

Mayor Castor's Advisory Teams
Affordable Housing Advisory Team – 1st Meeting
Co-Chair Bemetra Simmons
Co-Chair Rev. Dr. Tom Scott
Co-Chair Tyler Hudson
Wednesday, August 21, 2019 at 12:30 P.M.
Shumaker, Loop & Kendrick, LLP - Suite 2800
Bank of America Plaza - Gasparilla Conference Room
101 E. Kennedy Boulevard
Tampa, Florida 33602

Advisory Members present: Co-Chair Tyler Hudson, Co-Chair Bemetra Simmons, Co-Chair Rev. Tom Scott, Bret Azzerelli, Ernest Coney, Marianne Edmonds, Pete Edwards, Harry Hedges, Sul Hermani, Peter Leach, Ivette Lewis, LeRoy Moore, Debra Reyes, Darrell Robertson, Rebecca Snyder, Antoinette Triplet, Lynette Glass, Darrell Robertson, Tyler Hudson, and Jim Weiss.

Transition Team and staff present: Transition Lead Carole Post, Co-Chair Harry Cohen, Director of Planning and Development Thomas Snelling, Director of Strategic Initiatives Marley Wilkes, Marketing and Communications Director Ashley Bauman, Chief Assistant City Attorney Ernest Mueller, Housing and Community Development Manager Vanessa McCleary, Community Development Coordinator Kayon Henderson, Assistant City Attorney II Rachel Peterkin, and City Clerk Support Technician Karencia Ciagala.

Transition Lead Carole Post introduced herself as the Chief Administrative Officer of USF Health and the mayor's lead for these advisory teams, which will provide the vision for the future of Tampa. Ms. Post then welcomed and introduced Mayor Jane Castor.

Mayor Jane Castor stated that everyone in this room is here to help form a plan or road map to actionable affordable housing initiatives in our community. This is a nationwide problem, where people have been forced out of the cities, moving to rural areas with transportation problems. We need to get the community to do what needs to be done without legislative mandates. The mayor appreciates this team's willingness to serve, as it is critical to the future success of our city.

Hosting the location for this event, **Pat Shumaker** of **Shumaker, Loop and Kendrick, LLP**, stated that the City of Tampa has the finest mayor in America.

Transition Lead Carole Post introduced the transition Co-Chair Harry Cohen, and then team members gave brief introductions of themselves.

Sunshine Briefing – Chief Assistant City Attorney Ernest Mueller

As appointed members, all members are subject to the Sunshine and Public Record Laws of the State of Florida. A handout and brief overview of the laws was made. If two or more members are present, and they are not at a noticed meeting, they must refrain from speaking. The Sunshine Law requires that meetings be open to the public, noticed, and minutes taken. If more than one member is present, members should not partake in discussions, and cannot do so indirectly via

phone, email, or electronic media. Send emails to Marley Wilkes or Carole Post, and they will distribute information. It is a violation to reply to any other members, so do not hit reply all. Consequences can be a fine and/or jail time.

One-Voice and Citizen Input Briefing – Marketing & Communications Director Ashley Bauman

Any requests or questions from the public or media should be directed to Ashley Bauman to make sure that the information given is accurate and consistent. Please refer anyone looking for information to Instagram, Twitter, Facebook, or to tampagov.net/t3 on the web for information regarding these advisory teams. **Ashley Bauman** can be reached at (813) 390-7455 or via email to Ashley.Bauman@tampagov.net.

Housing and Community Development Manager Vanessa McCleary

Ms. McCleary provided an update of current programs and services and information on down payment/closing cost assistance programs and a handout/power point presentation titled *“The State of Affordable Housing.”*

Team members began discussions about developers, bonus provisions, and trying to make determinations as to knowing what is working and how to track. Need to stabilize schools so students can learn and talk to developers and employers to get on same track.

The group discussed the details of many of the existing program and Ms. McCleary clarified a number of issues and misunderstandings. There was interest in learning more about these and other programs, as well as essential data and metrics about this issue.

Manager Vanessa McCleary agreed to provide the team with the following information:

- Tracking showing rental vs. home ownership, transient population
- Funding CRA’s – consolidated plan – dated/zip codes
- Vacant land/property within city limits (COT/Hillsborough County School Board)
- Development/affordable housing for the past 10 years
- Income charts to be emailed to members prior to next meeting.

Those present gave public comment.

Next Meeting:

Monday, September 16, 2019 at 3:00 P.M.

C. Blythe Andrews Library

2607 E. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd

Tampa, Florida 33610

Minutes prepared by City Clerk Support Technician Karencia Ciagala