

**CITY OF TAMPA
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT
COMMUNITY NEEDS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FY2007-2008
December 12, 2007**

Block Club: Area IV

Neighborhoods: South Seminole Heights, Wellswood, Plaza Terrace, Riverside Heights, and Riverbend.

Boundaries: Hillsborough, Henry, Sligh Avenue (north); Columbus Drive (south); Florida Avenue (east); City Limits (west).

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Need and Recommendation 1. Request new recreation facility

The Mendenhall playground is located south of Bedingfield Drive; north of Louisiana Avenue; east of Armenia Avenue; and west of Rome Avenue.

We request that a new permanent, possibly a two or three-story recreation building be erected at the existing Mendenhall playground. Our current portable buildings are not suited for the needs of our children, members of the community, nor our senior citizens that need a place where they can be included in planned meetings. As Tampa is growing, so is our community. As our community expands, we would like to have a facility that is modern and that provides a safe haven for our youth and citizenry.

The existing portables were provided by the City of Tampa Parks and Recreation Department approximately seven (7) years ago.

Response: From Karen Palus, Director, Parks and Recreation Department, 274-7730. When funding becomes available, the department will develop a master plan for the facility and determine the feasibility of a community center. Parks and Recreation has requested funding in the FY10 CIP for Masters Plans.

Update: From Karen Palus, Director, Parks and Recreation Department, 274-7730. The department does not have funding to due the master plan in this fiscal year.