

**West Tampa Community Redevelopment Area
Advisory Committee**

Meeting Minutes

August 28, 2018

**Martin Luther King Jr. Center
2200 N. Oregon Avenue**

Attendees

Committee Members: Joe Robinson, Chair; Benjamin Buckley; Delphine Jones; Carlos Ramirez; Walter Smith II; Tina Young; Marvin Knight

Excused: Dedrick Jackson, Jeffrey Rhodes, Ed Turanchik

Staff: Malcolm Kiner, Urban Development Manager

I. Welcome / Introductions

Mr. Robinson opened the regular meeting of the West Tampa Community Redevelopment Area Advisory Committee at 5:41 p.m. on August 28, 2018. Chair Robinson personally thanked the FDOT District 7 Secretary and MPO staff attending the meeting. CAC members introduced themselves.

II. Meeting Minutes July 24, 2018

Committee requested that a link to the minutes be added to the website.

Motion: Ken Perry

Second: Tina Young

The motion passed unanimously.

III. Tampa Police Department Update – Captain Ruth Cate

- September 5th District 1 quarterly Meeting held at the Tampa Yacht Club 5320 Interbay Blvd 6:30-8 PM
- October 2nd National Night Out- Neighborhood Night Out- Julian B. Lane Riverfront Park- 5:30 pm – 8:30 pm
- October 13th – Police Memorial Run – Downtown Police Headquarters 8 AM
- Crime Report- No recent shootings in the area, violent crime is down, there have been 6 gun related deaths city-wide this year. Same period last year saw 22 deaths.
- TPD is down 30 officers due to placement in schools

Questions:

- What time is the Memorial Run? 8 AM
- How does TPD address loitering around Cass & Howard, people drinking beer behind store?
 - *Zone officers are aware of the issue and TPD is patrolling the area.*

- What is TPD doing about the parking problems in N. Hyde Park?
 - *TPD is working with transportation and they are planning to do more traffic enforcement.*
- What is TPD doing about parking issues in the West River neighborhood?
 - *Again working with transportation and doing more enforcement in the area.*
- Is there an update on the RING initiative that TPD has started?
 - *TPD has a limited amount of cameras so they are not advertising the program, but those who are interested can contact TPD for a camera. The citizen has to pay a yearly fee of \$30 and sign a waiver, but this will allow RING to share video with TPD.*

IV. Staff Reports

Strategic Action Plan: Mr. Kiner recapped the third SAP community meeting, and asked that if anyone in the community had additional comments or questions to please contact him.

V. Request to Address the Committee

FDOT- District Seven Secretary David Gwynn introduced himself to the committee and the community, he reiterated that he and his staff are serious about gathering feedback related to the Tampa Bay Next project, and they are willing to meet with big or small groups. He provided an update on Tampa Bay Next and where they are in the process, a few of the items he discussed were that

- The express lane concept along I-275 North of downtown was removed from the plan and they are working on additional Downtown interchange options.
- The SEIS is currently in the engineering phase and will culminate next summer with a public hearing.
- Randy Deshazo from the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council gave a presentation on the Economic Impacts of transportation in the Tampa Bay Region.
 - Focused on the economic impacts of leaving the transportation system as it currently is constructed, adding non-tolled express lanes, or construction with tolled express lanes.

Questions:

- Walter Smith II: When the major projects come to the area will local residents get access to the jobs and will those jobs be tracked?

District Secretary – FDOT goal is to get local residents/businesses involved, especially in the areas with high unemployment rates. FDOT looked at other states that have done it, as well as other organizations that do training and have received commitments from those organizations.

Mrs. Coney: They are working with the contractors now in St. Petersburg, and will need West Tampa to help identify young people who need work so they can start to build a pipeline of workers from West Tampa.

Member Perry would like to participate in the process and make sure locals are getting

jobs. He also would like the over passes maintained from Howard east to N. Blvd and would like to see the over passes receive nice landscaping and lighting.

District Seven Secretary: We will look into maintenance and improvements of over passes.

- Member Buckley: Would like to see it in writing that locals will be hired. Noise pollution should be addressed and he would like to see a plan for noise complaints.

Kirk Bogen/FDOT: Those issues will be addressed in the SEIS

- Member Smith: Good information, would like to see:
 - more meetings for all the community to participate
 - focus on sustainability of jobs, how long will they last
 - better explanation of impacts of future work and make sure everyone is on the same page. Feels it is critical that the community is part of the transformation of West Tampa,
 - FDOT needs full buy-in of businesses in area so everyone understands the details of the plans.
 - FDOT needs the buy-in of the community for jobs programs, need to make partnerships with community churches and other partners.
 - people cannot make it to training if the training is not in the area, and there are several organizations in the area that can help to make the job program a success.
- Member Ramirez: The focus seems to be on cars, what are the other mass transit plans that may help to take cars off the road?

District Secretary: A portion of the budget will be utilized for public transportation. FDOT is also looking into a study to better move people from downtown to the university area. Transit funding faces challenges because in order to receive federal dollars it requires a local match versus highway dollars, which are allocated based on population. FDOT is also looking at safety; around 500 people a year are struck by cars in the area, so safety is a top concern.

- Member Ramirez: FDOT should make sure to include all modes of transportation in the study and for implementation.

Kirk Bogen: FDOT is working with the MPO on land use and other issues related to how the community is growing.

- Member Jones: Requested maintenance of on the North Side of LaSalle.

District Secretary: We will look into the maintenance schedule.

- Member Wilson: How will FDOT address people who have a criminal background with the work training program?

District Secretary: FDOT is researching ways to overcome hurdles but does not have a final answer at this time.

Chloe Coney: FDOT realizes it is a challenge. Once the model is developed they will come back to the community to present proposed solution and find out from the community if they think the program will work.

- Member Wilson: Suggest that FDOT use data to tell the story. How often is the grass cut along Howard and Armenia at the underpasses?
- Chair Robinson: Is FDOT coordinating with the MPO, based on the maps the MPO has on display?

Johny Wong and Jenifer Malone presented from the Hillsborough MPO: They presented the Community Survey. The survey provides the community with the opportunity to provide their opinion on transportation in the region.

VI. General Discussion & Questions

Special Events Subcommittee: Member Young provided a presentation on the Unity in Community Event, the event is scheduled to be held on Saturday October 13th at Julian B. Lane Park, the event will include food trucks, entertainment, kids activities, and vendors. Staff asked the CAC to approve a budget of \$10,000 for the event.

Motion: Member Smith
Second: Member Buckley
Passed unanimously

VII. Announcements & Public Comment

- Member Jones announced Blake High School will be starting a row team on September 4th and passed out a flyer.
- Member Buckley discussed parking issues in N. Hyde Park.
- Mathew and Steven from Bay Cannon Beer Company introduced themselves and the new micro-brewery they plan to bring to Main Street. They have a zoning hearing on September 27th with the City and would like support.
- Chair Robinson announced notices for zoning and land use request in the CRA. Commented on a branding meeting hosted by the Tampa Housing Authority, the new THA development will be called West River and they are planning follow up meetings as the plan continues to develop. Chair Robinson would like to meet to discuss the possibility of cross branding the West Tampa CRA and the West River development. Request that the Hillsborough County Schools attend a CAC meeting.
- Fred Hearn thanked the CAC for allowing him to work on the Strategic Action Plan, and offered his help with the festival. He announce that the THA will not be creating a West Tampa History Museum.
- Member Smith offered his support for Bay Cannon Brewery and their plans to work with local residents to provide jobs and training.

Meeting Adjourned 7:53 p.m.

**West Tampa Community Redevelopment Area
Advisory Committee**

Meeting Minutes
September 25, 2018

**West Tampa Free Public Library
2312 W. Union Street**

Attendees

Committee Members: Joe Robinson, Chair; Kenneth Perry, Vice-Chair; Benjamin Buckley; Dedrick Jackson; Delphine Jones; Marvin Knight; Walter Smith II; Ed Turanchik; Tina Young; and Emanuel Wilson

Excused: Carlos Ramirez and Jeffrey Rhodes

Staff: Malcolm Kiner, Urban Development Manager
Michelle Van Loan, Economic Development Staff

I. Welcome / Introductions

Mr. Robinson opened the regular meeting of the West Tampa Community Redevelopment Area Advisory Committee at 5:34 p.m. on September 25, 2018. CAC members introduced themselves.

Mr. Robinson excused Carlos Ramirez and Jeffrey Rhodes.

II. Meeting Minutes August 28, 2018

Mr. Perry moved to approve the August 28, 2018 meeting minutes as amended and seconded by Mr. Wilson. The motion passed unanimously.

III. Staff Reports

Strategic Action Plan: Keith Greminger presented the updates to the draft plan made in the past 30-45 days based on additional comments and input from the West Tampa Community.

Next Steps:

- CAC Approval of Final Draft Strategic Action Plan
- CRA Board review and approval
 - Adopted West Tampa CRA Strategic Action Plan

Discussion:

- Mr. Wilson's text edits and additions:
 - Pages: 65, 69, 70, 81
- Mr. Buckley:
 - Development pattern should be what is in the Comp plan and intended. Too many variances granted and approvals of "minimally" mixed-use developments
- Mr. Robinson:
 - The CAC can make recommendations based on what is in the WT

- redevelopment and strategic Action Plan. We are a recommending body.
 - The SAP does not provide specifics as to partnerships and programs. The work now is to identify and develop those processes and programs.
- Mr. Turanchik:
 - The SAP is a spending guideline document, not a development document.
 - Thanks to the Chair for all his hard work and effort he has put into the CRA and the Strategic Action Plan.
 - Thanks to Kimley Horn and Keith for getting us through the process.

Mr. Turanchik moved to approve the West Tampa Strategic Action Plan with additional edits as discussed and seconded by Mr. Perry. The motion passed unanimously.

Salcines Park:

The artist will begin the mural on October 15. There will be a plaque near the mural to recognize the figures in the mural with additional information/explanation.

IV. Requests to Address the Committee

Ready for Work Hillsborough: Andre Perks presented the Abe Brown Ministries program for ex-offenders. The program was developed in 2014 and assists those re-entering the workforce.

- Individuals fully released from prison/Jail or on parole qualify
 - No history of violence or sexual offenses
- Provides tax credits to small/medium businesses who provide employment through the program
- Program also provides volunteer mentors/life coaches
 - Monthly commitment by mentor
- Interested individuals should come to office and meet with an intake specialist
- Working with FDOT on future partnership for employment
- Abe Brown Ministries has partner who provide transitional housing
- AbeBrownMinistries.org

Blake High Rowing team: Mike Mosely: The rowing team exists! Mr. Mosely works at the Tampa River Center and is currently working on fundraisers at the school. Currently sponsored by CanDo and City of Tampa.

- More than 50 kids are interested
- 23 kids have come through this month to learn rowing
- \$70 for race training
 - Seeking rowing “andgels”/sponsors
- Princeton will be coming back for training
 - Princeton is donating 2 used rowing boats in January
- Funding:
 - West tampa Chamber
 - CRA?
 - Hillsborough County School District
 - Blake High Booster Club
 - Teco

V. **General Discussion & Questions**

Special Events Subcommittee: Ms. Young reported on the Unity, Cultural and Historical Festival.

- October 13, 10 am – 4 pm
- City Council provided \$10,000 toward the festival costs.
- Tampa Housing Authority is a sponsor.
- Discussions with West Tampa Chamber are on-going.
- 6-8 food trucks.
- Mr. Jackson is lining up entertainment, along with R&B groups and the Straz Band.
- There will be family games and Blake Boosters.
- The CAC is not in a position to sponsor a specific charity at this time.
- Lock in the date now for 2019.
- Discussion on marketing
- Discussion on City festival fees

Mr. Knight moved that the CAC work at getting the City to waive the \$7,200 permit fee for the festival and seconded by Mr. Smith. Motion passed. Mr. Turanchik absent for vote.

- Discussion on vendors and candidate areas
- 2019 Festival date has been reserved at Julian B. Lane

Good Neighbor Zoning Notices:

- 1810 N. Armenia – Substantial change
- 2106 W. Main – Beer and wine permit

Discussion on zoning requests, supporting new businesses coming into the community, and the potential roll of the CAC.

CAC requests that legal attend a future meeting to discuss this issue.

VI. **Announcements & Public Comment**

- Please have Hart on the October Agenda. Contact Ms. Lee.

Meeting Adjourned 7:26 p.m.

**West Tampa Community Redevelopment Area
Advisory Committee**

Meeting Notes
October 23, 2018

**Martin Luther King Jr. Center
2200 N. Oregon Avenue**

Attendees

Committee Members: Joe Robinson, Chair; Benjamin Buckley; Dedrick Jackson; Carlos Ramirez; Jeffrey Rhodes; and Tina Young

Excused: Delphine Jones; Marvin Knight, Kenneth Perry, Walter Smith II, Ed Turanchik, and Emanuel Wilson

Staff: Malcolm Kiner, Urban Development Manager
Michelle Van Loan, Economic Development Staff

I. Welcome / Introductions

Mr. Robinson opened the regular meeting of the West Tampa Community Redevelopment Area Advisory Committee at 5:41 p.m. on October 23, 2018. CAC members introduced themselves.

Mr. Robinson excused Marvin Knight, Kenneth Perry, Walter Smith II, Ed Turanchik, and Bobby Wilson.

Mr. Robinson announced that the City attorney, Jorge Martin would be postponed to next meeting.

Mr. Robinson requested that TPD attend next meeting after there was a shooting and a bullet penetrated a house and wounded an occupant.

II. Meeting Minutes September 25, 2018

Approval of the September 23, 2018 meeting minutes was postponed to next meeting.

III. Staff Reports

West Tampa Cultural and Historical Festival: The festival was a success and the weather and park were perfect for the event.

Salcines Park Mural: The artist began working on the mural.

Strategic Action Plan: After two almost years, West Tampa has a Strategic Action Plan. The CRA Board approved the Plan on October 11.

Other Items:

- Ben Buckley Started with the City of Tampa as a Building Inspector.
- Mr. Wilson is concerned about the loitering on Main Street and submitted a

- complaint. Captain Cade is working on increasing patrols.
- Trash in the back of the studio on main has not been addressed yet.
- Request for Codes to attend the next meeting.
 - Codes never cleaned up the alley that were identified.
 - Alley between Palmetto & Sheridan was cleaned
 - This is a safety issue.

IV. **Requests to Address the Committee**

Hillsborough County Social Services: James Girard, Audry Ziegler, and Sharon Gordon provided an overview of services and answered questions.

- Services Center: The City owns the property they occupy and the County leases it. The County has the funding to rebuild the building. At this time, do not know the fate of the building or timing.
- The building will continue to provide Head Start and Aging Services.
- Health care provider does not appear to be returning.
 - Tampa Family Health Care wants to maintain presence in West Tampa, but future location is unknown at this time.
- There are a lot of different agencies and County divisions involved in the final decisions.
- They are still providing:
 - Support services for electric, water, rent
 - Self-sufficiency grants
 - Childcare for those in education/training
 - Ongoing case manager for those trying to change circumstances
 - There are scholarships for ages 17-23 for university/community college
 - There is free health insurance program if you are at 110% of federal poverty level
 - There are many services one can apply for at the center
 - www.hillsboroughcounty.org/en/residents/social-services

V. **General Discussion & Questions**

Special Events Subcommittee: Ms. Young reported on the Unity, Cultural and Historical Festival.

- 20 vendors participated
- Bounce House
- Train
- Honor Faith, Hope and Charity
- Great start to the first festival of many to come
- 2019 Festival date is reserved for the park
- Committee will continue to meet and work on next year's event

Mr. Kiner recognized the hard work of members of the subcommittee in bringing it all together:

- Tina Young Sub Committee Chair, Dee Jackson, Heem Baisden, Brenda Lindsey, Delphine Jones, Carlos Ramirez, Janelle McGregor, Carla Lewis

Mr. Kiner work with Tina Young to send out thank you letters for the participants.

Ms. Fenton announced that the West Tampa Chamber has agreed to a sponsorship for next year's event.

Good Neighbor Zoning Notices:

- 608 N. Willow – Multi-Family
- 1912/1914 W. Fig Street – reconfigure and lot split for 4 townhomes

Additional Items:

- Status of the lighting program from Jan Washington.
- Mr. Kiner will come back to WTCAC with a list of proposed subcommittees for the CAC. Some suggestions included the following topics:
 - Zoning issues
 - The local neighborhood groups can filter up their opinions/comments through their member on the CAC.
 - Safety – Mr. Ramirez is willing to Chair the committee
- Jazz on the Lawn on 11/7 to support Edison Elementary
- Carla Lewis will be honor by the City with a special site at the Port Tampa Community Center.
- Nov 30 West Tampa Listening Tour with FDOT
 - Mr. Ramirez should attend
 - South side of Main Street, what is FDOT's plans for the future of that land?
 - It has become an eyesore
 - It has great potential if the area is created as "something" such as with flowers, nice landscaping, and beautification.
- Florida Redevelopment Association annual meeting will be in Tampa next year.

VI. Announcements & Public Comment

- The Festival was fantastic for the community.
- Need updates on TECO lights.
- The West Tampa Strategic Plan is online.
- Anyone can get on the C.A.R.E.S. newsletter email list and see all the requests that come through zoning and land use.
- Community would like to have input on zoning issues before Council votes on them.
- Rabi Mendy Dubrowski, Chabad Chai 808 N. Armenia (Armenia and State across from JCC). He looks forward to being a part of the community. He is also a chaplain with TPD.
 - Center is more community focused than a traditional synagogue.
 - Their doors are open to all and will council and provide services to peoples of all faiths.

Meeting Adjourned 7:00 p.m.

**West Tampa Community Redevelopment Area
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Meeting Minutes
November 27, 2018

**West Tampa Free Public Library
2312 W. Union Street**

Attendees

Committee Members: Joe Robinson, Chair; Kenneth Perry, Vice-Chair; Benjamin Buckley; Dedrick Jackson; Delphine Jones; Carlos Ramirez; Jeffrey Rhodes; Walter Smith II; Tina Young; and Emanuel Wilson

Excused: Ed Turanchik and Marvin Knight

Staff: Malcolm Kiner, Urban Development Manager
Michelle Van Loan, Economic Development Staff

I. Welcome / Introductions

Mr. Robinson opened the regular meeting of the West Tampa Community Redevelopment Area Advisory Committee at 5:36 p.m. on November 27, 2018. CAC members introduced themselves.

Mr. Robinson excused Ed Turanchik and Marvin Knight.

II. Meeting Minutes September 25, 2018

Mr. Perry moved to approve the September 25, 2018 meeting minutes and seconded by Mr. Rhodes. The motion passed unanimously.

III. Staff Reports

Salcinas Mural:

- Dedication will be on December 8 at 10 am
- Councilman Maniscalco and Reddick are scheduled to speak.

SubCommittee Discussion:

Mr. Kiner presented a list of proposed subcommittees. Recommend a CAC member as chair for each subcommittee, up to 2-3 CAC members per subcommittee, 9 is ideal subcommittee membership. All subcommittee meetings must be noticed and minutes taken.

- Special Events: Chair Ms. Young
- Economic Development
- Infrastructure: Chair Mr. Ramirez
 - Includes land Use and Zoning
- Housing: Chair Mr. Wilson, member Mr. Turanchik

Jorge Martin, City CRA Attorney:

- Subcommittee meetings are subject to Sunshine Law
 - Open to public
 - Reasonable notice of meeting
 - Minutes taken and reported out
 - If 2 or more members are in attendance and discussing an item that may come before the full CAC for a vote, then those members should refrain from discussing their opinions
 - Covered communication includes: face-to-face, written, text, email, social media, through a third party
- Voting prohibitions/conflict of interests:
 - Abstain: vote/discussion which you/your family may receive a special, private gain
 - Abstain: vote/discussion on an issue that is regarding the organization you represent
 - CAC members should not apply for CRA-funded grants
 - CAC member should not receive CRA funding that directly improves their real estate.
 - You cannot use your knowledge as a CAC member to pursue a business endeavor which you can then benefit by
 - Can vote on an area-wide benefit that benefits everyone, you included
 - Go to Mr. Kiner for any questions or uncertainties, before a conflict is created
 - CAC members should take a backseat to the needs of the CRA and public

Land Use/Zoning Discussion: Jorge Martin, City CRA Attorney

- CAC is an advisory body and viewed in the same way a Neighborhood Association is
- CAC can have opinions on zoning and land use matters
 - CAC opinions should be submitted through city staff vis established procedures
- Individual members should not provide opinions on these matters as members of the CAC. Only as individual citizens.

CRA Financial Questions: Jorge Martin, City CRA Attorney

- The CAC cannot do fundraising. TIFF is their funding source
- The CRA budgets do not have line items for contingency or reserves. Usually funds without an immediately identified purpose are held in the infrastructure line item and are then programmed into a line item for specific projects/programs.

Elections and CAC Membership: Jorge Martin, City CRA Attorney

CAC members may run for City office. If a CAC member is elected to office, they must then resign from the CAC.

IV. Tampa Police Department

Sgt. Bishop and Crpl. Furbush

- Mr. Robinson's rental home was shot at and a tenant hit by a bullet.
 - No arrest yet. There is evidence and it appeared to be due to a conflict, not random.
- Mr. Wilson mentioned an uptick in loitering last month on Main Street, including open containers and pop-up chairs. After many businesses utilized the "No Loitering" signs there was a reduction in activity. However, it has appeared to increase again.

- TPD response is to converse with violator and arrest on second occurrence.
- There may be a short lag in seeing TPD response when a new area/increase in activity is seen as they try and focus on areas.
- TPD regularly patrols and stops at Columbus Court, Main Street and Oakhurst.
- Mr. Robinson was victim of a cyber-attack and is grateful for all the assistance from TPD and Major Delgado.
- Shooting at W. State Street. Homicide is still working the case.
 - Recent shooting incidents appear to be aimed at specific individuals, but there is a risk of collateral injuries.

V. General Discussion & Questions

Special Events Subcommittee: Ms. Young

- Finalized Sponsorship Application
 - \$750 per small event, apply at least 30 days in advance
 - \$5,000 per large event, apply at least 60 days in advance
 - Requesting \$30,000 for reprogramming to fund the scholarships
 - Up to 5 \$5,000 grants and five \$750 grants in first year.
 - Mr. Kiner has set the request for the December 13 CRA Board meeting

Mr. Perry moved to approve reprogramming \$30,000 for the event scholarship program and seconded by Mr. Smith. The motion passed.

General Discussion:

- Façade Grant program will be worked through the subcommittee
- Mr. Wilson requested that each subcommittee develop a budget and priorities for FY19
- Mr. Robinson asked Mr. Kiner to send out the MPO plan to the CAC. The plan considers a roundabout at Rome and Columbus and a complete street concept for Main Street.
 - Request MPO to come talk about the plan
 - Mr. Ramirez has requested any engineering information on the plan.
- Meeting on the Cypress Street outfall (Stormwater) on December 4 at 5:30 at the MLK Center.
- Big hole in the road at Green and Albany has been fixed.
- Funding for any programs/project first require that there be a program/project established for such funding. A framework must first be created to provide funding.

VI. Announcements & Public Comment

- Request for meeting schedule of subcommittees when established.
- Request Codes to attend next meeting.

Meeting Adjourned 7:16 p.m.