

## **Recap of the Citizens Advisory Committee Meeting November 17, 2017**

The November 17, 2017 Hillsborough County Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) meeting was called to order by Chair Porter at 8:30 a.m.

Members Present: Chair Linda Porter, Vice Chair Kay Doughty, Joseph Caetano, Joseph Pullara, Marlin Anderson, Eric Johnson, Barbara Aderhold, Joseph Odda, and Tu Mai.

Members Absent: Adam Elend, Eric Seidel and Wendell Duggins.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given and members introduced themselves. Mr. Johnson read the purpose of the CAC.

**Public Comment:** None.

**Review of Meeting Recap:** The September 22, 2017 CAC meeting recap was reviewed and unanimously approved on motion by Mr. Pullara, and seconded by Ms. Aderhold.

**Presentation on Homestead Exemption:** Due to an emergency, Mr. Kevin Brickey, Economist, Management and Budget was not able to attend the CAC. This presentation will be rescheduled for a future meeting.

**Presentation on Stormwater:** Mr. John Lyons, Director, Public Works provided an update on Stormwater. He began with an overview of the department, including the program status since 2015. He discussed the stormwater program FY18, which accounts for \$40 million in projects. He discussed a focus on the customer, and how the department responds to customer requests. Mr. Lyons discussed the five year work plan, the seventeen watersheds in Hillsborough County, and funded neighborhood projects. He spoke about culvert rehab and replacement, and noted that there are \$21 million in neighborhood projects this year. He spoke to environmental compliance and storm and emergency response, including the sandbags necessary for the recent hurricane. Mr. Lyons spoke to system maintenance and repair to keep drainage working. Finally, he spoke to stormwater planning and future needs. He noted that stormwater planning by the County provides a flood insurance discount to residents, and discussed a focus on increased service levels.

Mr. Pullara asked about subcontracting service. Ms. Aderhold asked about subdivision impacts with stormwater planning. Mr. Lyons discussed sea level rise and coastal areas. He spoke to a new topography product that the County is using to provide a more accurate model. She also asked about blowing grass into stormwater system, and Mr. Lyons noted it is a violation of the code and they have put an emphasis on communication in response to this issue. Mr. Anderson asked about the County's philosophy towards cleaning out supply, and Mr. Lyons noted that the County does not clean canals in the unincorporated areas. Mr. Pullara asked about a maintenance schedule on roadways. Mr. Lyons noted the hurricane's impact on the schedule. Ms. Doughty asked for a status of the Lithia Pinecrest intersection improvement. Mr. Johnson asked about the fee increase and Mr. Lyons noted the increase can net the County an additional \$4.5 – 5 million. Mr. Lyons spoke to mobility systems including the ability to walk or bike. Mr. Johnson asked about targets not met, and Mr. Lyons spoke to permitting and estimations.

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**Introductions:** The members of the CAC introduced themselves and briefly discussed their backgrounds and interest in joining the CAC.

**Discussion of Baseball Stadium:** Mr. Anderson discussed the Wednesday BOCC meeting, noting that three of seven commissioners were opposed to public funding. He also mentioned that Mr. Merrill is focused on private funding. Ms. Aderhold noted that she read the stadium would cost \$800 million and noted Raymond James Stadium. Mr. Caetano discussed his opinion on taxpayer dollars to stadiums. Mr. Anderson spoke to the additional 1% TDT, and noted using the \$6 million for parks and cultural centers could free up almost \$5 million in the general funds.

**Other Business:** The CAC would like an update on the budget recommendations and the letter regarding community speakers. Chair Porter also inquired as to what the BOCC would like them to do.

Adjourn at 9:45am.