

**Drew Park Community Redevelopment Area
Advisory Committee**

Meeting Minutes

June 2, 2015

Tampa Police District 1 Headquarters
3818 West Tampa Bay Boulevard

Attendees

Committee Members: George Adams Jr., Chair; Michael Martinez, Vice-Chair; Maritza Astorquiza; Dr. Robert Chunn; Bert Garcia; Eric Mueller; and Susan Collins

City of Tampa Staff: Jeanette LaRussa Fenton, Urban Development Manager
Michelle Van Loan, Economic Development Specialist

Others: Denny Cole and Dan Scheffey

I. Opening Comments / Introductions

The regular meeting of the Drew Park Community Redevelopment Area Advisory Committee convened at 5:30 p.m. on June 2, 2015.

II. Tampa Police Department Update

Officer Sabina provided the following update for the past month. Area mostly quiet.

- “Alleged” robbery at South and Cortez
- Auto burglary on Himes, near Al Lopez Park
- Auto burglary on Hillsborough at the Bravo Grocery

Ms. Astorquiza mentioned that she has been having difficulty getting tractor trailer to back into their facility due to cars parked across the street. Transportation had advised her to call TPD when this happens.

Ms. Fenton indicated that she was sending a letter to Grady addresses regarding parking on ROW. She will include Hale addresses in the mailing.

III. Approval of Minutes May 5, 2015

Copies of the Minutes from the May 5, 2015 meeting were previously distributed for members to read and additional copies were provided at the meeting.

Ms. Astorquiza made a motion to approve the minutes of May 5, 2015. Dr. Chunn seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

IV. Approval of Revised FY16 Budget

Ms. Fenton presented the updated revenue figures received for proposed FY16 budget.

- Increased from \$372,723 to \$547,367, approximately \$175,000. Figure is still subject to change.
- Added \$2,000 for administration costs to cover office supplies, postage, registrations fee. Money has not been allocated in this line item for the past several years.
- Remainder of increased funds was allocated to Neighborhood Infrastructure improvements.

Mr. Mueller made a motion to approve the Revised FY16 budget as presented. Mr. Garcia seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

V. Project Update Report

Lois: On schedule for substantial completion for end of June. Finished a few driveways and sidewalks. Then will proceed with landscaping south of MLK.

There will be a roadway dedication with the Mayor when complete. Date TBD.

Community Markers: FDOT has approved our application and it is now going through the process to have the maintenance agreement adopted by Council.

Historic Markers: Ms. Fenton reported that the application was approved yesterday, but that funding assistance for marker had not been decided yet. Marker to be installed on Tampa Bay Boulevard, back from Dale Mabry, out of FDOT ROW.

VI. Discussion/Questions

Dr. Chunn: two HART bus stops removed on Lois before the new ones are ready to be installed. Would like that to happen before the fall semester starts. Ms. Fenton will follow up with HART.

Ms. Astorquiza inquired about the results of the traffic safety study for Hillsborough. Ms. Van Loan will follow up with FDOT.

Ms. Fenton mentioned that she is meeting with TIA to discuss the pocket park.

VII. Announcements

Ms. Astorquiza reported on the Heroes Luncheon and what an inspirational event it was to hear about the amazing people out there every day protecting us. Over 175 people attended, eight scholarships awarded to children of first responders. The event will be shown on the City's TV show, CTTV.

Ms. Fenton reported:

- There is a new Captain for D1 and he will be in attendance at the next CAC meeting to meet everyone and introduce himself.
- The Galleria Shopping Center has been purchased and the new owners have plans for upgrades. The Bravo Grocery will stay. Landscaping will be improved

in the short term. Looking for a big box tenant for the vacant Service Merchandise space.

- Mr. Martinez will be presenting for Drew Park at the next CRA Board meeting.
- There has been one approved fence grant application and the work should be done in the next week or so. Property located on N. Lois.

Annual CRA report was distributed to the CAC and attendees.

There will be no July CAC meeting.

VIII. Public Comment

Mr. Cole requested the text for the historical marker. Ms. Van Loan will forward.

Meeting adjourned at 6:26 p.m.