



Hillsborough River Interlocal Planning Board & Technical Advisory Council

Hillsborough River Interlocal Planning Board

Monday, January 23, 2023, 9:30 am

Meeting Location: Members-18th floor County Center / Public-Online

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Roll Call**
3. **Pledge of Allegiance**
4. **Public Comment**

5. **Welcome new member Commissioner Michael Owen**

- ★ 6. **Election of Officers (two-year terms)**

7. **Recognition of four years of service to the River Board by Commissioner Stacy White**

- ★ 8. **Approval of Previous Meeting Summary**
 - A. October 25, 2021* (p.3)

9. **Presentations, Reports & Status Updates**
 - A. Litter control in the lower river, Ocea Wynn, City of Tampa
 - B. TAC Activity Update, Dr. Richard Brown, Chair, River Board TAC

10. **Other Business**
 - A. Strategic Planning Retreat, Friday, June 16, 2023, 8:30-12:00* (p.7)
 - B. Next meeting: Annual Joint Meeting with TAC, April 18th at 1:30

★ *Indicates Action Required*

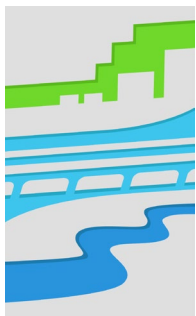
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October 24, 2022
9:30 a.m.

Meeting Location:
County Center/Online

Hillsborough River Interlocal Planning Board Meeting Summary

Present

Stacy White, BOCC, Chair
Joseph Citro, COT
Rich Brown, HC Citizen
Gail Reese, TPC

Meredith Abel, TT
Diego Guerra, TPC

1. Call to Order

Chair White called the meeting to order at 9:30 AM.

2. Roll Call

Members were sufficient to establish a quorum

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Chair White led in the Pledge of Allegiance

4. Public Comment

None.

5. Approval of Previous Meeting Summary

A. River Board: July 25, 2022

Motioned by Meredith Abel and seconded by Joseph Citro, the River Board approved the meeting summary unanimously.

6. Presentations, Reports & Status Updates

A. River Speed Zone Gaps (Karla Price, City of Tampa)

- Review of request from Councilmember Citro on closing the gaps and how the TAC and Riverboard might assist.
- City Council approved changes in 2020.
- Two gaps
 - Went over boating restricted areas by statute
 - Within 500 ft of a boat ramp, within 500 ft of fuel pumps, within 300 ft of any bridge fender system, within 300 ft of any bridge span presenting a vertical clearance of less than 25 feet, within 300 feet of a confluence of water bodies presenting a blind corner
 - Ricks on the River and Boulevard Bridge – 912 ft long. FWC allows for the closure of gaps less than 500 ft. FWC got on the river and looked at it closer. Unable to find a way to close this gap with current statutes.

- South and West sides of the river, there are two schools. The city owns some of that riverfront and is building a Riverwalk there. The intent is to build a kayak launch closer to the center. This will allow for the gap to be closed.
- About a 1500 linear foot gap from Tampa General to Marjorie Park. The city owns some property and has talked about doing a kayak ramp there. That may have to involve a launch as there is a sea wall. The East side is all private docks and they feel the impacts of the waves from the gap.
- West River Walk increase in access and possible canoe/kayak launch near Ricks on the river are a couple of possible solutions.
- Looking into local officials changing the statute.
- Provided an update on deploying the markers in the river. Waiting on the Army Corp permit to start installing.
- Next steps – public education and enforcement

Discussion:

It was asked if the areas south of Kennedy Bridge are considered intercoastal waterways and/or if it is possible to use environmental considerations, manatees for example. That could be used to close the gap between the I-275 bridge and the North Boulevard bridge. Ms. Price will come back with information on the intercoastal waterway. It was noted that the area south of Rick's on the River is a safety area. The federal agencies have been able to shut down traffic when cruise ships are coming in and out. Rental companies are doing better about educating renters and tracking rental boats with GPS.

Joseph Citro moved that this presentation be given to the Tampa City Council, seconded by Meredith Abel. The voice vote passes unanimously.

B. 2023 River Board Meeting Schedule

- Monday, January 23; Tuesday, April 18 (joint meeting with TAC at 1:30P); Monday, July 24; Monday, October 23
- Location: Plan Hillsborough room on the 18th floor of County Center, 601 E. Kennedy Blvd., Tampa, FL
- Monthly meeting agendas will be posted on the website:
<http://www.planhillsborough.org>

Councilmember Abel moved to accept the 2023 meeting schedule, seconded by Councilmember Citro. The voice vote passes unanimously.

7. Consistency Determinations

Recommended for Approval – TAC has found these consistent and the River Board finds them consistent with the River Master Plan.

- A. Port Tampa Bay Minor Work Permit No. 73731**

- Installation of approximately 140 linear feet of vinyl sheet pile and construction of a new dock.
- B. Port Tampa Bay Minor Work Permit No. 74408
 - Rehabilitation of the Virginia Ave Pump Station (City of Tampa) and replacement of the pump station force main.
- C. Port Tampa Bay Minor Work Permit No. 74677
 - Construction of a dock with davits.
- D. Port Tampa Bay Minor Work Permit No. 74820
 - Construction of dock, boardwalk, riprap, and swim access.
- E. Port Tampa Bay Minor Work Permit No. 74990
 - Construction of a dock addition and a non-covered boatlift.
- F. Port Tampa Bay Minor Work Permit No. 21-064
 - Installation of telecommunications fiber optic cable.
- G. Port Tampa Bay Minor Work Permit No. 22-030
 - Bridge maintenance.
- H. Port Tampa Bay Minor Work Permit No. 22-038
 - Replacement of North & South Fenders System Located at Platt Street Bridge.
- I. Port Tampa Bay Minor Work Permit No. 22-039
 - Morris Bridge over Hillsborough River scour countermeasures bridge maintenance.

Chair White asked for a motion to approve all items. Meredith Abel so moved, seconded by Joseph Citro. By voice vote, the motion passes unanimously.

8. Other Business

- A. River Stewardship Award Program October 27, 2022, at 5 PM
- B. The river is doing well. The rain quantities have not overwhelmed the damn. It is mostly fresh down to the Lowery Park area. The Friends of the River boat parade starts at Lowery Park and goes to the Sulphur Springs area, mostly kayaks and canoes with a few pontoon boats. It is on December 11th. There is a festival on November 12th, and the information will be sent to the Board Members' offices.
- C. The PURE project is still underway and has active discussions between the city groups and the city council. Public outreach has begun. The concerns include cost; it has to be done to drought-proof the facilities, not necessarily true; what are the standards of the treated water going into the aquifer; there is concern about some of the chemicals that will be used that have no standards set by the federal government; there is some pressure around discharging of wastewater from statutes, there are workarounds that can give some breathing room, the greatest amount of fresh water is coming from the water treatment facility which will benefit the marine life.

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It was noted that there is lots of water that is not potable around the area. It has been put back into the bay. There need to be other things done with it based on the statute. Reverse osmosis is the best way to clean the water, which is very expensive. Putting the treated water into the river, pulling it back out and cleaning it, and then injecting it back into the aquifer would be a less expensive solution. The citizens are against the increased cost of water. If there is no suitable plan, the City of Tampa could begin to be fined \$10,000 daily. A solution, even in small increments, needs to begin.

There is continuing discussion around this topic.

Chair White adjourned the meeting at 10:09 AM.



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Agenda 10. A. Strategic Planning Retreat, June 16, 2023, 8:30-12:00

Attachments:

Strategic Planning Retreat Notice



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Save the Date!

Plan Hillsborough Strategic Plan Retreat

Date: Friday, June 16, 2023

Time: 8:30 am – 12:00 pm

Location: TBD



Plan Hillsborough, an agency composed of staff who serve the Hillsborough County City-County Planning Commission, the Hillsborough County Transportation Planning Organization and the Hillsborough River Interlocal Planning Board, provides coordinated land use, transportation and Hillsborough River planning for the four local governments in Hillsborough County.

The Plan Hillsborough 2018-2023 Strategic Plan (Strategic Plan) outlines strategic priorities and actionable implementation strategies for the agency over a five-year planning horizon. It is the first Strategic Plan developed jointly by the three boards and was developed through collaborative input, staff analysis and development, and board feedback. It is now time to update the Strategic Plan.

As this iteration of the Plan Hillsborough Strategic Plan comes to a close in 2023, we would like to spend some time discussing the updates to the plan for 2024 through 2029. It is important for us to have your input as we create the road map for Plan Hillsborough for the next five years. The Strategic Plan provides a sense of direction for staff to better serve our client governments and the community at large. The actionable goals and strategies that come from our discussions will improve how we carry out the agency's vision and directives in a cohesive and seamless manner. We look forward to discussing this update and gathering your thoughts.