

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

Block Club: Area V

Neighborhoods: Parkview, Courier City/Oscawana, North Hyde Park, Old Hyde Park, Historic Hyde Park, New Suburb Beautiful, Bayshore Gardens, and Palma Ceia Park.

Boundaries: I-275 (north); Euclid Avenue (south); Bayshore Blvd. (east); MacDill Avenue (west).

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Need and Recommendation 1. Street Lighting Improvements throughout North Hyde Park Community.

- a. W. Kennedy Boulevard (southside)
- b. W. Laurel Street/I-275 (northside)
- c. N. Armenia Avenue (westside)
- d. N. Willow Avenue (eastside)

In order to alert law enforcement with accurate descriptions of the perpetrators, one must see the criminals during nighttime hours. Neighbors report more criminal activity at streets with lower level lighting.

Response: From Calvin Thornton, Engineer, Department of Public Works, Transportation Planning, 274-8333. Area V is included in Phase VII of the Mayor's Lighting Initiative and area-wide light upgrades will be addressed in 2006 and 2007 for this area. The phasing of the City of Tampa Street Lighting Initiative installations is based on production estimates provided by Tampa Electric Company (TECO). The current production estimate is 250 installations per month. As of 5/2/05, TECO has installed 4,845 street lights in Phases I, II and III. 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/.

Update: 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 approximately 250 fixtures per month.

To date, the City of Tampa has upgraded approximately 6,971 luminaires and 7,654 lights are waiting for upgrades. Phase IV of the program is expected to begin December 2005. 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 website http://www.tampagov.net/appl_customer_service_center/.

Need and Recommendation 5. Construction of a Moratorium on Duplexes.

The boundaries we would like to see the moratorium between are:

- a. N. Armenia Avenue eastward on the west of N. Rome Avenue, to the east (streets between Laurel and Cass Street).**
- b. N. Howard eastward to Willow Avenue.**
- c. N. Armenia Avenue eastward to N. Willow Avenue and Kennedy to the south.**

North Hyde Park Civic Association is experiencing an increase in the construction of duplexes, which is causing a burden on the community.

Response: From Stuart Campbell, Urban Planner III, Housing and Community Development, 274-8228. In order to impose stricter development guidelines for a particular area, the city would have to adopt an Overlay District. Overlay Districts typically contain design guidelines and other land use restrictions that provide more control over the character of proposed development. The city's land development coordination staff will study a requested Overlay District and prepare a recommendation for City Council consideration. Several public hearings are involved. Please contact Tom Snelling with the City's Land Development Coordination office at 274-8043 to initiate a potential Overlay District.

Need and Recommendation 6. Commercial and Industrial Cleanup of Junk, Debris and Inoperable Vehicles.

From Kennedy on N. Rome Avenue north to W. Cass Street.

Debris fallout from local businesses on Rome Avenue, Kentucky Fried Chicken, Save Rite, Saw Carpeting, unknown business (between North B Street and Oregon Avenue). Location at Oregon and North B Street has tremendous amount of inoperative vehicles inside and outside of property. This is a real eyesore for the entire community.

There is a large fenced area (fence twelve feet high) harboring junk and debris. There are two locations on North B Street.

Response: From William Doherty, Deputy Director, Code Enforcement, 274-5562. The Code Enforcement Department will cite the commercial and industrial businesses from Kennedy Boulevard on N. Rome Avenue to W. Cass Street for violations of junk, debris and inoperable vehicles.

Response: From Varghese Jacob, Solid Waste Administrative Chief, Solid Waste Department, 348-1104. Solid Waste Department is active in code enforcement activities on the right of way in this area.

Need and Recommendation 7. Community Signs.

- a. Corner of N. Armenia Avenue and W. Kennedy Boulevard (southwest)**
- b. Corner of W. Laurel Street and N. Armenia Avenue (northwest).**
- c. Corner of N. Rome Avenue and W. Laurel Street (northeast).**
- d. Corner of W. Kennedy Boulevard and N. Willow Avenue (southeast).**

Extra signs are needed to identify our community and boundaries. The signs will also expand our membership. The N.H.P.C.A. is prepared to assist in the cost of the signs, provided the signs are erected at the locations we requested.

Response: From William Porth, Transportation Technician, Department of Public Works, Transportation Division, 274-8333. The Transportation Division will install two (2) free neighborhood signs and then additional neighborhood sign(s) at the cost of \$250 per additional sign. The North Hyde Park Neighborhood received its two (2) free neighborhood signs in 2000.

If it is the desire of the neighborhood to install additional neighborhood signs (@\$250 each), the neighborhood must secure an amended neighborhood sign agreement from the Transportation Division and submit the amended agreement back to the Transportation Division with a motion from the neighborhood board supporting the sign installation.

After this, the neighborhood shall submit their preferred neighborhood sign installation locations for the Transportation Division's approval. Once mutually agreed installation locations are selected, the Transportation Division will create work requests on behalf of the neighborhood to have the signs installed.

Next, the Transportation Division will forward the following materials to a neighborhood representative for their approval, signature and initialing respectively:

- a. a cover letter
- b. a sign agreement with Article V sign location completed
- c. a copy of the work order(s)

Once approved, signed and initialed, these documents must be returned to the Transportation Division with a check in an amount equal to the number of signs multiplied by \$250 per sign.

Please contact the City of Tampa Transportation Division at 274-8333 with your preferred installation locations. Staff members will be able to assist in the process.

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