

**Drew Park Community Redevelopment Area
Advisory Committee**

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January 6, 2015

Tampa Police District 1 Headquarters
3818 West Tampa Bay Boulevard

Attendees

Committee Members: Bert Garcia, Chair; George Adams Jr., Vice-Chair; Susan Collins; and Michael Martinez

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

Others: Audrey Perez

I. Opening Comments / Introductions

The regular meeting of the Drew Park Community Redevelopment Area Advisory Committee convened at 5:45 p.m. on January 6, 2015. **Due to lack of a quorum, members met for discussion purposes only.**

II. Tampa Police Department Update

Sgt. R.E. Graham reviewed the monthly report:

- Shooting in attempted robbery of cab driver previous night, non-life threatening injury.
- The community should be diligent in being aware of surrounding. If you are ever uncertain, err on the side of caution and call the police department
 - Be as descriptive as possible: clothing color & type, facial hair, height, weight, age, gender, etc...
 - Small incidents should be reported as they may establish a pattern.
- Do not leave anything in your car or even the appearance of valuables in your car. People break in to cars for something as basic as music and change.
- 6% of the criminals commit 70% of the crimes – patterns.

Sgt. Graham also informed the CAC about the Citizen's police academy.

III. Approval of Minutes, November 5, 2014

Approval of minutes postponed to next meeting.

IV. Project Update Report

Lois: Project is still on schedule.

- Tress planted from Hillsborough Ave to South. Now proceeding to Alva and Osborne.
- Groundcover will be installed in a couple of weeks.
- Intense construction work is focused south of MLK.
- While lighting conduit is being installed, the pedestrian light poles will be installed towards the end of the project.

Community Markers:

Ms. Fenton reported the application is being submitted to FDOT.

Property Fencing: Ms. Fenton reported that the CRA Board approved the Fence program at their December meeting. She informed them of her concerns and also recommended that the Board move forward with the program.

Budget:

The QTR 4 for FY2014 was distributed. Ms. Fenton briefly reviewed the report noting that it does not reflect revenue for 2015.

TPD has proposed some “maintenance operations” and it may require minor reprogramming of up to \$10,000, if not enough is in their balance.

Ms. Fenton reported that due to the popularity of the Façade program these past 18 months, we will be coming back for reprogramming to continue to fund it.

V. Drew Park Advisory Committee Appointment Process

George Adams Jr., Michael Martinez, Maritza Astorquiza, Susan Collins, and Dr. Chunn have all reapplied. Candidates are welcome to attend the January 15 CRA Board meeting, but it is not required as there are the same number of candidates at openings on the committee.

VI. Discussion/Questions

Drew Park Civic Association: Ms. Fenton announced there would be a follow-up public meeting to discuss establishing an association for Drew Park.

The home and boat at 4311 Ohio (at Coolidge) have been demolished and removed.

VII. Announcements

VIII. Public Comment