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## ABOUT MAAAC:

The Mayor's African American Advisory Council [MAAAC] is a unique organization of African American professional business owners and neighborhood leaders has been together working in the community within the City of Tampa since 1981.

The organization was originally known as the C.A.T. Force (Community Awareness Task Force) and evolved from a concept under the administration of former Mayor Bob Martinez who described it as "...a means to provide a good two-way communication between the citizens in the community and local government, with the City being made aware of citizens concerns and the citizens being advised by the City as to what improvements and actions are taking place."

Two of the original Council members, Mr. Robert "Bob" Allen (honorary member) and Mr. Robert "Bobby" Scott, Sr., still serve as members today. MAAAC continues to serve as a liaison between Tampa's Mayor and various governmental agencies, community groups, civic organizations, and religious institutions, regarding the importance of good race relations with a focus through the following committees:

- Community Improvement – Jeffrey Rhodes, Chair
- Economic Development – Ida Williams-Campbell, Chair
- Education – Eleanor Gilder, Chair
- Public Safety – Marvin Martin, Chair
- Marketing & Communications – Yolanda Anthony, Chair

## PURPOSE:

- To develop a means to keep the community aware of changes in policy and procedures to help increase the understanding of the functions of government
- To become part of a communication network which will disseminate resourceful information to the community at large
- To bring to the attention of governmental officials, community problems which perpetuate racial unrest
- To receive and disseminate, in respective neighborhoods, the City's annual budget and scheduling of capital improvement projects

The Council recommends programs and activities which promote good relations among all citizens throughout the City. The Council members are appointed by the Mayor, can consist of up to 25 members with no set terms and does not require Council confirmation or oath of office. By-laws do not require City residency; however, the Mayor had made it a preference to appoint only City residents

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In September 2007, Carla Jackson appointment as MAAAC Liaison by Mayor Iorio (as a result of the retirement of former MAAAC Manager Fred Hearn; preceding him in this same position was Mr. Bobby Bowden) with a focus on reorganization of council members, committees and re-branding of the Council

**MAAAC meetings are held every 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month \*\* General Body 5:30pm**

## 2007 – 2008:

- Wednesday, November 17, 2007 – Mayor’s Meeting Luncheon – Mayor’s Conference Room
- Thursday, February 12, 2008 – Guest Speaker James Ransom regarding Rogers Park, Sports Authority and the YMCA
- Monday, March 3, 2008 – New Member Open Enrollment for prospective candidates for appointment to MAAAC
- Thursday, March 12, 2008 – Guest Speaker Tom Looby and Cheryl Pollock regarding the YMCA at Rogers Park
- Tuesday, March 18, 2008 – 1<sup>st</sup> Annual MAAAC Luncheon – 34<sup>th</sup> Street Church of God (200 attendees)
- Saturday, April 26, 2008 – 1<sup>st</sup> Annual MAAAC Symposium – HCC Ybor Campus (250 attendees)
- Thursday, May 8, 2008 – Mayor’s Meeting Luncheon – Mayor’s Conference Room
- Thursday, May 8, 2008 – MAAAC Annual Election Day
- Monday, May 18, 2008 – Mayor’s Meeting Luncheon – Mayor’s Conference Room
- Saturday, July 26, 2008 – 1<sup>st</sup> Annual MAAAC Retreat “THEME: TEAM BUILDING”– MacDill AFB Community Center & Beach
- Thursday, August 14, 2008 – MAAAC Installation of New Members Ceremony (6 new members installed)
- Wednesday, November 5, 2008 – Mayor’s “NEW DAY” Meeting Luncheon – Mayor’s Conference Room (1<sup>st</sup> group to meet with Mayor after election of President Obama)
- Thursday, December 11, 2008 – 1<sup>st</sup> Annual MAAAC Holiday Celebration

## 2009:

- Monday, March 2, 2009 – New Member Open Enrollment for prospective candidates for appointment to MAAAC
- Thursday, May 14, 2009 – MAAAC Annual Election Day
- Saturday, July 25, 2009 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual MAAAC Retreat “THEME: TRUE COLORS”– MacDill AFB Community Center & Beach
- Friday, September 25, 2009 – MAAAC VIP Reception – Quorum Hotel (100 attendees by invitation only)
- Saturday, September 26, 2009 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual MAAAC Symposium – Quorum Hotel (200 attendees)
- Thursday, October 8, 2009 – MAAAC Installation of New Members Ceremony (5 new members installed)

- *Tuesday, November 10, 2009 – Mayor’s Meeting Luncheon – Mayor’s Conference Room*
- *Thursday, November 12, 2009 – MAAAC Board Elections & Guest Speaker City of Tampa Police Chief Jane Castor*
- *Thursday, December 10, 2009 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual MAAAC Holiday Celebration (collaboration with City of Tampa Black History Committee)– Wellswood Recreation Center*

**2010:**

- *Thursday, January 14, 2010 – MAAAC Monthly Meeting; new board members officially take office*
- *Monday, March 1, 2010 – New Member Open Enrollment for prospective candidates for appointment to MAAAC*
- *Wednesday, March 23, 2010 – Mayor’s Meeting Luncheon – Mayor’s Conference Room*
- *Wednesday, April 21, 2010 – “Educating Our Community” Forum*
- *Thursday, May 13, 2010 – MAAAC Annual Election Day*
- *Saturday, July 24, 2010 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual MAAAC Retreat “THEME: Who Moved My Cheese”– MacDill AFB Community Center & Beach*
- *Wednesday, November 1, 2010 – Mayor’s Meeting Luncheon – Mayor’s Conference Room*
- *September 2010 - 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual MAAAC Symposium*
- *Fall 2010 - Public Safety Forum*

MAAAC meetings are located at the  
City of Tampa Neighborhood Services Center – Historic Free Library  
102 East 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Tampa, 33602

PAST EVENTS/PROJECTS

- *Claire Frye Memorial*
- *Tampa Riverwalk*
- *Middleton High School*
- *West Tampa Kick Ball League*
- *Central Park Development*
- *Mayor's Community Involvement (support and attendance of various Mayor initiatives)*
  - *East Tampa (attendance to monthly ETCRP Meetings)*
  - *Neighborhood Association Meetings (various throughout city)*
  - *Annual Budget Luncheons*
  - *Mayor's Town Hall Meetings*
- *Re-Branding of Council*
  - *Creation of MAAAC Logo*
  - *Creation of Email address*
  - *Updating of Website*

PROJECTS UNDER CONSTRUCTION:

- *May MAAAC Madness Month – "Communications blitz" (community event, newspaper and radio communications)*
- *US Census*

## EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS:

1	Mr. Herman	Broxton	Chairman	Tampa Bay Workforce Alliance Manager
2	Ms. Candace	Cusseaux	Vice Chair	Cushman & Wakefield of Florida Executive/TOBA
3	Mr. Howard	Harris, Jr.	Secretary	Friends of the Library/Contracts Administrator/Negotiator
4	Mr. Halvern	Johnson	Treasurer	Director, Boy Scouts of America
5	Ms. Barbara	Johnson	Parliamentarian	Retired Educator/Local community activist
6	Mr. Willie	Robinson, Jr.	Historian	Sarah Jackson House (Administrator)/NAACP

- Carla Jackson, MAAAC Liaison
- Santiago Corrada, Neighborhood Services Administrator

## COUNCIL MEMBERS:

7	Ms. Althea	Williams	Member	Retired Postmaster/Local Businesswoman
8	Ms. Eleanor	Gilder	Member	Retired Education Administrator/LINKS
9	Ms. Fehintola	Oguntebi, Esquire	Past Parliamentarian	Attorney/President of Law Firm
10	Ms. Ida-Williams	Campbell	Member	Owner, Priority Title of Florida
11	Mr. Isell	Denson	Past Chair	Owner, Denson Realty
12	Mr. Jeffrey	Rhodes	Past Treasurer	Co-Owner Ray Williams Funeral Home/TOBA
13	Ms. Jocelyn	Carpenter	Member	Hillsborough County Schools Educator
14	Ms. Margaret	Petway	Member	Hillsborough Community College (Ybor) Assistant Dean
15	Mr. Marvin	Martin	Member	Retired Educator/Democratic Black Caucus
16	Ms. Pamela	Robinson, Esquire	Member	Attorney/President of Law Firm
17	Mr. Robert	Scott, Sr.	Member	President, Rivergrove Civic Association/Retired Businessman
18	Cpt. Roosevelt	Ratliff	Member	City of Tampa Police Department – District III
19	Ms. Yolanda	Anthony	Past Vice Chair	Owner, Manhattan Mortgage Broker & Trash Express/TOBA

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#### *GOT MAAAC?*

*For more information regarding the Mayor's African American Advisory Council,*

*Call MAAAC: 813-274-8152 , or Visit MAAAC WEBSITE: [www.tampagov.net/MAAAC](http://www.tampagov.net/MAAAC), or Email MAAAC: [MAAAC@tampagov.net](mailto:MAAAC@tampagov.net)*