

# New North Transportation Alliance Advisory Board Meeting Minutes--DRAFT

Wednesday, September 14, 2011 8 a.m.

## Attendance

Pedro Parra	Hillsborough County Planning Commission
Tony LaColla	Hillsborough County Planning Commission
Lisa Montelione	City of Tampa, Council Member, District 7
Bob Williams	Florida Hospital Tampa
Chas Marino	Citizens for West Meadows
Brad Parrish	City of Temple Terrace
Pete Hewitt	Bavarian Village
Fredric Zerla	University Square Civic Association and THAN (Tampa Homeowners An Association of Neighborhoods)
Sebrina Posey	for Suzanne Tate, James A. Haley Veterans Hospital
Barbara Donerly	USF Facilities Planning and Construction
Manuel Lopez	USF Parking and Transportation Services
Rick Fallin	USF Parking and Transportation Services
Brian Abrams	USF Parking and Transportation Services
Nina Mabileau	City of Tampa
Christian Wells	USF Office of Sustainability
Jason Jackman	CUTR Safe Routes to School
Phil Winters	CUTR
Jennifer Iley	CUTR
Sara Hendricks	NNTA

## Welcome/Introductions

Barbara Donerly, Chair of the NNTA, welcomed attendees, introduced our guests, and asked for round robin self-introductions of NNTA members.

City of Tampa Council Member Lisa Montelione is working with the Innovation Alliance and the Planning Commission to do some community planning and development standards and asked for NNTA's assistance in identifying studies that have been done in the area to help inform their discussion and avoid redundant efforts.

## Presentation: NNTA Work Plan, Sara Hendricks

Sara gave a brief presentation describing the coming year's NNTA work plan to promote alternative transportation and reduce single-occupant vehicle trips. The PowerPoint presentation is uploaded onto the NNTA website at <http://www.newnorthalliance.org> There was some discussion regarding moving the west boundary of the NNTA service area farther west to as far as I-275 and north to Bearss Avenue.

## Presentation and Discussion: University Area Community Plan Update Pedro Parra and Tony LaColla, Hillsborough Planning Commission

Mr. Parra provided information packets and gave a PowerPoint presentation, uploaded to the NNTA website, which described the process of community planning, identified the various stakeholders contacted, and the history of community planning in the University Area. All community plans are contained within the Livable Communities Element of the Hillsborough County Comprehensive Plan and can be found at <http://www.theplanningcommission.org/hillsborough> (click on Livable Communities).

Community planning is a process of consensus and it is the Commission's job to ensure that all stakeholders are identified, contacted and represented in the process. While the comprehensive plan for Hillsborough County provides for broad policy, the community plan contains neighborhood-level specifics and is supported by appropriate zoning and other regulations. Community plans are updated every ten years. This is an update of the original University Area Community Plan, the process started in June and will last 18-24 months. The Planning Commission seeks NNTA's help in identifying stakeholders, issues, and other entities seeking funds for community improvements in the University Area, for the purpose of coordinating. In addition to monthly stakeholder meetings, Commission staff will meet with stakeholders individually, bring in experts to speak on the identified issues and hold a visioning process. Community plans do not ensure funding of improvements but the priorities described in the plan set the stage for requesting funds from various sources. Because this is a plan update, the Commission concentrates on identifying changes in conditions that would warrant changes to the plan.

NNTA members gave feedback regarding the interests of their respective organizations and contacts for further stakeholder discussion, as well as transportation planning initiatives and projects currently underway in New North. Topics included live/work stability in the University area, need for sidewalks, bus stops, lighting, traffic patterns and flow, landscaping, neighborhood connectivity, and pedestrian safety. Discussion also included the need for intersection improvements to 50<sup>th</sup> street and Fowler Avenue, and bicycle facility uniformity and connectivity between Temple Terrace and USF. A sidewalk along the east side of 50<sup>th</sup> street at the intersection with Fletcher Avenue is needed to provide safe access to the planned HART Bus Rapid Transit stations there. Sidewalks are also needed along Bruce B. Downs Blvd. between Fowler and Fletcher Avenues where there are many HART bus stops and the VA Hospital. NNTA members requested staff to draft a letter to the Hillsborough MPO Executive Director, with cc to local elected officials, requesting expedited installation of sidewalks in these locations.

The Planning Commission invited NNTA members to take a survey about the University Area, found at <http://www.theplanningcommission.org/hillsborough/communitybasedplanning2/university-area-community-plan>

The Planning Commission is also working on a Community Planning Guide, found at <http://www.theplanningcommission.org/hillsborough/communitybasedplanning2/Community-Planning-Guide>

An Open House on September 20 at the University Area Community Center on 22<sup>nd</sup> Street at 5:30-7 p.m. will provide an overview of the University Area Community Plan update process.

### **Vote Installs Barbara Donerly as New NNTA Chair**

The NNTA Board unanimously approved the installation of Barbara Donerly as the official new NNTA Chair.

### **Approval of March Minutes**

The May meeting minutes were approved.

### **Meeting Adjourned at 9:30 a.m.**

### **Next Meeting**

Next meeting is scheduled for November 9, 2011.