

EAST TAMPA CRA
COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday, February 6, 2024, at 6 PM

City Center, 2555 E. Hanna Avenue

Minutes and Action Items

I. Attendance

Diann Zeigler	Craig Fox
Carlos de la Ossa	Toinette Gaines
Eboney De Costa	Aileen Henderson
Cynthia Donnell	Kimberly Headland
Norene Copeland-Miller	Connie Burton
Clinton Paris	Rev. Dr. Jeffery Johnson
Frankie Jones	Dr. Grace Glenn (virtual)
Fran Tate	

CRA Staff: Cedric McCray; Brenda Thrower; Belix Parks; Melissa Matinez and Vanassa Ross (virtual)

Rick Kugler; Mida Martinez; Andrew Washington; Bobby Creighton; Alison Hewitt; Ernest Coney; Alethia Somerset; Ciera Fox; Tony Brown; Kevin Johnson; Lanita Brown, Andrea White Alyssa Hogan, and Dr. Aletta Stevens (virtual)

II. Public Comment: Alison Hewitt; Kella McCaskill; Ernest Coney, Jr.; Mida "Mimi" Martinez.

III. East Tampa CAC Members Introductions

IV. East Tampa Project Updates (Melissa Martinez)

A. 1102 E. Curtis Street (Destinations Church)

1. Natural Resources site visit.
2. Asbestos Abatement & demolition services bid.
3. Removal of furniture and pianos

Ms. Martinez and Mr. McCray responded to ETCAC members' questions related to community outreach on the project (C. Ossa). Considering restoration prior to demolition (C. Burton). Whether the site will be used for attainable housing and the number of units (F. Tate). Preserving the history of the building (A. Henderson). Cost of demolition and remediation services and site visit (C. Fox). Schedule a workshop in the future to discuss this property (J. Johnson). Collect input from the ETCAC prior to the plans going into motion (C. Paris). Plans for properties moving forward (C. Burton).

B. 3623 N. 22nd Street (Gator Building)

C. Memorial Park Cemetery Update (Managers Report)

1. A temporary fence will be placed on the open perimeter of the cemetery.

V. East Tampa Youth Leadership & Entrepreneurship Academy (Alyssa Hogan)

Ms. Hogan provided an update on the program related to the number of participants, mentors, marketing, and ongoing recruitment efforts. She also discussed the various partnerships that have been established to support the students within the program. Participants are learning about self-identity, leadership, and employability skills as well as focus on community service. The program could benefit from sponsorships for incentives and presenters. An update was provided on the recent graduates from the program.

VI. East Tampa Managers Update

A. CAC Trainings on March 25th and April 1st

B. East Tampa Community Redevelopment Plan Update

1. Furr, Wegman & Banks Architects, P.A. awarded bid.
2. Looking forward to beginning the process in April 2024.

We should make sure the administration and staff work to bring these plans into fruition (C. Burton). The CRA is statutorily required to update the CRP. We must hold them accountable (C. Paris).

- C. Memorial Park Cemetery Veterans Memorial
 - 1. Providing and update at the February 8th CRA Board Meeting
 - 2. Discussed estimated restoration cost at \$10,000.

- D. Grants Updates
 - 1. Roofing
 - 2. Downpayment Assistance
 - 3. Façade grants

VII. New Business

- A. Updates on homeowner occupied rehabilitation program (C. Burton).
- B. Using professional services funds to hire contractual staff to development of RFPs to hire staff (J. Johnson).
- C. Memorial Park Cemetery Clean Up February 17th 9 AM – 12 PM (N.C. Miller)
- D. Jackson Heights N.A. Wellness Walk
- E. NAACP Community Olympics - April 13th

VIII. Adjournment: 8:07 PM

