

Recap of the Citizens Advisory Committee Meeting August 25, 2017

The August 25, 2017, Hillsborough County Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) meeting was called to order by Chair Lowry at 8:30 a.m.

Members Present: Chair Lee Lowry, Vice Chair Kay Doughty, Barbara Aderhold, Wendell Duggins, Joseph Odda, Joe Pullara, Eric Seidel, and Tu Mai.

Members Absent: Linda Porter.

The Pledge of Allegiance and an explanation of the role and responsibilities of the CAC were given.

Public Comment #1: None.

Review of Meeting Recap: The July 21, 2017 CAC meeting recaps were reviewed and unanimously approved.

Presentation on Hurricane Preparedness: Preston Cook, Hillsborough County Emergency Management Director, gave a presentation on Hurricane Preparedness, entitled “Winging it is not an option.” He emphasized the need to plan ahead as storms can form quickly. He spoke to storm composition, strength rating, and hazards of a hurricane. He set out several rules for storm preparedness. He encouraged the CAC to be aware and have a plan and a kit. He discussed evacuation decisions. He shared information on the County site, including the HCFL Alert system. He provided jump drives for the storage of important documents. Ms. Doughty mentioned evacuations and recovery time. Mr. Odda reiterated to flee water and take shelter from wind. Ms. Aderhold brought questions from her civic association meeting, and asked about water delivery in rural service area if there is extended recovery time. Mr. Cook spoke to supply pods throughout the County.

Discussion of Land Use Planning: Lucia Garsys, Chief Development & Infrastructure Services Administrator, discussed Land Use Planning. She discussed transportation and land use, guiding principles, and work with other organizations, including the MPO. She discussed viewing land use and transportation as investment outcomes, including mobility options, great places, and economic prosperity. She discussed connected suburban neighborhoods. She discussed focus areas of the County, ranging from the I-4 Corridor to the Brandon Corridors. She discussed the historical development nodes of the County. She discussed focusing on new growth but also retrofitting past land use decisions. Ms. Aderhold asked about water and growth. Lucia discussed affordable housing near job sites. Mr. Seidel and Lucia discussed the grid system. She also discussed managing expectations. Mr. Elend asked about tools to execute this plan.

2017 Chair and Vice Chair Elections: Linda Porter was elected Chair and Kay Doughty was elected Vice Chair for the term of September – December 2017.

Other Business: Staff solicited specific tour site requests. Ms. Doughty requested an upcoming presentation on opioid addiction efforts in Hillsborough County.

Mr. Elend discussed the recent issue of doxxing resulting in harassment to citizens who spoke at a recent BOCC meeting. Mr. Elend discussed writing a letter to the BOCC encouraging them look

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into the issue and look at County policies to protect people so public comment is a safe space to have conversations. He requested that a vote be taken at this meeting to write a letter, as it is a timely matter that should not wait until September. Chair Lowry noted a precedence on the CAC writing letters to the BOCC on issues. With a unanimous vote, the CAC moved to take action on the issue at this meeting, and to write the letter to be sent following this meeting. The CAC unanimously voted to send a letter with the following content: to make them aware of the issue, to ask them to investigate to see whether there are any policy recommendations they can make to provide a process to investigate issues in the future, and to ensure policies at meetings are optimized to ensure things like this do not happen.

Ms. Doughty noted adding the time, date, and location of meeting during the reading of the CAC roles and responsibilities at the beginning of each meeting.

Public Comment #2: None.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 10:15 a.m.