



Hillsborough
County Florida

Hillsborough Board of County Commissioners 2021 Citizens Advisory Committee

Friday, July 23, 2021

8:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.
County Center - 18th Floor

AGENDA

- Call to Order **Chair McDonald**
- Pledge of Allegiance **Noelle Licor**
- Accept the Minutes from the June 25, 2021 meeting
- Public Comment
- Guest Presentations:

Ross Dickerson
Environmental Lands Manager
- Discussion of Work Plans **Subcommittee Members**
- Committee Updates **Members**
- Adjournment **Chair McDonald**

Next Regular CAC Meeting:

Friday, August 27, 2021
8:30 – 10:30 a.m.



Recap of the Citizens Advisory Committee Meeting

June 25, 2021

The June 25, 2021 Hillsborough County Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) meeting was called to order by Chair Jen McDonald at 8:30 a.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Members Present Virtually:

Chair Jen McDonald, Vice-Chair Noelle Licor, Tu Mai, Christopher Harris, Melissa Jackson, Allison Roberts, Paulette Walker, Nicholas Glover, Adam Elend, David Wilson, Kay Doughty, Sean Baraoidan, Joseph Pullara and Barbara Aderhold

Public Comment: None.

Meeting Recap:

The committee received presentations from Janet Dougherty, Executive Director of the Environmental Protection Commission and Ed Sherwood, Tampa Bay Estuary Program on the issue of water quality. Ms. Dougherty introduced Tom Ash to answer any questions. Ms. Dougherty spoke about the Commission's work in addressing citizen's concerns. She further explained how the 15 delegated programs fulfill responsibilities and the research collaborations they cover. Mr. Ash spoke to naturally occurring algae blooms, specifically how some look like paint and the difference between algae blooms and a sewage leak. He also explained fish kills and the blooms that cause this phenomenon and how this can be enhanced by an imbalance in the environment. Ed Sherwood presented on the historical and future recovery and sustainability data and the effects sea grass can show about water quality. He also spoke to the community steward-ship, aging infrastructure, education campaigns and the nutrients that impact the Bay's water quality. Mr. Sherwood described a new campaign aiming to educate homeowners on upkeep of their pipes and potential incentive programs. He said that we are seeing the benefits of a healthy Bay with the increase of oysters, crab and other industries. The County has made some robust efforts towards maintaining healthy water quality. The CAC can support this initiative by being engaged and active in the community water shed. Vice-Chair Noelle Licor spoke about changes that can be made to the HOA rules for Florida friendly landscaping.

The members of the CAC concluded their meeting by discussing work plan subcommittees. Subcommittee leaders were reminded of the protocol needed to be in compliance with sunshine.

Chair McDonald asked the committee about any County Commissioner updates and reminded them to check in.

The meeting adjourned at **10:24 A.M.**

The next meeting is scheduled virtually for July 23, 2021.

Hillsborough County Citizen’s Advisory Committee (CAC)

Current Events Sub-Committee Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: July 15, 2021

Members Present: Ms. Jennifer McDonald, Ms. Noelle Licor, Mr. Adam Elend, and Mr. David Wilson

Members Absent: None

Members of the Public: None

Meeting Location: Virtual

Meeting start: 1:02PM EST (13:02)

- Topic 1 – Transportation Tax
 - Discussed current Hillsborough Transportation Tax refund issues and CAC receiving report on status from Hillsborough County Staff (“Staff”)
 - To be brought to CAC attention – *unanimous favor*.
- Topic 2 – Water Quality (Health & Safety)
 - Discussed Red Tide issue and for CAC to immediately seek additional insight.
 - To be brought to CAC attention – *unanimous favor*.
- Topic 3 – Additional Items
 - Discussed CAC asking Staff about any additional findings regarding black cemeteries within Hillsborough County.
 - Proposed CAC to ask Florida Representative Fentrice Driskell to discuss her appointment by Florida Governor Ron DeSantis to the taskforce to study black cemeteries.
 - Discussed CAC asking Staff about the Hillsborough County redistricting process and where it currently stands.
 - Discussed Health and Safety regarding Hillsborough County’s contract with trash pick-up and vendor’s failure to fulfill its obligations.

Meeting End: 1:45PM EST (13:45)

Hillsborough County Citizen's Advisory Committee (CAC)

Transportation Sub-Committee Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: July 15, 2021

Members Present: Ms. Kay Doughty, Ms. Jennifer McDonald, Ms. Noelle Licor, Ms. Tu Mai, Mr. Sean Baraoidan, Mr. David Wilson, and Mr. Nicholas Glover.

Members Absent: None

Members of the Public: None

Meeting Location: Virtual

Meeting start: 2:05PM EST (14:05)

- Topic 1 – Tax
 - Discussed current Hillsborough Transportation Tax refund issues and CAC receiving report on status from Hillsborough County Staff (“Staff”).
 - Subcommittee recommends CAC to ask District 4 Commissioner Dr. Stacy White to discuss his leadership in opposition to the previous tax and future transportation tax efforts.
 - Subcommittee recommends CAC to ask All for Transportation leadership to discuss their insight into “All for Transportation 2.0”, the renewed Transportation Tax efforts.
- Topic 2 – Ferry Service
 - Discussed receiving updates from public/private leaders on the status of the Ferry service system.
- Topic 3 – HART
 - Discussed CAC receiving status report on HART.
 - CAC should gain clarity regarding HART’s past and future system in the South Hillsborough area.
- Topic 4 – Additional Items
 - Subcommittee discussed receiving both private/public reports on remote work’s affect on transportation.

Meeting End: 2:53PM EST (14:53)

MUNICIPAL OVERLAY SUBCOMMITTEE

JULY 5, 2021

In Attendance: Barbara Aderhold, Sean Baroidan, Kay Doughty, Melissa Jackson, Paulette Walker

The committee discussed their observations from the three CAC meetings where Municipal Overlay had been a topic: Commissioner White, Commissioner Smith (Ruskin) and Tom Lee Brandon), and Melissa Zornitta (Planning Commission) and Lynn Tipton (Florida League of Cities.)

From the discussion, the committee identified a number of further questions:

- What is the difference between a community plan and municipal overlay ?
- When will the Planning Commission resume its review of community plans?
- Why did the process of incorporating the community plans into the Land Development Code stop?
- When was the last community plan approved? Are there any in process?
- What are the current definitions of: Community Plan, Municipal Overlay and Incorporation?

It was decided that the subcommittee should meet with Melissa Zornitta from the Planning Commission and Adam Gormly from Development Services to get responses to the questions.

The chair will followup with Jim Taylor to get a meeting scheduled with them, separately or together.

The committee also discussed the possibility of preparing a Road Map for the BOCC on the process for communities to get to Municipal Overlay and Incorporation.

MUNICIPAL OVERLAY SUBCOMMITTEE

JULY 22, 2021

In Attendance: Barbara Aderhold, Sean Baroidan, Kay Doughty, Melissa Jackson, Nick Glover

Invited Guests: Melissa Zornitta, Adam Gormly

Staff: Jim Taylor

Ms. Zornitta and Mr. Gormly, having received the minutes from the meeting of July 6, 2021 which included the questions the committee had regarding Municipal Overlay, etc., were asked to respond.

Ms. Zornitta discussed the current community plans in Hillsborough County, those which had been reviewed and those that were under review. She noted that as the plans were being reviewed and updated, the Planning Commission and the communities were working with Development Services to incorporate necessary sections into the Land Development Code.

Ms. Zornitta noted that there was not a specific definition that could distinguish a Municipal Overlay from a Community Plan, however, that the Municipal Overlay seemed to require more attention to infrastructure and what was needed to support a community.

Mr. Gormly also addressed the role Development Services played with the Community Plans and agreed that working in tandem with the Planning Commission and the Communities to add necessary sections of plans to the Land Development Code was prudent.

Mr. Gormly also noted that the Municipal Overlay required a community to determine its ability to be self governing; that is, could it support the infrastructure of fire, police, etc. with the resources it would receive through taxation.

The committee discussed next steps and requested Jim Taylor to ask County Administrator, Bonnie Wise, to meet with the committee to get a sense of the status of the County. Jim indicated Ms. Wise may not be able to give an opinion as the Municipal Overlay issue is a BOCC prerogative. He will let our committee know her response.

The committee decided that our next step would be to begin putting together a list of resources, actions, etc, a community would need to take to become a Municipal Overlay. Barbara agreed to supply the committee with information about the Keystone area efforts.