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**EAST TAMPA COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AREA  
 COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**Meeting Summary**

May 7, 2024, at 6 PM

City Center at Hanna Avenue

2555 E. Hanna Avenue Tampa, FL 33610

**Meeting Called to Order** by Clinton Paris, ETCAC Chair at 6:02 p.m. Roll call was taken.

CAC Member	At-Large or Ex-Officio Seat	CAC Term (FY)	Present or Absent
Clinton Paris, Chair	At-Large	2024	P
Craig Fox, Vice Chair	At-Large	2026	P
Connie Burton	At Large	2024	P
Norene Copeland Miller	Ex-Officio	2024	P
Eboney De Costa	At Large	2026	P
Cynthia Donnell	At-Large	2024	P
Toinette Gaines	Ex- Officio - Legacy at Fair Oaks N.A.	2026	P
Dr. Grace Glen	At-Large	2025	A
Kimberly Headland	Ex-Officio – V.M. Ybor N.A.	2026	P
Aileen Henderson	At-Large	2026	P
Dr. Jeffery Johnson	Ex-Officio	2024	P
Frankie Jones	Ex-Officio – Rainbow Heights N.A.	2026	P
Carlos de la Ossa	Ex-Officio - S.E. Seminole Heights N.A.	2026	P
Fran Tate	Ex-Officio – Jackson Heights N.A.	2026	P
Diann Zeigler	At-Large	2026	P

**Staff present:** Cedric McCray, Melisa Martinez, Evan Johnson, Frank Hall, Chris Ullian

**Public Comments:** Jeraldine Rodgers Toons; Robert Puelo; Valarie Bullock; Aletha Somerset; Pastor Frank Williams; Kella McCaskill; Joseph Robinson

**Approval of April 2, 2024, CAC Meeting Minutes – There was a motion (Johnson/N.C. Miller) to approve the minutes with requested changes. The vote was unanimously approved.**

## Presentations

### A. 1911 E. Osborne Avenue Purchase, Cedric McCray

Cedric McCray, ETCRA Manager presented on the purchase of the property at 1911 E. Osborne for \$617,500 and \$20,000 towards the overall purchase and closing cost. Acquisition of the property would allow for an additional ingress and egress point to lost previously purchase in 2023 for the purpose of affordable housing. The purchase would be on May 9, 2024, CRA Board agenda for approval. There were several questions on the purchase process and necessity to purchase the property. ETCAC members expressed concerns related to the overall plans for future development on site purchased by the ETCRA. They would like to see the process move forward to ensure there are affordable housing options within East Tampa. ***There was a motion (Ziegler/Paris) to recommend the purchase of 1911 E. Osborne Avenue in the amount of \$637,500. The motion failed with N.C. Miller abstaining.***

### B. Faith Baptist Church Community Engagement Update – Evan Johnson, City Planning Department

Evan Johnson, with the City of Tampa Planning Department provided an update on the April 20, 2024, community meeting for the ETCRA owned site at Osborne Avenue and 12<sup>th</sup> Street. Mr. Johnson discussed the 2.7 acres site and the types of future land uses and zoning. Commercial and residential development is allowable on the current site and shared examples of the types of residential development that is allowable. Architectural styles, building heights and visual preference board results were shared with the ETCAC from the April 20<sup>th</sup> meeting. Mr. Johnson reviewed what makes a streetscape related to sidewalks, curbing, street trees and landscaping. Possible mobility improvements related to crosswalks, signage and bike lanes were shared. The online survey results based on elements residents felt were shared were important to them. There was little support for keeping the existing structure based on community input. Participants felt it was important to ensure housing was affordable for local incomes. Planning will follow-up in the Fall of 2024 with concepts on single family, mixed residential and mixed use and mixed residential. There will be an RFP process to develop construction plans following the Fall 2024 presentation. ETCAC members had an opportunity to ask questions of Mr. Johnson related to next steps and the process moving forward.

### C. Capital Projects Update – Melisa Martinez, Tampa CRAs Senior Projects Supervisor

Ms. Martinez covered project updates that were provided in the May 7<sup>th</sup> meeting agenda packets. She addressed questions related to stormwater ponds; Memorial Park Cemetery; and Gator building. The ETCAC requested beginning and ending dates for the listed projects.

D. FY25 Budget Discussion – Cedric McCray, East Tampa CRA Manager

ETCRA Manager Cedric McCray began to go line by line with the draft budget explaining the proposed grants changes with the revised grant programs and the amount. A budget workshop was requested to discuss the FY25 budget separate from the general ETCAC meeting. ETCAC members requested additional time to review the proposed ETCRA budget. ***There was a motion by (Johnson/Burton) to schedule a special call budget workshop. The vote was unanimously approved.***

**Managers' Report:**

ETCRA Manager Cedric McCray spoke to the following topics:

- a. CRA Board Chair Henderson absence at the April 20<sup>th</sup> community engagement meeting
- b. Youth Leadership and Entrepreneurship Academy event on May 18<sup>th</sup> at 1 PM
- c. 1911 E. Osborne Avenue purchase process
- d. Owner Occupied Rehabilitation Program
- e. Belix Parks transition to CRA Housing Program Coordinator
- f. East Tampa CRA Summer Youth Program.

**Unfinished Business**

**New Business**

**Announcements**

- a. Resolution 568 adopted in 2020 related to funding and the formation of the Racial Reconciliation Committee (C. Burton)
- b. Memorial Park Cemetery Clean-Up May 18th at 9 AM (A. Henderson)
- c. 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Seniors Scholarships (E. de Costa)
- d. Next CAC Meeting: June 4, 2024, at 6 p.m., City Center at Hanna Avenue
- e. Next CRA Board Meeting: June 13, 2024, at 9 a.m., Tampa City Hall

**Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 8:42 p.m.