry McGriff, Deputy Director, Parks Department, 931-2117. This park is not designated a dog park hence, there is no need to provide these items.

Update to e.: From Henry McGriff, Deputy Director, Parks Department, 931-2117. The walk was not funded, the dog-waste disposal station was installed in FY01 along the signage.

Response to f.: From Henry McGriff, Deputy Director, Parks Department, 931-2117. Items will be requested in the FY02 budget.

Update to f.: From Henry McGriff, Deputy Director, Parks Department, 931-2117. The fence was repaired in FY01.

Response to g.: From Henry McGriff, Deputy Director, Parks Department, 931-2117. Due to the various tree locations and the area is too small to build a trail.

Update to g.: From Henry McGriff, Deputy Director, Parks Department, 931-2117. This was not funded in the FY02 budget.

Response to h.: From Henry McGriff, Deputy Director, Parks Department, 931-2117. Landscaping will be provided in FY01 and irrigation will be requested in the FY02 budget.

Update to h.: From Henry McGriff, Deputy Director, Parks Department, 931-2117. The irrigation along the fence line was installed in FY01 and various landscaping was installed in FY01.

Response to i.: From Wayne Papy, Deputy Director, Recreation Department, 274-7726. We have requested a Capital Improvement Project in the amount of \$221,000 to replace restroom/shelter building and other requests, and are awaiting approval.

Update to i.: From Wayne Papy, Deputy Director, Recreation Department, 274-7726. Improvements to Palma Ceia Playground have been funded through FY2002 Community Investment Tax Funds. The project, to include a new restroom shelter building, lighting improvements and the demolition of the old building, will begin in late summer 2002.

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Block Club: Areas III and VII

Neighborhoods: Old Seminole Heights, Southeast Seminole Heights and Ybor Heights.

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794-1876 (w)

Need and Recommendation 1. The Civic Associations of Old Seminole Heights, Southeast Seminole Heights, Ybor Heights and Block Area #7 jointly request the formation of a Task Force. This Task Force will form a focus group for the community visioning to plan and implement the refurbishing of Nebraska Avenue. This includes Fowler to downtown area, where upgrading of lighting, repaving, and landscaping is needed and long overdue. This Task Force is to be made up of but not limited to the following:

- a. The Home Owner Associations
- b. The City of Tampa
 1. Traffic and Transportation Departments
 2. Livable Roadways Committee
- c. Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)
- d. Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT).

Nebraska Avenue serves as a gateway into downtown Tampa and is a principle thoroughfare connecting the neighborhoods of Ybor City, Ybor Heights, Southeast Seminole Heights, Old Seminole Heights, Sulphur Springs, and North Tampa. With the continued construction of Interstate 275, more and more people will be using this vital corridor. All of the above mentioned neighborhoods have active neighborhood associations and feel the make over of Nebraska Avenue will provide a needed boost to the continued redevelopment of these neighborhoods and as well as sparking commercial development along Nebraska Avenue.

Response: From Henry McGriff, Deputy Director, Parks Department,

931-2117. The Parks Department has looked at Nebraska Ave in the past years and has determined there is limited right of way.

Parks will participate with the neighborhood associations and FDOT in the task force looking at the landscaping of Nebraska Ave.

Update: From Henry McGriff, Deputy Director, Parks Department, 931-2117. The Parks Department will participate in the task force looking at landscaping Nebraska Avenue.

Response: From Calvin Thornton, Transportation Planning Engineer, 274-7884. There is already an established group that could consider these issues called the Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC). However, Transportation would be happy to assign a person to the task force if one is formed.

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Contact Person: Mr. Robert Allen
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ADDITIONAL REQUEST: (Block Club Area V)

Need and Recommendation 1: Need to demolish or renovate a building that has been vacant for 20 years, located on Fig Street, 1/2 block away from burned out structure.

Response: From Bill Doherty, Manager, Neighborhood Improvement Division, 274-5562. With respect to 1915 Fig, prospective new investment owners have been given to June 16, 2001 to close on this property for rehabilitation or we will proceed with demolition. Generally speaking with regards to North Hyde Park, this office gets good code compliance and we are involved in a very active Peer to Peer beautification and Neighborhood Integrity program, which I believe has been very successful.

Update: From Bill Doherty, Manager, Neighborhood Improvement Division, 274-5562. 1915 W. Fig has been condemned and we will expedite removal and or/rehab.

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Contact Person: Mr. Jimmy Gray
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ADDITIONAL REQUEST: (Block Club Area VI)

Need and Recommendation 1: Need additional help for traffic control. Howard exit off of I-275 traffic is moving at the same speed as I-275. Two individuals were hit on Howard and Main Street recently.

Response: From Mike Scanlon, Traffic Signal Engineer, 274-8105. Howard and Main Street will be placed on signal upgrade list for installation of pedestrian facilities.

Update: From Mike Scanlon, Traffic Operations, 274-8105. Howard and Main Street have been placed on the signal upgrade list for installation of pedestrian facilities to compete with other locations for the limited funding.

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Contact Person: Ms. Eunice Gibson
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ADDITIONAL REQUEST: (Block Club Area IX):

Need and Recommendation 1: Request to have entire stormwater ditch filled in behind the Church Without Walls. (Per City Council the Department of Sanitary Sewers is requested to investigate the stormwater ditch on Palmetto Street. This ditch has been partially filled-in behind the First Baptist Church of Lincoln Gardens).

Response: From Alexander P. Awad, Department of Sanitary Sewers, Stormwater Management Division, 274-7865. The Department of Sanitary Sewers investigated the entire length of the Beach Street ditch located between Dale Mabry Highway and Lois Avenue. The ditch section West of Dale Mabry Highway and East of Grady Avenue is deep and has numerous erosion and bank destabilization problems that would have required some form of concrete armoring. This section of ditch has also meandered outside of the City easement and onto private property. The ditch was causing a potential hazard to the rear yards of the residential area. This section is approximately 600 feet in length, and was piped in at a cost of \$500,000. The portion of the ditch to the West of Grady Avenue is approximately 1200 feet in length. It is shallow with no bank, or slope destabilization problems. If you have any questions, feel free to call Alex Awad at 274-7865.

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ADDITIONAL REQUEST:

Need and Recommendation 1: Request that mural at Rey Park be refurbished. UV rays have broken down the outer layer. Also suggests that the reprogramming funds be used to cover this cost.

Response: From Robin Nigh, Public Art Administrator, Tampa Museum of Art, 274-8531. Recreation Department will add cost of mural repair to the project when the project goes to bid.

Update: From Robin Nigh, Public Art Administrator, Tampa Museum of Art, 274-8531. Tampa Museum and the Tampa Recreation Department secured funds from our operating budgets to hire an artist (Marie Crescenzi) to restore the mural. The Public Art Program paid the artist, and Recreation was extremely helpful (and generous) in providing supplies and materials. The project was initiated in late July and was completed by mid-August.