

**CITY OF TAMPA  
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT  
COMMUNITY NEEDS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FY2005-2006  
December 15, 2005**

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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, and Harbor Island.

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

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**Need and Recommendation 1. Improve Lighting in Southeast Seminole Heights.**

**Our new lighting request includes:**

1. **Between Nebraska Avenue and Taliaferro.**
  - a. **On Emma, trees need to be trimmed.**
  - b. **On Chelsea, the west end is very dark.**
  - c. **On North Bay, the west end is very dark.**
  - d. **On Caracas, the east end is very dark.**
  - e. **On Genessee, trees need to be trimmed.**
  
2. **Between Nebraska Avenue and 12<sup>th</sup> Street.**
  - a. **On 9th Street at Frierson, it is very dark.**
  - b. **On Frierson, one more light near west end of park is needed.**
  - c. **Caracas near 12th, the only light is from homeowner.**
  - d. **New Orleans between 11th and 12th, is very dark.**
  - e. **Louisiana between 11th and 12th, is very dark.**
  - f. **11th Street between Osborne and Louisiana, is very dark.**
  - g. **Osborne between Nebraska and 10th Street, is very dark.**

- h. 10<sup>th</sup> Street between Osborne and Cayuga, is very dark.
- i. Curtis near Nebraska, is very dark.
- j. Cayuga between 10<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>, is very dark.
- k. Emma, dark pockets between Nebraska and 12<sup>th</sup> Street.
- l. Chelsea near 11<sup>th</sup> Street and near 12<sup>th</sup> Street, is very dark.
- m. Genessee at Nebraska, trim trees near 10<sup>th</sup> Street.
- n. North Bay east of 10<sup>th</sup> Street, is very dark.
- o. Ida east of 10<sup>th</sup> Street, is very dark.
- p. Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard west of 12<sup>th</sup> Street, no lights on north side of street.

**3. Between 12<sup>th</sup> Street and 15<sup>th</sup> Street**

- a. 14<sup>th</sup> Street, the 4900 block is dark.
- b. 12<sup>th</sup> Street between New Orleans and Louisiana, is very dark.
- c. 11<sup>th</sup> Street north of Osborne, is very dark.
- d. Ida near 13<sup>th</sup> Street, is very dark.
- e. North Bay between 13<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>, is very dark.
- f. 13<sup>th</sup> Street near North Bay, is very dark.
- g. Chelsea, the 1200 block near 13<sup>th</sup>, is very dark.
- h. Cayuga, the 1300 block, is very dark.
- i. Palifox near 15<sup>th</sup>, is very dark.
- j. Louisiana between 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>, trim trees near 15<sup>th</sup>.
- k. Ellicott near 15<sup>th</sup>, is very dark.
- l. Olney, dark from Caracas to Louisiana.
- m. Wilder, dark near 1405.
- n. Giddens at 15<sup>th</sup>, is very dark.

**The lighting in Southeast Seminole Heights continues to be inadequate for the safety of our residents. There has been an obvious upgrade in the lighting throughout our neighborhood as the City of Tampa Lighting Initiative has been implemented. However, pockets throughout the neighborhood are still very dark. We have carefully re-examined the lighting needs in Southeast Seminole Heights.**

**As you can see from this extensive list, much of Southeast Seminole Heights lighting is inadequate for a residential neighborhood. We request that you examine this list and let us know what lighting improvements can be made. Thank you for your consideration.**

**Response to all:** From Calvin Thornton, Engineer, Department of Public Works, Transportation Planning, 274-8333. Thank you for the list of streetlight locations for Area 3. We shall check the areas that are reported to be dark and will determine if additional fill-in lights are needed. The city has a continuous light program throughout the year to provide fill-in streetlights at specific areas that have been reported to be dark. You should contact Terry Wermuth at 274-8007 immediately with specific locations of darkness or submit request at the Customer Service Center website [http://www.tampagov.net/appl\\_customer\\_service\\_center/](http://www.tampagov.net/appl_customer_service_center/).

**Update to all:** From Jan Washington, Engineer II, Department of Public Works, Transportation Planning, 274-8333. The City of Tampa has made arrangements with Tampa Electric Company to upgrade existing 50 W HPS and 70 W HPS lighting fixtures to 100 W HPS. The system-wide upgrade has been divided into seven phases which were determined in collaboration with the community and the City of Tampa Police Department. TECO will be upgrading no less than 300 fixtures per month.

To date, the City of Tampa has upgraded approximately 6,971 luminaries and 7,654 lights are waiting for upgrades. Phase IV of the program is expected to begin December 2005. Phases V, VI and VII are intended

to be completed by the end of next year. Consequently, all city-wide 50 W HPS and 70 W HPS lighting upgrades are expected to be completed by the end of next year.

If you have questions or want additional lighting, please contact our Street Light Line at 635-3407 or submit request at the Customer Service Center [http://www.tampagov.net/appl\\_customer\\_service\\_center/](http://www.tampagov.net/appl_customer_service_center/). Listed below are the fill-in lights that are located in CDBG eligible communities and approved by City Council in November 2005 for funding:

1. Between Nebraska Avenue and Taliaferro.  
Request 05-1070- On Chelsea, Nebraska to Taliaferro  
Request 05-1207- On North Bay, Nebraska to Taliaferro
2. Between Nebraska Avenue and 12<sup>th</sup> Street.  
Request 05-1200- On New Orleans, 11<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup>  
Request 05-1147- On Louisiana, 11<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup>  
Request 05-1008- On 11th Street, Osborne to Louisiana  
Request 05-1216 and 05-1217- On Osborne Avenue, Nebraska to 10<sup>th</sup>  
Request 05-1003- On 10th Street, Osborne to Cayuga  
Request 05-1082- On Curtis, Nebraska to 10<sup>th</sup>  
Request 05-1092- On Emma, Nebraska to 12<sup>th</sup>  
Request 05-1071- On Chelsea, Nebraska to 12<sup>th</sup>  
Request 05-1208- On North Bay, 10<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup>
3. Between 12<sup>th</sup> Street and 15<sup>th</sup> Street  
Request 05-1206- On North Bay, 13<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup>  
Request 05-1063- On Cayuga, 13<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup>  
Request 05-1214- On Olney, Louisiana to New Orleans

**Response to 2.b.:** From Karen Palus, Director, Parks and Recreation Department, 274-7730. Parks and Recreation will investigate the need for additional lighting.

**Update to 2.b.:** From Karen Palus, Director, Parks and Recreation Department, 274-7730. If appropriate, funding will be requested in Fiscal Year 2007. The department staff will be reviewing this request during FY06 and if lighting is needed, funding will be requested in FY07.

## **Need and Recommendation 2. New Curbing and Repairs Needed for Southeast Seminole Heights.**

1. **Curbing – new installation.**
  - a. **East Shadowlawn – from Nebraska to 12th Street.**
  - b. **East North Bay – both east and west of Nebraska Avenue.**
  - c. **East Shadowlawn between 12<sup>th</sup> Street and Nebraska Avenue.**
  - d. **East Chelsea – both east and west of Nebraska Avenue.**
  - e. **East Caracas from 12<sup>th</sup> Street to 15<sup>th</sup> Street.**
2. **Curbing – repair.**
  - a. **1100 block of E. Ellicott.**

**All north/south streets:** currently there is no curbing on these streets, except for Nebraska Avenue, and a limited amount of curbing on 15<sup>th</sup> Street. Most of our residential north/south streets are experiencing advanced stages of soil erosion and pavement breakdown, due to a lack of curbing. Curbing, which

**will direct the flow of storm water to the drains, would help alleviate this problem.**

**Note: No asphalt curbing please. It is unsightly and it deteriorates rapidly.**

**Response to 1. a.-e.:** From Alex Awad, Engineer III, Stormwater, 274-7865. The locations listed in a.-e. do not meet curb installation criteria listed below:

- a) Will the curb stop water from entering and flooding private property?
- b) Will curbing solve a severe erosion problem adjacent to the edge of pavement?
- c) Will the curb enhance the drainage system by channeling the Stormwater flow into an existing inlet or grate?

**Response to 2.:** From Alex Awad, Engineer III, Stormwater, 274-7865. The Stormwater Department will coordinate the curb repair with the Parks and Recreation Department. The tree may have to be removed to reestablish a flow line for a new curb and gutter.

**Update to 2.:** From Alex Awad, Engineer III, Stormwater, 274-7865. The Stormwater Department investigated the block in question and found that the existing curb does not warrant repair or replacement. A minimum vertical deflection of four inches is required prior to initiation of curb repair work.