

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

Block Club: Area II

Neighborhoods: Palmetto Beach, Historic Ybor City, Belmont Heights/Jackson Heights, College Hill Community, Live Oak Square, South Nebraska, Woodland Terrace, and 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 3. Bus Shelters Requested Throughout the Community.

This is an additional request to a previous request for bus shelters that are currently being constructed in Block Club Area 2, which was funded for 2003-2004. These shelters are needed in the area because it is a low-income area, where residents must rely on public transportation. HARTline has funded about eight (8) or more of the previously requested bus shelters.

- a. N. 15th Street and E. 21st Avenue, N.E. corners, across from Cuscaden Service Station.
- b. E. Sligh Avenue and N. 22nd Street, S.W. corners, across from convenience store.
- c. E. Hanna Avenue and N. 22nd Street, N.W. corners, at traffic light.
- d. N. 22nd Street and E. 26th Avenue, N.E. corners, next to convenience store.
- e. E. 18th Avenue and N. 31st Street, by the park.

Response: From Mahdi Mansour, Engineer, Department of Public Works, Transportation Division, 274-8333. The city would only be involved in the permitting of these structures in the city's right-of-way. The city has written a letter forwarding your request to HARTline. Please contact Mr. Les Weakland with HARTline at 223-6831 to follow-up on this request in the future.

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Need and Recommendation 4. Improvements to Fair Oaks Center Playground, Located at 5019 N. 34th Street.

- a. Installation of new marquee type sign, to replace existing one.
- b. Install wrought iron fencing along N. 34th Street.
- c. Paint exterior of the main building and storage building.

Response: From Wayne Papy, Deputy Director, Parks and Recreation Department, 274-7726. The Parks and Recreation Department is requesting in their FY05 Capital Improvement Budget a Master Plan for Fair Oaks Playground. The Master Plan assesses the needs of a specific park site (programming needs, layout, and size of all the elements needed at the facility).

Update: From Karen Palus, Director, Parks and Recreation Department, 274-7730. The Parks and Recreation Department received funding in the FY05 Budget to do a Master Plan for a park in the city. At the present time the department is developing a list of possible sites.

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Need and Recommendation 5. Install Gateways within East Tampa.

Install gateways to identify Front Porch Community within East Tampa. The 22nd Street and 29th Street corridors are neglected and deteriorated. Improvements will help stimulate the economy of East Tampa and further positive development. Locations are as follows: (See Attachment A)

- a. N. 22nd Street and E. Dr. Martin Luther King Blvd.
- b. N. 29th Street and E. Dr. Martin Luther King Blvd.
- c. N. 22nd Street and I-4.

Response: From Mahdi Mansour, Engineer, Department of Public Works, Transportation Division, 274-8333. The City of Tampa has contracted with engineering consultant, Wilson Miller to develop Concept Plans and up to 30% design of proposed enhancements to 22nd Street (23rd Avenue to E. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard). A gateway feature or public art installation will be considered as part of the proposed improvements. The 22nd Street and I-4 location are not within the project study area. The FDOT will be enhancing the I-4 overpass at this location which will function as a gateway feature. North 29th Street is not under

consideration at this time.

Update: From Mahdi Mansour, Engineer, Department of Public Works, Transportation Division, 274-8333. Unfortunately, the Florida Front Porch Grant Application for East Tampa was not funded by the State for FY05. Nevertheless, the City has decided to proceed with design of Transportation Improvements on 22nd Street, and have included 29th Street from 23rd Avenue to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard, and Lake Avenue from 22nd Street to 29th Street. We have incorporated funding in the City Budget for construction to start in FY05 and continue in FY06 and FY07.

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Need and Recommendation 6. Enlargement of and Improvement to Woodland Terrace Park Recreation Center, Located at 6408 N. 32nd Street.

- a. *Enlarge the rooms for Spanish, exercise, tutorial and dance classes, as well as, neighborhood meetings.*
- b. Enlarge existing covered patio or construct a new one.**
- c. Purchase a heavy metal cabinet with lock.**
- d. Purchase a copy machine.**
- e. Purchase a stove.**
- f. Improve lighting in the parking lot.**
- g. Install a walking track inside the park, near the edge of the park.**
- h. Improve landscaping.**

The neighborhood watch group is very large and when they meet, seating is very uncomfortable and non-accommodating, because the room is too small. Additional functions, such as classes at the park building, are very uncomfortable to hold. This is the only recreation center that does not have a stove and it is desperately needed. Elder citizens do not have a place to go for a walk, we need walking tracks inside the park, and to secure our safety, more lights need to be installed in the parking lot.

Response to b., e., f. and h.: From Wayne Papy, Deputy Director, Parks and Recreation Department, 274-7726. These are all included in the FY05 Capital Improvement Project request for the building.

Update to b., e., f. and h.: From Karen Palus, Director, Parks and Recreation Department, 274-7730. These items will be addressed when the building is completed. The construction is expected to be completed in FY06.

Response to c. and d.: From Wayne Papy Deputy Director, Parks and Recreation Department, 274-7726. These will be addressed when the building is completed.

Response to g.: From Wayne Papy Deputy Director, Parks and Recreation Department, 274-7726. The Parks and Recreation Department is 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 in the next year's budget request. The RAP is scheduled to be completed by June 2004.

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

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Need and Recommendation 12. Street Paving with "Historic" Bricks (where possible) on E. 8th, 9th and 10th Avenues.

Bricked streets spill into East Ybor (east of N. 22nd Street) as the avenues continue east, the bricks are covered by tar, and the streets are paved with low quality blacktop. It is our desire to promote the historical ambience of the district, blending in with the physical attributes of commercial Ybor. Upgrade more blacktop roadway in the district.

Response: From Scott Shaw, Engineer, Traffic Operations Chief, Department of Public Works, Transportation Division, 622-1955. On 8th and 9th Avenues from 22nd to 23rd Street the streets have vitrified bricks and is of a good ride. On 10th Avenue from 22nd to 23rd Streets, the street is an asphalt street and needs resurfacing.

Ms. Smith was contacted to gather more information on her request. Her need is to have the asphalt remove from the bricks along 10th Avenue from 22nd to 23rd Streets. The city has no current plan in place that removes asphalt off presently covered bricks and restores them to its' original form.

Update: From Scott Shaw, Engineer, Traffic Operations Chief, Department of Public Works, Transportation Division, 622-1955. 10th Avenue from 22nd Street to 23rd Street has been placed on a clearance list for future paving as funding allows.