



**East Tampa Community Revitalization Partnership  
April 14, 2009 at 6:30 P.M.  
Ragan Park Community Center  
1200 E. Lake Ave.  
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.*

**East Tampa Community Revitalization Partnership  
Community Advisory Committee  
Evangeline R. Best, Chairperson  
Leerone Benjamin, Sr, Vice Chairperson**

**E. T. C. R. P. Standing Committees**

Denese Meteye- James, Aesthetics & Beautification  
Ernest Coney, Jr., Economic Development  
Donald Brookins, Health Education Social Services  
Maxine Woodside, Housing  
Carrol Joseph- Marshall, Land Use  
Michael Farmer, Planning and Evaluation  
Rosa Cambridge, Public Safety  
Robert Blount, Secretary  
Molbert Scrivens, Treasurer  
Tatiana Denson, Membership  
Juan Davis, Sgt-At-Arms

# \*\*\*AGENDA\*\*\*

DATE: 4/14/2009

TIME: 6:30 P.M.

## **6:30 P.M. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER –EVANGELINE R. BEST, CHAIRPERSON**

Roll Call of CAC	Evangeline R. Best, Chairperson
Invocation	Leerone Benjamin, Sr. Co-Chair
Introductions of First Time Participants & Welcome	Cynthia Few, College Hill and Crime Watch
Approval of Minutes	Evangeline R. Best, Chairperson

## **I. 6:40 P.M. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Monthly reports on the table.

Aesthetics & Beautification Standing Committee Announcements

The deadline date for nominations of the naming of the community lake on MLK Blvd is April 15<sup>th</sup>. (Copies of forms on the table)

The East Tampa Christmas Celebration scheduled for Friday, December 11, 2009.

## **II. 6:45 P.M. NOMINATE & ELECT THE AD-HOC NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

Slate of Candidates – Gloria Davis, Johnetta Goldsmith, Sam Mobley, Brenda Mobley, Ronald Brookins and Betty Bell

⇒ Ad-Hoc Committee Nominations

Ad-Hoc Nominating Committee opens up nominations for CAC applications.

## **III. 7:00 P.M. PRESENTATIONS**

⇒ Bernadine White-King - United States Census Bureau

## **IV. 7:10 P.M. EAST TAMPA RE-DEVELOPMENT UPDATE**

⇒ Pending Neighborhood Projects presented by Lorna Alston

⇒ 2009 CAC Proposal Street Analysis Maps by Neighborhood presented by Michelle VanLoan

## **V. 7:20 P.M. EVANGELINE BEST, CHAIRPERSON UPDATES**

⇒ Maya Trotz, PhD, Assistant Professor, Civil & Engineering Dept., USF

## **VI. 7:25 P.M. COMMUNITY INPUTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

2 minutes per speaker – preference shall be given to speakers wishing to address items on the agenda.

## **VII. BENEDICTION - ROBERT BLOUNT, SECRETARY CAC/ETCRP**

## **VIII. MEETING ADJOURNED**

# EAST TAMPA COMMUNITY REVITALIZATION PARTNERSHIP

## STANDING COMMITTEE

### *2009 Meeting Schedule*

#### **Aesthetics & Beautification**

**Denese Meteye-James, Chair 988-1962**

Co-chair

Meets the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday in

In January, March, May, July September

November at TPDIII, 3808 N. 22<sup>nd</sup> Street

1:00 – 2:00 pm

#### **Economic Development**

**Ernest Coney, Jr., Chair 294-0220**

Juan Davis, Co-chair 875-3024

Meets the last Monday of the month at

Suncoast Schools Federal Credit Union

1920 E. Hillsborough Ave.

2:00 pm

#### **Health, Education & Social Services**

**Donald Brookins, Chair 383-2231**

Meets the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month at  
Potter Elementary

3224 E. Cayuga

3:00 – 5:00 pm

Ronald Brookins, Co-Chair for Health  
247-6800

Harold Keller, Co-chair for Education 974-6709

Richard Briscoe, Co-chair for Education 974-6413

Lo Berry, Co- chair for Education 974-0331

Cathy Huffman, Co-chair for Social Services  
505-6548

#### **Public Safety**

**Rosa Cambridge, Chair 767-4639**

**David Denson, Co-chair 412-9408**

Meets the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of the month

Cyrus Greene Community Center

2101 E. Martin Luther King Blvd.

12:00 – 1:00 pm

Linda Watson Secretary 621-5558

Mary Watson, Co-chair Ex-Offenders 974-1977

Leota Gillette-Young, Co-chair Ex-Offenders 986-5502

#### **Housing**

**Maxine Woodside, Chair 248-6548 x223**

Meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month

Suncoast Schools Federal Credit Union

1920 E. Hillsborough Ave.

12:00 – 1:00 pm

#### **Land Use**

**Carrol Josephs-Marshall, Chair 842-8323**

Toni Watts, Co-chair 248-9738 x107

Meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month at

TPDIII, 3808 N. 22<sup>nd</sup> Street

3:00 – 4:00 pm

#### **Planning & Evaluation**

**Michael Farmer, Chair 231-3470**

Meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month  
Suncoast Schools FCU

1920 E. Hillsborough Ave.

3:00-4:30 pm

Gloria Davis Co-Chair Neighborhood Advisory  
Committee under P&E

Ronald Brookins, By-Laws & Ethics  
247-6800

Brenda Grove, Project Review 220-0088

Gloria Davis, Neighborhood Advisory  
239-1827

Clara Cobb, Co-chair Newsletter 974-9387

Curtis Smith, Police Detective 242-3860

## EAST TAMPA COMMUNITY REVITALIZATION PARTNERSHIP

### **2009 Meeting Schedule**

January 13, 2009	10:00 a.m.	Cyrus Greene Community Center*
February 10, 2009	6:30 p.m.	Ragan Park
March 10, 2009	10:00 a.m.	Ragan Park
April 14, 2009	6:30 p.m.	Ragan Park
May 12, 2009	10:00 a.m.	Cyrus Greene Community Center*
June 9, 2009	6:30 p.m.	Ragan Park
July 14, 2009	10:00 a.m.	Ragan Park
August 11, 2009	6:30 p.m.	Ragan Park
September 8, 2009	10:00 a.m.	Ragan Park
October 13, 2009	6:30 p.m.	Ragan Park
November 10, 2009	10:00 a.m.	Ragan Park
December 8, 2009	6:30 p.m.	Cyrus Greene Community Center*

\* Ragan Park, 1200 E. Lake Ave., Tampa, FL

\* Cyrus Greene Recreation Center, 2101 E. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., Blvd., Tampa, FL

### ***COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY (CRA) MEETINGS:***

**The meetings of the Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) will be held on the second Thursday of each month at 9:00 a.m. in the City Council Chambers with the exceptions notated below:**

- Thursday: Jan. 15<sup>th</sup> @ 9:00 a.m. (Third Thursday)**
- Thursday: Feb. 12<sup>th</sup> @ 9:00 a.m.**
- Thursday: Mar. 12<sup>th</sup> @ 9:00 a.m.**
- Thursday: Apr. 9<sup>th</sup> @ 9:00 a.m.**
- Thursday: May. 14<sup>th</sup> @ 9:00 a.m.**
- Thursday: Jun. 11<sup>th</sup> @ 9:00 a.m.**
- Thursday: Jul. 23<sup>rd</sup> @ 11:00 a.m. (Fourth Thursday)**
- Thursday: Aug. 27<sup>th</sup> @ 11:00 a.m. (Fourth Thursday)**
- Thursday: Sep. 10<sup>th</sup> @ 9:00 a.m.**
- Thursday: Oct. 8<sup>th</sup> @ 9:00 a.m.**
- Thursday: Nov. 12<sup>th</sup> @ 9:00 a.m.**
- Thursday: Dec. 10<sup>th</sup> @ 9:00 a.m.**

### **Know Your Neighborhood Association**

Throughout the East Tampa Community Redevelopment Area, ten neighborhood associations are actively connecting residents to each other and city services working to ensure a safe and vibrant community. If you are already involved in your neighborhood association - thank you. If you would like to become a more active participant in your area, locate your group and simply contact the association president or call the City of Tampa Neighborhood & Community Relations office, (813) 274-7835.

**Neighborhood Associations**

College Hill Civic Association

**President**

Carla Grant

**Contact Information**[cmiller67@verizon.net](mailto:cmiller67@verizon.net)East Tampa Business  
& Civic Association, Inc.

Marc Hamburg

[flreamarc@aol.com](mailto:flreamarc@aol.com)Florence Villa/Beasely/  
Oak Park Civic Association

Valerie Washington

[valeriedasa@aol.com](mailto:valeriedasa@aol.com)Grant Park  
Civic Association

Ralph Johnson

[Ralphj0103@yahoo.com](mailto:Ralphj0103@yahoo.com)Highland Pines  
Community Task Force

Betty Bell

[bellsystem5@verizon.net](mailto:bellsystem5@verizon.net)Northeast Community Crimewatch  
& Civic Association, Inc.

Joel Barnum

[jbarnum@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:jbarnum@tampabay.rr.com)Northview Hills  
Civic Association, Inc.

Frank Reddick

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Association

Jeff Harmon

[jharmon@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:jharmon@tampabay.rr.com)Southeast Seminole Heights  
Civic Association

Sherry Genovar-Simmons

[silversund@aol.com](mailto:silversund@aol.com)

V.M. Ybor Neighborhood Association

Kate Pagan-Tighe

[kate.pagan@vmybor.org](mailto:kate.pagan@vmybor.org)

**ETCRP Meeting Minutes  
March 10, 2009 10:00 a.m.**

**10:05- A.M. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER –EVANGELINE R. BEST, CHAIRPERSON**

Roll Call of CAC	Evangeline R. Best, Chairperson
Invocation	Leerone Benjamin Sr., Co-Chair
Welcome & Introductions	Jeff Harmon, President Old Seminole Heights Neighborhood Association

**Roll Call:** Leerone Benjamin, Sr., Ernest Coney, Jr., Robert Blount, Denese Meteye-James, Maxine Woodside, Juan Davis, Carrol Josephs-Marshall, Michael Farmer

**Excused:** Donald Brookins and Tatiana Denson

**Absent:** Molbert Scrivens and Rosa Cambridge

**City of Tampa Staff in Attendance:**

Ed Johnson	Lorna Alston	Capt. Rocky Ratliff
Cindy Toselli	Carla Jackson	Det Curtis Smith
Jim Pinkney	Cal Worthington	Lenoir Russell
Towanda Anthony		

**Members in Attendance:**

Betty Bell	Terrance Bradford	Amanda Corsentino
Julius Davis	Gloria Davis	Rev. Willie Dixon
Billi Griffin	Johnetta Goldsmith	Sophia Gordon
Jeff Harmon	Alexandria Hopson	Lois Ingram
Theodore Johnson	Ruth E. Lewis	Sam Mobley
Betty Mobley	William Nieves	Vierne Placide
C.W. Ransom	Celeste Roberts	Willie Robinson
Elmore Sims, Jr.	Evan St. Ives	Nedra Thompkins
Toni Watts	William Wheeler	Charlene White
Timothy Williams	Elizabeth Wynn	

**Acceptance of Minutes: MOTION: Evangeline Best requested for a motion to accept the minutes. Maxine Woodside moved to accept the minutes. Seconded by Denese Meteye-James. Motion carried unanimously.**

**I 10:10 A.M. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Reports on the table

**II. 10:15 P.M. PRESENTATIONS**

⇒ Bernadine White-King was not able to attend the meeting and will make a presentation in April or May.

⇒ Jim Pinkney, Manager Clean City Division announced that Cal Worthington and his staff have done a wonderful job taking care of cleaning major corridors and working with the Environmental Detective on illegal dumping. Mr. Pinkney looks forward to the Summer Youth Program again this year and the upcoming Tampa Clean City Day on March 28, 2009.

Cal Worthington gave the following update for the area of East Tampa:

- Daily basis – clean & maintain the right-of-way
- 25 community receptacles cleaned twice a day
- Martin Luther King Blvd & 17<sup>th</sup> Ave through 21<sup>st</sup> Ave roughly 5 miles in each corridor cleaned
- Graffiti and abatement is being taken care of
- Clean and maintain North side of I-4
- 50 vacant lots are being cleaned every month
- Abated 26 local graffiti areas
- 50 lots mowed a month
- Cover 30 miles of maintenance a week
- 156 miles were covered in December
- 36 trips to the dumpster
- 94.8 tons of trash & debris collected in December
- In January maintained the right-of-way on Palm Ave and Martin Luther King Blvd.
- In February mowed 28 vacant lots

The Summer Youth Program will again hire 36 students this year between the ages of 16 through 18 and the pay will be \$7.50 an hour. (see attached flyer)

3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Clean City Day will take place on March 28<sup>th</sup>. There are 89 projects total included in New Tampa and South Tampa.

Toni Watts asked what other extra services will be provided. Mr. Worthington responded they will provide bags and gloves for the volunteers.

⇒ Capt. Rocky Ratliff gave the community an update:

- East Tampa crime is down
- Police are patrolling at local parks between 5 – 9 p.m. to address gang related activities.
- **242-3800** number to contact a shift commander for any problems in the area.
- Capt Ratliff also advised the community the problems at Lake Ave & 28<sup>th</sup> Street has been taken care of. Should not have anymore problems.
- Another area of concern at Osborne Ave and 42<sup>nd</sup> Street has also been taken care of.
- Some Roll-call meetings are now taking place in the community, which helps reduce crime.

⇒ Detective Curtis Smith told the community he began this task February 2008 and he goes by Florida statute 403.413 for illegal dumping. He works closely with Clean City and Code Enforcement. Det. Smith has also made many felony arrests. **Report is attached.**

## Q & A

- Mr. Mobley advised there is an electrical pole with no power. Det. Smith advised to contact **TECO at 228-1075 – Andrikk Frazier**.
- Michael Farmer asked if there is information that can be given to folks so they know where they can dispose of their materials. Det Smith responded he does go out and educate the folks. People are becoming more aware and know if they dump it is illegal and a felony. Places to dump are **McKay Bay 242-5320 and City of Tampa’s Solid Waste 348-1111**.

UCAP update – are trying to keep the construction areas as convenient as possible for the residents. Will keep open the entryway, driveways and sidewalks. Field Embassadors in blue hat and vest will be distributing tags on the doors with project information. This project will assist with better water pressure and replace fire hydrants. There are two projects going on a wastewater project and water main project.

In order to give back to the community UCAP and Aaron Woods, a senior at USF, have created ‘Gator Tracks’ a mentoring program for the engineering students at Middleton High School. They meet every two weeks and are assigned to a real project.

### ***III. 10:30 P.M. EVANGELINE BEST, CHAIRPERSON UPDATE***

Chairperson Best announced the following positions have been appointed:

Denese Meteye- James, Aesthetics & Beautification  
Ernest Coney, Jr., Economic Development  
Donald Brookins, Health Education Social Services  
Maxine Woodside, Housing  
Carrol Joseph- Marshall, Land Use  
Michael Farmer, Planning and Evaluation  
Rosa Cambridge, Public Safety  
Robert Blount, Secretary  
Molbert Scrivens, Treasurer  
Tatiana Denson, Membership  
Juan Davis, Sgt-At-Arms

Denese Meteye-James, Chairperson for Aesthetics & Beautification invited the community to nominate a person to have a community lake named after his or her name. Nomination forms and information will be located at the East Tampa Development office, 3808 N. 22<sup>nd</sup> Street. Deadline for submission is April 15, 2009. For more information, call Ms. James at 988-1962.

Chairperson Best announced elections will take place September 2009 and a Ad-Hoc Nominating Committee has to be formed. The following residents volunteered:

- Betty Bell
- Johnetta Goldsmith
- Sam Mobley
- Brenda Mobley

- Gloria Davis

Michael Farmer also added that it is critical that everyone sign in at the meetings so credit can be given to be eligible to vote.

#### ***IV. 10:40 A.M. ED JOHNSON, MANAGER EAST TAMPA DEVELOPMENT UPDATE***

Mr. Johnson gave the following updates:

- Will present the Strategic Action Plan Executive Summary Draft to the CRA Board and the partnership simultaneously in April.
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Street Road Enhancement's
  - Phase I MLK to Lake Ave. The design of Phase I is about 60-75% complete. Construction will begin next week. \$2 million for the first phase. The first phase also qualifies for the stimulus package and we could receive \$2 million.
  - Phase II Lake Ave. to 23<sup>rd</sup>
  - Phase III Roundabout at 21<sup>st</sup> Ave and 22<sup>nd</sup> Street meet.
  - Total project should be completed in 2013.
- IKEA will open the facility in May and job opportunities are available.
- March 12, 2009 CRA Board meeting. USF Collaborative will receive a commendation from the board.
- The City of Tampa has purchased some land around the land where Gene's Bar used to be. These purchases will help to assemble properties to bring in developers.

#### **Q&A**

Betty Bell, President Highland Pines asked what street were improved by the city's general funds. The following have been completed:

N. 42<sup>nd</sup> St, Arrow St, Cord St, N. 46<sup>th</sup> St., N. Carioca St., E. 32<sup>nd</sup> Ave, N. 48<sup>th</sup> St., N. 49<sup>th</sup> St. E. 26<sup>th</sup> Ave.

#### ***V. 10:50 A.M. COMMUNITY INPUT (3 minutes per speaker)***

Carla Jackson announced the following:

- Mayor hosting State of the City address on Monday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> at 10:00 a.m. at the Tampa Convention Center
- Town Hall meetings are beginning.
- The following projects were submitted for the All American City Award.
  - 40<sup>th</sup> Street Corridor
  - Sulphur springs annual kid holiday events at Sulphur Springs Elementary
  - East Tampa initiative
- Johnetta Goldsmith announced Front Porch has a Youth Employment Program with 10 positions available for the youth in East Tampa. There will also be 1 Program Coordinator position. For more information contact Ronald Brookins, Johnetta Goldsmith or Evangeline Best at 237-4127.
- Vierne Placide announced DACCO will have the dedication to the new building on March 23<sup>rd</sup> at 8:30 a.m.
- Toni Watts announced the ribbon cutting for the CDC of Tampa's new building – the Chloe Coney Urban Enterprise Center on March 17<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m.

- Charlene White, President of the West Tampa Bay City Elks Lodge to their Saturday program for volunteers and ideas.
- Betty Bell announced the Highland Pines Crime Watch meeting on Thursday at 6:30.

***VII. 12:05 A.M. BENEDICTION – MAXINE WOODSIDE***

**MOTION:** Denese Meteye-James motioned to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Maxine Woodside.  
**Motion carried unanimously.**

**Meeting adjourned** at 12:05 p.m.

**Minutes Prepared by:** Cindy Toselli, City of Tampa, and East Tampa Development