

Recap of the Citizens Advisory Committee Meeting January 25, 2008

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 A.M. by Chairman Anthony Arena. The members in attendance were: Chairman Anthony Arena, Vice Chairman Jim Mills, Anne Madden, Mark Snellgrove, Calvin Johnson, Vincent Tafuro, Gaye Townsend, Kay Doughty, Greg Truax, Jeffrey Rhodes, Miller Dowdy, Bea Black, and Don Coryell. Members absent were: Ron Pierce. Staff in attendance: Brandon Wagner. A quorum was present.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by Greg Truax. Each member introduced themselves, and Kay Doughty explained the role and responsibilities of the CAC for the viewing audience.

Election of Officers – CAC Officer Nominating Committee members Kay Doughty and Miller Dowdy presented a slate of officers for the CAC's consideration: Anthony Arena for Chairman, and Jim Mills for Vice Chairman. The slate was moved by Kay Doughty, seconded by Miller Dowdy, and approved unanimously.

The recap of the December 14, 2007, meeting was moved by Kay Doughty, seconded by Miller Dowdy, and approved unanimously.

Public Comment #1 – No public comments received.

Presentation on the Comprehensive Plan Amendatory Process by Paula Harvey, Division Director of Planning and Zoning Services – Ms. Harvey provided two handouts and discussed the history and purpose of Hillsborough County's Comprehensive Plan, its impact on the community today and in the future, and the process for amending it.

Presentation of the CAC Budget Review Subcommittee Recommendations – Ms. Madden and Mr. Arena led the CAC through a discussion and vote on each of the CAC Budget Review Subcommittee's recommendations. Recommendation #1 was amended by Mr. Mills. Each recommendation and the overall package was adopted by a majority vote of the CAC members present. Staff was directed to incorporate the amendment, prepare a cover explanatory letter, and submit both to BOCC Chairman Ken Hagan and the Board, with copies to CAC members, and appropriate County staff.

You've Made a Difference Award – Staff presented information pertaining to Bridge Health Care as a potential award nominee as requested. Concern was raised about the ability of the CAC to both recommend an entity, and then impartially vote to nominate that entity to the Board. The CAC requested staff to bring the matter back for further deliberation at its February meeting.

Facility Naming Report – Deferred to February meeting at the request of Ms. Townsend.

Proposed Presentation Schedule – The CAC directed staff to schedule presentation for February, March, and April on a motion by Mr. Truax, seconded by Mr. Johnson, and approved unanimously. Also staff was directed to bring the proposed presentation schedule back to the CAC at its February meeting for additional dialogue on securing a joint meeting with the Board, and scheduling presentations to coincide with the topics relevant to the Board's agenda and priorities. Staff was further instructed to schedule a presentation by Kay Doughty on substance abuse prevention planning. In addition, staff was directed to secure a table at the 2008 Hillsborough County Neighborhood Conference at the suggestion of Ms. Townsend and on motion by Ms. Doughty, second by Mr. Johnson, and approved unanimously. Ms. Black suggested convening a panel discussion with the University of South Florida, the University of Tampa, and Hillsborough Community College regarding the need to provide education for high demand jobs requiring specialized training. Chairman Arena committed to drafting letters to each institution's president requesting an appointee to participate in such a panel in the near future.

Other Business – None.

Public Comment #2 – No public comments received.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 A.M.