

**East Tampa Community Revitalization Partnership
October 8, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.
Ragan Park Community Center
1200 E. Lake Avenue
Tampa, Florida 33610**

The mission of the East Tampa Community Revitalization Partnership (ETCRP) is to work with all levels of government, community organizations, other stakeholders and citizens to provide leadership and oversight of the Community Redevelopment Agency and Tax Increment Fund in transforming East Tampa into a neighborhood of vibrant residential, commercial, social and cultural life through the implementation of the East Tampa Community Redevelopment Plan.

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ETCRP Minutes

October 8, 2019

6:38 p.m. Meeting Called to Order by Natasha Goodley, Chair

Invocation	Lafe Thomas, CAC Member
Welcome & Introduction	Natasha Goodley, Chair
Approval of Minutes September 10, 2019	Natasha Goodley, Chair

MOTION: Carrol Josephs Marshall moved to approve the minutes as presented. Seconded by Fran Tate; Motion carried.

CAC in Attendance: Natasha Goodley, Carrol Josephs Marshall, Lanette Glass, Keto Hodges, Celeste Judge, Lafe Thomas

City of Tampa Attendees: Ed Johnson, Eva Hughes, Roderick Glyder, Mike Peterson, Lalita Lovett, Sonya Henderson

I. Maya Carrasquillo, USF Research Project

- Maya Carrasquillo, USF PhD student studying environmental engineering
- Research project: Stormwater infrastructure in East Tampa
- Research objective: to understand and analyze the cultural, historical, institutional, and political influences within East Tampa that impact water infrastructure; focus is stormwater retention ponds
- Community engagement is a huge part of her research
- Interactive exercise:
 - Attendees split up into 4 groups
 - 3 USF researchers assisted her in facilitating discussions on 4 subtopics
 - Groups rotated

II. Subcommittee Updates

- Chair Goodley provided names of each subcommittee Chairperson
- New subcommittee Chairs:
 - Lafe Thomas - Membership & Outreach Chair
 - Me'Shay Holiday - Public Safety Chair
 - They will decide when to hold their meetings
- Contact information is listed for each Chair; reach out to them if interested in participating

III. Ed Johnson, East Tampa Development Manager – Updates

Ed Johnson, East Tampa Development Manager

Presenting two (2) programs for approval at the CRA Board meeting Thursday, October 10th @ 9 a.m. in Council Chambers:

- \$400,000 budgeted for Down Payment Assistance program with a homebuyers education program
 - \$15,000 maximum per individual
- \$500,000 budgeted for Owner-occupied Rehab program
 - In conjunction with the existing rehab program run by Housing & Community Development
 - \$15,000 per applicant (additional)
 - applications available

Mike Peterson, Neighborhood Enhancement/Code Enforcement Update

- Tree trimming completed along E. 26th Avenue from 26th Street to the railroad tracks going east
- Neighborhood lighting program is funded again for East Tampa
 - Will start seeing more lights coming in within the next few months
 - Contact his office with any lights that are out in your neighborhood; include telephone pole number
- Presentation next month on condemned properties and those scheduled for demolition
 - Hoping to have a map and addresses of properties they will be tearing down or rehabbing
 - 99% are vacant homes that have been boarded up for years and nothing has been done with them

Det. Roderick Glyder, Environmental Officer - Update

- Monthly report highlights
- Some of these dilapidated homes not dealt with for years/decades; brings down the community
- SWEEP complete in East Tampa; lots of people took advantage of the program
- People buying houses through auction, etc. inherit everything associated with it (code violations, structural issues, permitting and zoning issues, etc.)
- Cameras; illegal dumping

IV. Natasha Goodley, Chair's Update

Asked new CAC members to introduce themselves

- Celeste (Mona) Judge
- Lafe Thomas
- Keto Hodges
- Carrol Josephs Marshall
- Lanette Glass

FDOT decided not to close the Floribraska exit

- Chloe Coney thanked East Tampa for coming to the many community meetings and providing input.

RFP update for the 26 lots:

- Phase II: Eight organizations were shortlisted to present on November 13th.
- Hopefully, we can have a final determination by the end of the year.

Several attendees requested email notification when the meeting is scheduled.

Neighborhood Night Out Movies at Cyrus Greene, Tuesday, October 15 from 5:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Financial Boot Camp: City of Tampa Parks & Recreation Department, presented by Tampa Bay Federal Credit Union; free financial workshop on Saturday, October 26, 11 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. at Cyrus Greene Community Center.

V. Community Input (2 minutes per person and must pertain to agenda items)

Connie Burton: There has been discussion at several City Council meetings about the marijuana dispensary. Was it brought to the CRA's attention prior to being built?

Ed Johnson: No, it's outside of the CRA boundary.

Norene Copeland Miller: The dispensary is 2-3 blocks from the CRA; asked for Chair Goodley's stance on it.

Chair Goodley: We have not discussed it because it is outside of the East Tampa CRA boundary.

MOTION: Norene Copeland Miller moved that the CRA take a stance on the marijuana dispensary that is two blocks from our boundary and is going to affect this community. Seconded by Carol Ransom; 7 voted in favor of taking a stance; 4 voted against; approximately 20 attendees chose not to participate in the vote.

- Chair Goodley will look into if this motion should be carried with 20 or so people abstaining.
- Ed Johnson suggested this issue be addressed through the City Council process or petition.

Michael Farmer: The playground at 30th Street & Osborne has no parking. Chair Goodley stated there is parking at the Clarence Fort Trail; then walk around to the playground.

Betty Bell: We have been asking for a multi-cultural center in this area for years. Councilman Gudes kept his promise that he would see to it that we get a center; we want Al Barnes Park. We had a meeting there last Wednesday and over 25 people showed up; Councilman Gudes talked to us about what we want and need in this community. Thanked the city for giving \$1 million towards the center, the county for \$500,000, and the CAC for \$1 million.

Connie Burton asked for the minutes where we collectively voted to move \$1 million towards that venture. Fair Oaks is in the Strategic Action Plan. They have been promised on every campaign trail; they were at that meeting, as well. Chair Goodley stated the CAC approved it; she does not know the exact meeting date. Call the East Tampa office to request any minutes you would like to have.

VI. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:11 p.m.

Minutes prepared by: Eva Hughes, City of Tampa East Tampa Development

Next meeting November 12, 2019