

Construction Services News

Economic Competitiveness Committee

Mayor Bob Buckhorn has announced the formation of the Economic Competitiveness Committee. The 18 member group will be tasked with reviewing the City of Tampa's permitting and regulatory processes to look for ways to improve the system. Buckhorn chose members that are actual customers, including developers, engineers, attorneys, and a neighborhood representative, that have utilized the City's services. This allows members to draw on their personal experiences in trying to find ways to make procedures more efficient.

The goal in forming the committee is to create an even greater competitive edge for Tampa when vying for new business. Members will meet with the mayor and staff to provide feedback and input that can be implemented to help make processes more efficient. Additionally, easier processes with expedited plans, permits, and regulations will help attract economic activity and accelerate growth in Tampa.

"Now more than ever we need to make sure that Tampa is known as a place that is open for business," said Mayor Bob Buckhorn. "This is the beginning, not the end of an ongoing process" "We are going to look at the things that challenge growth and economic development and recommend changes that will directly result in job growth, but still maintain our quality of life in Tampa," said Mark House, Managing Partner of Beck, who was tapped as one of the members of the committee.

Economic Competitiveness Committee Members

Bob Abberger, Trammell Crow Co.	Elizabeth Abernethy, WilsonMiller Stantec
Michael Brooks, Michael Brooks P.A.	Adam Carnegie, WilsonMiller Stantec
Chuck Davis, MetLife Real Estate Investments	Jennifer Doerfel, Tampa Bay Builders Assoc.
Brenda Dohring Hicks, The Dohring Group	Bill Duvall, Neighborhood Representative
Toxey Hall, Clearview Land Design	Rick Harcrow, Newland Communities
Mark House, The Beck Group	Greg Iglehart, GWI Investments, Inc
Mickey Jacob, Urban Studio Architects	Debra Koehler, Sage Partners, LLC
John Lum, The List Developers	Lisa Montelione, Tampa City Council Member
Randy Simmons, RR Simmons Construction	Andrea Zelman, Fowler White Boggs P.A.

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