

DREW PARK

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CITY OF TAMPA CRA

FAÇADE IMPROVEMENT GRANT PROGRAM

Drew Park property owners are encouraged to apply for the Community Redevelopment Area (CRA) Façade Improvement Program. The program provides retail and commercial property owners with financial assistance to improve the appearance of their properties in designated areas of Tampa CRAs.

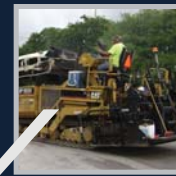
The program is currently funded for the Drew Park, East Tampa and Ybor City CRAs for fiscal year 2010. In Drew Park, the prime target areas are Lois Avenue and other major gateway road corridors; however, the program is available throughout the Drew Park CRA.

The grant provides up to \$50,000, or no more than 50 percent of the project

costs, which must be matched by the property owner, to be used for exterior renovation, restoration and rehabilitation as well as landscape improvements.

Eligible improvements may include: cleaning, repainting or residing buildings; repairing or replacing façade materials, windows or doors; and aesthetic improvements to the sites of commercial or residential structures.

By offering technical and financial assistance through matching grants, the goal of the program is to assist revitalization efforts by improving the physical appearance of existing property structures or sites.



To apply, please contact:

Jeanette LaRussa Fenton
Manager, Drew Park CRA
(813) 274-7427

To qualify, property owners must apply and receive approval from a review committee and the Community Redevelopment Agency before beginning a project.

For more information, visit the Economic and Urban Development Department Web page at www.tampagov.net/CRA.

FLORIDA REDEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION (FRA) AWARDS

Winner! Drew Park Adult Use Enforcement Program

[Best Management Program/Creative Partnerships Category]



Drew Park CRA Community Advisory Committee Vice Chair, Maritza Astorquiza, the Tampa Police Department and City staff at the 2009 FRA Annual Conference in Orlando.

Founded in 1974, the Florida Redevelopment Association (FRA) is a non-profit organization dedicated to assisting Florida professionals and volunteers revitalize their communities. Every year, FRA honors redevelopment leaders and CRAs for exemplary projects and programs in Florida. This year, recipients were honored at an awards dinner during the FRA Annual Conference in Orlando on October 29 where 12 awards were presented.

In 2008, with the recommendation of the Drew Park Community Advisory Committee and approval of the CRA Board, the Tampa Police Department implemented a highly successful TIF funded Adult Use Enforcement Program. The program resulted in the closing of all nine non-regulated adult businesses in Drew Park.

The Adult Use Enforcement Program, administered by the Drew Park CRA and the Tampa Police Department, has earned the state's top honor for the development of an enhanced enforcement plan to achieve compliance with City codes from adult use businesses in the area.

...Congratulations!

The **Ybor City Development Corporation** was also honored as a winner in the "Out of the Box" category for its "Experiencing Ybor City" TV Commercial.

Si usted quisiera recibir esta hoja informativa en español, por favor llame al (813) 235-3696.



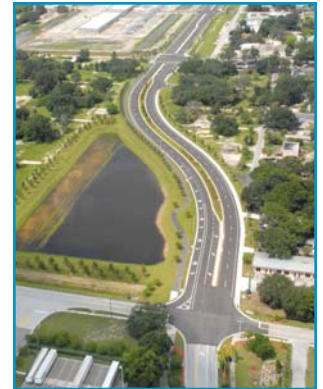
The Aviation Authority Board and staff along with Kirrimins Construction and City officials cut the ribbon.

Air Cargo Road

RIBBON CUTTING & DEDICATION

On Tuesday, August 25, 2009, the City of Tampa and Tampa International Airport celebrated the ribbon cutting and dedication of the new Air Cargo Road, now open for public access. This \$21 million, four-lane divided road will serve the Airport's relocating warehouse, cargo and ground service operations while providing improved access and visibility for Drew Park. The new 1.4 mile Air Cargo Road connection

from Ohio Avenue to Hillsborough Avenue parallels the Drew Park CRA boundaries and is expected to be a major catalyst for Drew Park's redevelopment. The Aviation Authority fully funded the road and will maintain the lushly landscaped area featuring tree-lined streets, three retention ponds and five dry ponds which serve as part of the extensive storm water system. The City is responsible for the maintenance of the road.



Air Cargo Road

FEATURING THE GORILLA THEATRE

Founded by playwrights Aubrey Hampton and Susan Hussey in 1990, the Gorilla Theatre has been located at 4419 N. Hubert Avenue in Tampa for more than sixteen years. With forty-seven seats, a comfortable environment and eclectic plays, Drew Park is home to this non-profit theatre which has become a vital part of the Tampa area arts scene.



Alvin Jenkins, Steve Mountan, Dan Khoury, Steve Garland, David Frankel and Kyle Porter Bach at Leipzig.

Seating is limited, reservations are recommended. For more information or to make a reservation, call (813) 879-2914 or visit www.gorillatheatre.com.

2010 Season

The Drunken City | January 14 - February 7

The Lark (L'Alouette) | March 11 - April 4

Shirley Valentine | April 15 - May 2

Young Dramatists' Project '10 | June 3 - 13

Showtimes & Pricing

Thursday 7 p.m. – \$20

Friday & Saturday 8 p.m. – \$25

Sunday 3 p.m. & 7 p.m. – \$25

Senior (55+) & Student Pricing

Thursday – \$15 | Friday - Sunday – \$20

CODE ENFORCEMENT

The Drew Park CRA has asked the Department of Code Enforcement to promote the understanding and compliance with property maintenance city ordinances by contributing to the second edition of its newsletter.

Code Enforcement staff members adhere to the values of maintaining an open minded approach and flexible attitude in working with the public to ensure attractive neighborhoods, businesses and an enjoyable community for all.

Code Enforcement staff perform systematic inspections and respond to concerns from citizens regarding violations that affect the quality of life within the City. Some violations include zoning issues, overgrown lots or yards, inoperative vehicles, maintenance of structures, illegal signs and public nuisances. In addition, the Department regulates rental properties in Tampa by certifying landlords in compliance with the Florida State Minimum Housing Standards.

How to Report a Violation

The Department uses both the complaint method of initiating a case and also the systematic or pro-active approach in opening a case. There are several ways to file a complaint with Code Enforcement. When reporting, be specific about the details of the complaint. Remember, you do not have to give your name or other personal information to log a complaint.

- Call the Customer Service Center at (813) 274-5545
- Utilize the City of Tampa Message Center online at www.Tampagov.net
- Mail documentation of the violation to 102 E. 7th Avenue, Tampa, FL 33602 or fax it to (813) 274-5567
- Visit the Department to speak with staff at 102 E. 7th Avenue, Tampa, FL 33602

Once a complaint is filed, a Code Enforcement Inspector visits the site, normally within two business days, to confirm that a code violation is present. An initial Notice of Violation is sent to the property owner providing a "reasonable amount of time," as prescribed by state law, to correct the violation.

If the violation is not corrected, the Code Enforcement Department may take any of following actions depending upon the situation:

- Refer the case to the City of Tampa Municipal Code Board
- Issue a Civil Citation with monetary fines imposed for non-compliance
- Refer the case to the Hillsborough County Criminal Court for prosecution

“ It is my distinct pleasure and honor to serve as the Director of Code Enforcement and Business Tax for the City of Tampa. I look forward to working with the Drew Park CRA staff and supporting other city-wide redevelopment initiatives. Together we can preserve the quality of life we all expect! ”

– JAKE SLATER,

DIRECTOR, CITY OF TAMPA DEPARTMENT OF
CODE ENFORCEMENT AND BUSINESS TAX DIVISION

Currently, there are 46 active violations in the Drew Park CRA. During 2009 (fiscal year) more than 29,000 new cases were opened city-wide and 91,000 inspections took place. These inspections resulted in 66,237 violations.

If you own and occupy your home, have received a Notice of Violation and are having difficulty coming into compliance due to an age related, income related, or physical hardship, please contact the Diversion Services Program, Housing and Community Development Division at (813) 274-7954. You may be eligible for assistance.

To view the City of Tampa Municipal Ordinances, visit www.municode.com/library and select Florida, then select Tampa.

CRA Board



Gwendolyn Miller,
Chair

Joseph Caetano, *Vice Chair*

John Dingfelder

Charlie Miranda

Mary Mulhern

Linda Saul-Sena

Thomas Scott

The CRA board meets monthly and everyone is welcome.

Upcoming meetings:

**Thursday, January 14, 2010
9:00 a.m.**

Community Advisory Committee

Randy Coen, *Chair*

Maritza Astorquiza, *Vice Chair*

Chad E. Angell

Nadine S. Jones

Susan Poole

Denise Sanchez

Dwight R. Stephens

Robert Wynegar

Contact us for the committee's meeting dates, all are welcome to attend.

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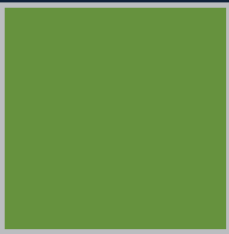
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