

Recap of the Citizens Advisory Committee Meeting July 21, 2017

The July 21, 2017, Hillsborough County Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) meeting was called to order by Chair Lowry at 9:00 a.m.

Members Present: Adam Elend, Eric Seidel, Linda Porter, Barbara Aderhold, Lee Lowry and Joe Pullara.

Members Absent: Kay Doughty, Wendell Duggins, Joe Odda.

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 March 24, 2017 CAC meeting recaps were reviewed and unanimously approved.

Nominations for and discussion of 2017 Chair and Vice Chair Elections: The CAC discussed nominations for chair and vice chair. Nominations should be emailed to staff prior to the August meeting, where the vote will be taken. The term will be shortened, through December, and the regular annual election cycle will resume in January 2018.

Presentation on Sunshine Law: Mary Helen Farris, General Counsel for the County Attorney's Office, presented on Sunshine Law. She spoke to basic requirements, communications in multiple forms, notice requirements, and voting under Sunshine Law. Ms. Farris answered questions on meetings and social media. She also addressed questions regarding what classified communication between members on social media. She also discussed Sunshine Law and homeowner association meetings. The CAC expressed an interest in learning more about Hillsborough County's lobbyist ordinance, and Ms. Farris agreed to attend a future meeting to present on the topic.

Discussion of Budget: Bonnie Wise, Chief Financial Administrator, and Tom Fesler, Budget Director, presented on the FY2018 budget. They provided a powerpoint presentation given to the Board of County Commissioners. They spoke to budgeting challenges, including the upcoming homestead exemption. They discussed budget proposals and the CAC report, and concepts under review, such as employee benefits packages. They also addressed the TDT threshold.

Other Business: The CAC discussed speakers and plans for the next several meetings. They requested a presentation on land use planning, stormwater, flood maps, hurricanes, and revenue. They expressed interest in a tour, and requested the airport.

Public Comment #2: None.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

Note: Instructions to staff are underlined