

CITY OF TAMPA  
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT  
COMMUNITY NEEDS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FY2004-2005  
December 28, 2004

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**Block Club:** Area II

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**ADDITIONAL REQUEST:**

**Need and Recommendation 1. Lighting for Parking Lot. Softball and Soccer Field (DeSoto Park, 26<sup>th</sup> Street).** DeSoto Master Plan implementation should include funding to provide lighting for parking lot and replacement of the softball/soccer field with lighting. We had a combo field with lighting and the Master Plan has always indicated that the field and lighting would be relocated. When we enter in the park at night it is very dark. We can not see the curbs to turn in parking lot adjacent to the Pavilion. This is a hazard for anyone driving into the park at night to attend meetings and events, especially with children walking around in park. Anything less would be a great injustice of the kind that government is accused of so other.

**Response:** From Wayne Papy, Deputy Director, Parks and Recreation Department, 274-7726. The security lighting that includes the parking lot is being installed. Lighting for the relocated ballfields have been installed and will be energized when the ballfields are completed.

**Update:** From Karen Palus, Director, Parks and Recreation Department, 274-7730. The security lighting for the parking lot has been installed.

**Need and Recommendation 2. Reduce occasions of speeders via speed bumps, humps, or tables.**

**Response:** From Ann Andrews, Tampa Police Department, 276-3755. On April 29<sup>th</sup> seven members of Tampa Police Department's Traffic Unit conducted directed patrol throughout the Palmetto Beach area from 0900 to 1300 hours. Specific locations targeted were:

- 22<sup>nd</sup> Street at Lindsey
- 26<sup>th</sup> Street, between Adamo and Clark Street
- Bermuda Boulevard, between Lindsey and 22<sup>nd</sup> Street
- 20<sup>th</sup> Street at Elmwood
- 20<sup>th</sup> Street at Durham

The outcome of the four-hour operation resulted in the following statistics:

- 41 Speeding citations
- 13 Stop sign violations
- 9 Non-moving violations

63 Total violations issued for the four hour period. Traffic Engineering would be responsible for the speed bumps or tables.

**Update:** From Ann Andrews, Tampa Police Department, 276-3755. Please contact the Traffic Unit if additional enforcement is needed.

**Update:** From William Porth, Transportation Technician, Department of Public Works, Transportation Division, 274-8333. Transportation Department and Police Department collects and analyses traffic data differently. We need to do our own traffic studies so that we may appropriately compare the resulting collected data.

Only local streets qualify for traffic calming devices. Of the locations listed above, those would be 26<sup>th</sup> Street and Bermuda Blvd. We have knowledge of the Bermuda Blvd speeding problem which is currently 127 of the 157 locations on our speeding location list. A speeding study will be conducted for 26<sup>th</sup> Street.

**Need and Recommendation 3. Harper Street needs to be repaved (between 20<sup>th</sup> Street and 22<sup>nd</sup> Street). This part of Harper Street is in bad condition. The potholes have been filled in more than once and do no good, especially after a good down-pour. More vehicles are using this street now; due to the new development on the six-lane highway.**

**Response:** From Scott Shaw, Traffic Operations Chief, Department of Public Works, Operations Division, 622-1955. Harper Street between 20<sup>th</sup> Street and 22<sup>nd</sup> Street has been placed on a clearance list for future paving. The street is in need of repair, but funding for 2004 has been spent. We will consider this location for possible paving in Fiscal Year 2005.

**Need and Recommendation 4. Palmetto Beach community would like sidewalks installed on Clark Street. This is a main street vehicles use for to take children to DeSoto Elementary School. We have many children who walk to school from the community. This would prevent any near future accidents to happen with our children and others.**

**Response:** From Ernie Seal, Construction Engineer, Department of Public Works, Transportation Division, 635-3421. Clark Street from 22<sup>nd</sup> Street to 30<sup>th</sup> Street –will address as several sections.

- a. 22<sup>nd</sup> Street to 24<sup>th</sup> Street – sidewalk exists on north side – sidewalk constructable on south side.
- b. 24<sup>th</sup> Street to 26<sup>th</sup> Street – sidewalk exists on north side – sidewalk not constructable on south side – conflict with oak trees.
- c. 26<sup>th</sup> Street to 28<sup>th</sup> Street – sidewalk existing on south side – construction on north side.
- d. 28<sup>th</sup> Street to 30<sup>th</sup> Street – not constructable on north due to conflicts with large oaks and utilities – constructable on south.

The Sidewalk Program includes procedures for maintaining an inventory of sidewalk conditions within the City. In addition, the current program also relies on input from local residents to provide requests for improvements or replacement of existing sidewalks.

The policy of the Sidewalk Program is to give priority to areas that have no sidewalk in place over those that have sidewalk on at least one side of the road. This policy allows more roadways in the City to accommodate pedestrian traffic.

**Update:** From Ernie Seal, Construction Engineer, Department of Public Works, Transportation Division, 635-3421. Clark Street from 22<sup>nd</sup> Street to 30<sup>th</sup> Street as indicated above in four sections will be added to our updated consideration for future construction list.

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**Block Club:** Area VII

**Neighborhoods:** Lowry Park, North Lowry Park, Sulphur Springs, Forest Hills, Blue Sink/Curiosity Creek, North Tampa Community, University Square, Hillsborough Heights, Terrace Park, and 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.

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**ADDITIONAL REQUEST**

**Need and Recommendation 1.** We would like to see age appropriate (based on demographics) recreational equipment at city property: Folio #98652 and 3 on Newport Avenue.

**Response:** From Wayne Papy, Deputy Director, Parks and Recreation Department, 274-7726. The above mentioned folio number is associated with a retention pond and is not suitable as a park.

**Need and Recommendation 2.** We would like to see age appropriate (based on demographics) recreational equipment on a non-city owned piece of land that would need to be acquired. The

property is currently 4-5 vacant lots located at Wood and Florida Avenues behind the Chinese restaurant that used to be Fish and Chips and the old Pizza Hut this is now a Vietnamese restaurant.

**Response:** From Wayne Papy, Deputy Director, Parks and Recreation, 274-7726. This was answered in the previous needs and recommendation on page 47.

**Update:** From Wayne Papy, Deputy Director, Parks and Recreation, 274-7726. Cheney Park is located less than a half mile from this location and has a play unit, benches, walking path and other amenities. Cheney Park is able to support the community in this area.

**Submitted by:**            **Lowry Park Central Civic Association**  
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**Need and Recommendation 3. We would like to have the following roads flattened and paved.**

**Orleans from Sligh to Kirby**  
**N. River Shore from Florida Avenue to North Boulevard**  
**Broad Street: Rome to the end; widen to 2 lanes**  
**El Portal from Waters South to the end**  
**Whatley: Kirby to River Shore**  
**Robson: Rome to the end; widen to 2 lanes**  
**Lynn Avenue: North Boulevard to Fielding**  
**Willow: Sligh to Hamilton**  
**N. Oregon: Sligh to Hamilton**  
**N. Dakota: Sligh to Waters**  
**N. Dakota: Sitka to Waters**  
**Flora: Rome to Willow**  
**Clinton: Rome to the end**  
**Juneau: Newport to Edison**  
**Bird: Ola to the end**  
**Otis: Bird to Sitka and Waters to Juneau**  
**Ola: Waters to N. Boulevard**  
**Newport: Waters to Patterson**  
**Edison: Waters to the end**  
**Patterson: Rome to N. Boulevard**  
**Lowry Lane: N. Boulevard to the end**  
**W. Hamilton: Rome to the end**

**Response:** From Scott Shaw, Traffic Operations Chief, Department of Public Works, Operations Division, 622-1955. The requests to widen Broad Street from Rome to the dead-end and Robson

Street from Rome to the dead-end should go to the Street Design Section and not the Maintenance Section.

North Dakota from Sitka to Waters was paved in September 2003. The remainder of the streets on this request either need an overlay or milling and overlay of asphalt. We observed in the field that not only do the streets on this request need improvement, but many others in the area bordered by Florida Avenue, Rome Avenue, Sligh Avenue, and Waters Avenue. All the streets within this area shall be studied for the condition of the pavement and scheduled for improvement in a future years' budget. We noted that Willow and Hamilton are presently under construction from a Stormwater Capital Improvement Project. These two streets will be resurfaced as part of the project.

**Update:** From Scott Shaw, Traffic Operations Chief, Department of Public Works, Operations Division, 622-1955. The paving of Willow from Flora to Hamilton and Hamilton from Willow to Rome is complete as part of the Stormwater Capital Improvement Project.

**Need and Recommendation 4. We would like to have sidewalks for the following areas.**

1. Orleans from Sligh to Waters
2. N. River Shore from Florida Avenue to North Boulevard
3. Clinton Street: Rome to the end
4. Broad Street: Rome to the end
5. El Portal from Waters south to the end
6. Hollywood: N. Orleans to Newport
7. N. Oregon: Sligh to Hamilton
8. N. Dakota: Sligh to Hamilton
9. W. Hamilton: Rome to the end
10. W. Patterson: Rome to the end
11. W. Sitka: Rome to N. Boulevard
12. N. Brevard: Sligh to the end
13. Whatley: Kirby to River Shore
14. Lynn Avenue: N. Boulevard to Fielding
15. Willow: Sligh to Hamilton
16. Flora: Rome to Willow
17. N. Dakota: Sitka to Waters
18. Juneau: Newport to Edison
19. Bird: Ola to the end
20. Otis: Bird to Sitka and Waters to Juneau
21. Otis: Waters to Juneau
22. Ola: Waters to N. Boulevard
23. Newport: Waters to Patterson
24. Edison: Waters to the end
25. Patterson: Rome to N. Boulevard
26. Lowry Lane: N. Boulevard to the end

## 27. Robson: Rome to the end

**Response:** From Ernie Seal, Construction Engineer, Department of Public Works, Transportation Division, 635-3421.

1. North Orleans from Sligh to Waters-constructable on west side-will require some drainage piping medium to high traffic-good location.
2. North River Shore from Florida Avenue to North Boulevard – constructable on north side-nice views-medium traffic-good location.
3. Clinton Street from Rome to end-not constructable on south side-low traffic volume.
4. Broad Street from Rome to end-not constructable-stormwater problems-low traffic-not recommended.
5. El Portal from Waters south to dead end-constructable on east side-easy build-good candidate-medium traffic.
6. Hollywood from Orleans to Newport-constructable on north side-easy build-low traffic.
7. North Oregon from Sligh to Hamilton-east side-difficult construction-considerable storm piping would add to cost-low traffic-poor candidate-not recommended.
8. North Dakota from Sligh to Hamilton-very difficult construction-stormwater problems-low traffic-not recommended.
9. Hamilton from Rome to dead end-currently under construction by Stormwater-not assessed at this time.
10. Patterson from Rome to North Boulevard-not constructable-stormwater problems-low traffic-not recommended.
11. Sitka from Rome to North Boulevard-constructable along north side-would require approx. \$7,500-Stormwater work near Rome-medium traffic-acceptable location.
12. Brevard from Sligh to dead end-constructable on west side-connects Sligh Avenue to Lowry Park boat ramp parking-good location-recommended.
13. Whatley from Kirby to River Shore-easily constructable on southeast side-very low traffic-not recommended until higher volume streets have sidewalk.
14. Lynn from North Boulevard to Fielding-constructable on either side-easy build-low traffic (Note: last 800' is actually W. Juneau).
15. Willow from Sligh to Hamilton-not constructable-stormwater storage ditches-very low traffic-roadway does not extend through from Flora to Hamilton-not recommended.
16. Flora from Rome to Willow-not constructable-stormwater storage ditches on either side-not recommended.
17. North Dakota from Sitka to Waters-difficult construction-limited right-of-way-tree and utility pole conflicts-low traffic-no estimate due to unknown utility relocation cost-not recommended.
18. Juneau from Newport to Edison-easily constructable-very low traffic volume-not recommended until higher volume streets have sidewalk.
19. Bird from Ola to end-constructable-easy build on either side-low traffic-not recommended until higher volume street have sidewalk.
20. Otis from Bird to Sitka-easily constructable on either side-low traffic-not recommended until higher volume streets have sidewalk.
21. Otis from Waters to Juneau-constructable on west side-low traffic volume-not recommended

until higher volume streets have sidewalk.

22. Ola from Waters to North Boulevard-constructable along east and south side-moderate traffic-good location-should be done before sidewalk on side streets.
23. Newport from Waters to Patterson-constructable on east side-would require some stormwater piping-low to moderate traffic-would serve many residents.
24. Edison from Waters to end-constructable on east side-low traffic volume.
25. Patterson from Rome to North Boulevard-difficult construction, but constructable on south side-tree problems and will require some storm piping-Parks recently installed over 800' feet of walk-would serve recreation complex.
26. Lowry Lane from North Boulevard to end-constructable on south side-very low traffic-dead end street-not recommended.
27. Robson from Rome to end-not constructable-problems on both sides with trees and storm ditches-very low traffic-no estimate available due to many construction problems.

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Please note that it would not be logical to install sidewalk at the lower traffic volume areas prior to sidewalk installation at the higher traffic locations, as they would not tie into any existing walks. If you have any questions feel free to call me at 635-3421.

**Update:** From Ernie Seal, Construction Engineer, Department of Public Works, Transportation Division, 635-3421. Locations 1 thru 14 and 17 thru 26 as indicated in the above response have been added to our updated consideration for future construction list. Locations 15, 16, and 27 are not considered constructable and will not be added to the list.

**Need and Recommendation 5. We would like to have a Linear Park at Purity Springs Park.**

**Response:** From Wayne Papy, Deputy Director, Parks and Recreation, 274-7726. Purity Springs Park was developed and is maintained as a natural open spaced park.

**Need and Recommendation 6. We would like to have a Community Meeting Center at Lowry Park.**

**Response:** From Wayne Papy, Deputy Director, Parks and Recreation, 274-7726. The Parks and Recreation Department are in the process of developing a Recovery Action Plan (RAP) for the Parks and Recreation Facilities. The RAP looks at the elements within a park and determines if amenities are warranted. If the element is warranted, it will be placed as a priority in the next year's budget request. The RAP is scheduled to be completed by June 2004.

**Update:** From Karen Palus, Director, Parks and Recreation Department, 274-7730. The RAP is scheduled to be completed by December 2004.

**Need and Recommendation 7. We would like to have a park at Hamilton and Orleans.**

**Response:** From Wayne Papy, Deputy Director, Parks and Recreation, 274-7726. The above mentioned area appears to be a retention pond/drainage bed and should a park be warranted the department will work with the Stormwater Department to develop a park. Also, the Parks and Recreation Department are in the process of developing a Recovery Action Plan (RAP) for the Parks and Recreation Facilities. The RAP looks at the elements within a park and determines if amenities are warranted. If the element is warranted, it will be placed as priority in the next year's budget request. The RAP is scheduled to be completed by June 2004.

**Update:** From Karen Palus, Director, Parks and Recreation Department, 274-7730. The RAP is scheduled to be completed by December 2004.