

**West Tampa Community Redevelopment Area
Advisory Committee**

Meeting Notes

January 22, 2019

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

Attendees

Committee Members: Joe Robinson, Chair; Kenneth Perry, Vice-Chair; Benjamin Buckley; Delphine Jones; Tina Young

Excused: Dedrick Jackson; Marvin Knight; Carlos Ramirez; Jeffrey Rhodes; Walter Smith II; Ed Turanchik; 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 5:37 p.m. on January 22, 2019. CAC members introduced themselves.

The meeting did not have a quorum.

Mr. Robinson excused Dedrick Jackson, Marvin Knight, Carlos Ramirez, Jeffrey Rhodes, Walter Smith II, Ed Turanchik, and Emanuel Wilson.

II. Meeting Minutes November 26, 2018

Approval of the November 26, 2018 meeting minutes was postponed to next meeting.

III. Tampa Police Department Update

Lt. Groves provide the TPD update.

- Noticing an uptick in certain activities: Drug arrest, weapons charge, simple assault
- Victim's Rights Act passed in November, so now information about crimes will be more limited to protect victim.
- Quarterly TPD meetings with community
 - 2/27 6 PM at D1 on Tampa Bay Blvd
- TPD has 2 officers dedicated to helping the homeless
- Spotcrime.com
- Raids.com

Brenda Lindsey announced her sister is missing and appreciates everyone being on the lookout. Mr. Kiner will send out the flyer to the CRA distribution list.

IV. **Staff Reports**

CAC Member Elections: Election for officer positions of the CAC will be postponed until the results for city elections are known.

Salcines Park Mural: We had a well-attended dedication of the mural with representatives from the honorees, council, the artist, and community.

Other Items:

- Mr. Kiner will send out a Save The Date for the FRA conference in October and a link to the FRA newsletter/website.

V. **Requests to Address the Committee**

Tampa Neighborhood Empowerment: Carlos Rios provided an overview of services and answered questions.

- 30,000 complaints and 15,000 violations
 - Complaints can come from public or City workers
 - Goal is to get people to comply, not penalize.
 - Send a notice, give property 7 days to comply. Non-compliance can result in city action and then charge to the property owner.
- Alley Clean-up
 - If the alley has been vacated, it is the responsibility of the homeowner and city employees cannot address private property. Property owner will be sent a notice.
 - Some have been so neglected for years; the City will clean and then notify the property owners to maintain.
 - They respond and clean up illegal dumping
 - Call 274-3100 to check if an alley has been vacated
- SWEEP is handled through Solid Waste Department.
- Challenges:
 - Developers can get clearing permits, but then a property may sit vacant a long time during zoning approval and permitting process.
 - Areas and alleys south of 275.
- Donation boxes: Call the City and report box location.

CAC requested list of equipment that the East Tampa CRA provides their clean team crew.

Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO): Michele Ogilvie provided an overview of the Walk-Bike Plan Phase VI, West Tampa Multimodal Plan.

The powerpoint represents a sampling of the design concepts from the 300+page study. The study is still in the preliminary design stage and the MPO is presenting initial concepts to community groups for feedback and input.

Link to ppt presentation:

<http://www.tampabaynext.com/wp-content/uploads/2018/11/November-15-West-TampaMPO.pdf>

- Scope: Gray to Columbus, North Boulevard to Lois
- Goal: Enhance/improve connections, complete streets, sidewalks, intersections, lighting, speed management, draining, mid-block crossings.
- Designing with the local community in mind versus the need for a vehicle to travel through the community as quickly as possible

- Bicycles, bus, pedestrians, wider sidewalks
- Better for businesses
- Design concepts for:
 - Main Street, Columbus, Gray St, Beach St
 - roundabout at Columbus and Rome
 - If this concept moves forward, MPO will address the entire system in that area including the light to the south.
 - Concerns: Size and type of vehicle moving through the RAB
 - Neighborhood greenways
- County is doing some work on their road through West Tampa. Recommend talking with County early in process

VI. General Discussion & Questions

- Future discussions on inclusionary zoning
- Future discussion on Housing trust fund and code enforcement fines/process

Good Neighbor Zoning Notices:

- 2106 Main Street. Construction starting on Brewery Pub

VII. Announcements & Public Comment

- West Tampa CDC sponsoring a discussion and approaches to reducing gentrification. Feb 14 at 2 pm at the Library

Meeting Adjourned 7:43 p.m.

**West Tampa Community Redevelopment Area
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Meeting Minutes
February 26, 2019

**Dr. Martin Luther King Jr Center
2200 N. Oregon Ave**

Attendees

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

Excused: Dedrick Jackson; Jeffrey Rhodes; Ed Turanchik; Emanuel Wilson

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I. Welcome / Introductions

Mr. Robinson opened the regular meeting of the West Tampa Community Redevelopment Area Advisory Committee at 5:40 p.m. on February 26, 2019. CAC members introduced themselves.

Quorum at 5:56 pm.

Mr. Robinson excused Dedrick Jackson, Jeffrey Rhodes, Ed Turanchik, and Emanuel Wilson.

II. Mixed-Use Development RFP for West Tampa

Mr. Robinson requested that Mr. McDonough address the CAC on the recently posted RFP for a mixed-use development on the city-owned property at Rome/Oregon. Mr. Robinson shared Mr. McDonough's email answering Mr. Robinson's concerns. The CAC concerns included:

- No reference to the West Tampa SAP or City's Comprehensive Plan
- No reference to minority participation
- The CAC was not communicated with ahead of time on the release of the RFP
 - Lack of opportunity for CAC to express goals for development
- Short timeframe for response to RFP
- Perception as to how the RFP is being handled
 - RFP references the CRA but the CRA was not communicated with as a body
 - Would like more community engagement

Mr. McDonough provided an overview of and the City's approach to developing the RFP:

- Points in RFP came directly from the SAP
 - Workforce housing
 - Public access to the river
 - Sensitivity to the character of the surrounding community and historic nature of

the adjacent neighborhood

- Process:
 - RFP for land development is different than the process for bidding for goods and services
 - RFP prebid meeting is March 4, community is welcome to attend
 - RFP responses due March 20
 - 30 day shelter period for evaluation
 - City Real Estate, Legal, Housing, Economic Development, and a community member
 - Community person to monitor process
 - Dr. Fisher proposed
 - Proposed developments must comply with all zoning, the comprehensive plan, density requirements, etc...
 - Land is currently zoned Mixed-Use: residential, retail, office, hotel,
- Additional comments:
 - The City has easements along the river from Rick's all the way to Bayshore Boulevard so that length of the river will be integrated down to Julian B. Lane Park
 - Fences currently on the property will come down providing access to the river
 - Hoping for many responders with creative ideas
 - Looking for market to come back with the right mix and density
 - Expect that residential will be the strongest driver
 - The Yellow Jackets have completed their season at old facility and have their new facility ready for next season
 - Workforce is defined as 115% of median wage
 - Looking to compliment the services, retail, and grocery that will be in the nearby Tampa Housing Authority's development
 - MLK Center is remaining and not part of the RFP
- Additions to RFP. The City will add the following to the RFP posting:
 - Link to West Tampa Strategic Action Plan
 - Link to Comprehensive Plan
 - Link to West Tampa Overlay district
 - Link to Minority Business Development Ordinance

Mr. McDonough apologized for not better communicating with the entire West Tampa CAC prior to the issuance of the RFP.

Mr. Knight moved that the above listed items be added to the RFP posting. Mr. Perry seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

III. Meeting Minutes November 26, 2018

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IV. Staff Reports

Grants: Channel 10 has a \$30,000 grant that the CRA is applying for if the CAC funds a matching \$30,000. The money would be used at Rey Park and the MLK Community Center for much needed improvements. MLK Center: paint, outdoor games, fitness Rooms floor equipmen, furniture, mulch, inclusive play equipment. Rey Park: Interior Paint, Paint and

repair shelter, Mulch, Landscaping, Inclusive play equipment, Inside Tables/furniture/games, ADA access ramp.

Mr. Perry moved to approve matching grant funds in the amount of \$30,000. Mr. Ramirez seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

V. Requests to Address the Committee

Tampa Housing Authority: Leroy Moore provided an update of THA's development progress.

- As of last Monday, THA has funding for 5 building for 786 total units
- One building is under construction, the Renaissance at West River at Main and Rome
- Bethune high-rise will be next
- Building 3 at Oregon and Main will be 70% affordable family housing
- Building 4 will be 118 units
- Building 5 120 units
- 6th building on the horizon putting the total units over 800
- All units, but about 100 will be affordable

VI. General Discussion & Questions

Sub-Committees:

Infrastructure: Mr. Ramirez recapped the subcommittee meeting and discussion regarding the façade grant program. The committee requests that the CAC approve a façade grant program for West Tampa with Funding.

- Ms. Van Loan gave a presentation of the Façade Grant Program in the other CRAs, the completed projects, and the process for how the grant program works.
- Albany and Cypress were added to the list of priority streets.
- Mr. Ramirez will be the CAC representative to the Façade Grant review committee.

Mr. Perry moved to request the CRA Board to approve the expansion of the Façade Grant Program to include the West Tampa CRA and fund in the amount of \$350,000. Mr. Buckley seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Special Events:

- Maurice Vernon with the 24M Dads 5K March will hold his event on March 24 @8am the event is a family event centered around promoting positive fatherhood. They are marching for changing stations in mens' rooms, dad-to-dad support programs, encouragement to all men to be great father figures, funding for fatherhood initiatives, changing social norms, and most importantly, for the support of fatherhood. This event aims to inspire fathers and father figures, strengthen families, and strengthen the community. It is open to the community. The Celebrity Character Basketball Tournament will be hosted at the Martin Luther King Jr. Center in the afternoon, following the march.
 - Requested \$1,690
 - Committee is recommending funding of \$1,504

Approved

VII. Announcements & Public Comment

- Ms. Young requested a timing device for meetings.
- Newsletter discussion has been assigned to the Special Events Sub-Committee.
- Need to work on putting out more positive stories in the press about West Tampa.
- There is a West Tampa forum for City Council candidates at Barksdale at 6:00 pm.
- Please add state legislation discussion to next meeting agenda.

Meeting Adjourned 7:11 p.m.

**West Tampa Community Redevelopment Area
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Meeting Minutes

March 26, 2019

**Dr. Martin Luther King Jr Center
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I. Welcome / Introductions

Mr. Robinson opened the regular meeting of the West Tampa Community Redevelopment Area Advisory Committee at 5:39 p.m. on March 26, 2019. CAC members introduced themselves.

Quorum ended at 6:20 pm.

Mr. Robinson excused Dedrick Jackson, Jeffrey Rhodes, Ed Turanchik, Walter Smith II, and Tina Young.

II. Meeting Minutes November 26, 2018 and February 26, 2019

Mr. Perry moved to approve the November 26, 2018 meeting minutes and February 26 2019 meeting minutes. Motion seconded by Mr. Ramirez. The motion passed unanimously.

III. Tampa Police Department Updates

Captain Ruth Cate and Officer Lisa Bunn provided the TPD update. OFC. Bunn is on the evening shift and work the Crime Free Properties Program.

- 3/10 shooting in the vicinity of Main and Albany. Suspect arrested a few days later and it appears suspect and victim knew each other.
- Deborah Saucier was found deceased. Prayers to the family.
- Michael Shine, the runaway, has been found and returned home.
- Easter Egg Hunt at Riverfront Park
- McFarland Park: Islamic Festival on 4/14. 100 bike giveaway.
- Women's Final Four. Teams arrive 4/2 and first game is 4/5.
 - Convention Center will be hosting Tourney Town events with free giveaways and interactive activities.
 - 4/6 free concert in Curtis Hixon Park.
 - 4/7 Bounce of Riverwalk with giveaways.

- Drug transactions on Main Street between 8-8:30 am. Young man on bike was the alleged dealer.
 - Please call TPD whenever you see illegal/concerning activity.
- If the community would like surveillance on a particular public area, please provide the details to Cpt. Cate.
- Please come out and participate in the Porch Roll Call events in your community.
- Discussion of permit requirements for BBQ at main and Albany. Code Enforcement can also help with regulations and explain what is allowable.
- Discussion of internal affairs investigation of officers in TPD3.
- Rash of graffiti by what appears one “tagger”. Please provide TPD if you have any camera/video that may show perpetrator. Code Enforcement is working to get it cleaned up.

IV. Staff Reports

Legislative Update: Mr. Kiner updated the CAC on the status of HB9 and SB1054.

- Mr. Kiner will draft a letter for the CAC Chair and for the community.
- Concern the legislature is trying to pre-empt the power West Tampa just gained in directing the future of its community.

V. General Discussion & Questions

Sub-Committees:

Infrastructure: Mr. Ramirez recapped the subcommittee meeting and discussion. Subcommittee meets the second Wednesday at 5:30 pm at the JCC.

- Redevelopment and the zoning/planning approval process.
 - How to hold developers to their commitments.
- Issues for the subcommittee:
 - Preservation: brick streets, historic buildings
 - Parking
 - Safety, lighting
 - Crosswalks and sidewalks
- The West Tampa Façade Grant program will be on the CRA Board’s April 11 agenda.

Housing: Bobby Wilson recapped the meeting. Meets the second Tuesday of the month at 5:00 pm in the library 1st floor meeting room.

- Vanessa McCleary with the City Housing Division talked with the subcommittee about 2 programs she has that the CAC could leverage and participate in. Goal is to piggyback on the city program and add an aesthetic component.
 - Special needs rehab program
 - Down Payment Assistance program
- Want to get word out about the programs as the deadline is April 18.
- Want to assist existing homeowners and attract new homeowners.
- Want to also get word out in the fall for people to sign up for all their homestead exemptions they qualify for.

Special Events:

- Just had our first sponsored event and everyone is pleased with how it turned out.
- Juneteenth co-sponsorship application has been received.

- The subcommittee also heard about the CRAs' contract with a consultant to provide newsletters. Further discussion will be had on goals, content, West Tampa process for goals, content, distribution.
 - It is important to start sharing our West Tampa stories and to share information with the community.

Mr. Perry moved to have the West Tampa CAC participate in the newsletter contact and Mr. Ramirez seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

VI. Announcements & Public Comment

- Psomi, a Greek American bakery will be opening on Howard and Cass. Currently under reconstruction.
- Flavor of West Tampa is scheduled for Sunday, November 10.
- We would like to see a Job Training Center at the THA development in West Tampa.
- FDOT has a workforce development program in St. Pete. We would like to learn more about their program.
- Light on Tampa has lit up Fortune/Taylor Street Bridge.
 - N. Boulevard and Columbus bridges are 2 years out.
- Mr. Robinson reviewed the Good Neighbor notices for:
 - 1529 W. N. 8th street, rezoning
 - 2320/2340 W Columbus drive
 - 214 N. Howard
 - 1529 N. A Street

Meeting Adjourned 7:24 p.m.