

NEWSLETTER

Greater Frenchtown/Southside & Downtown Districts

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The Tallahassee CRA would like to thank the advisory committee members who will reach their term limits on Tuesday, September 30, 2025. We appreciate their dedication, time, and commitment to "Working together toward community goals" and wish them all success in future endeavors.

Downtown Redevelopment Commission (DRC) Exiting Members







Greater Frenchtown/Southside Citizens' Advisory Committee (GFS CAC)

Exiting Members

Muhammad









Cheryl LaRoderick
Collier-Brown McQueen

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Formal recognition will occur at the October 23, 2025, CRA Board Meeting.



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DOWNTOWN DISTRICT (DT)



On Thursday, August 21, 2025, the CRA Board unanimously approved \$150,000 in funding for the Calhoun Pedestrian Bridge Lighting Project. KCCI (Knight Creative Communities Institute) presented a proposal to utilize aesthetic lighting to enhance safety and civic identity and catalyze revitalization for the area. The proposed lighting was presented as energy-efficient LEDS that can be programmed to change color.

TDIA Adams St Lightscaping Project Approved

On Thursday, August 21, 2025, the CRA Board approved \$55,000.00 in funding for the first phase of the Adams Street Commons Plan, a TDIA initiative designed to transform Adams Street into a welcoming, active district that supports ground-floor retail, hospitality, and regular public events. The lightscaping enhancements on Adams St between College Ave and East Jefferson St includes overhead string lighting and landscape and walkway lighting.



On August 21, 2025, considering extenuating circumstances, the CRA Board approved the request from MDL Tallahassee Owner, LLC, for 100% of the City of Tallahassee portion of tax increment funds (TIF) generated by the project at 730 W Gaines St from completion until the DRC sunsets in 2034. The applicant presented that the project provides significant public benefit components that will exceed the amount of the reimbursement.

North Adams Street Pedestrian Improvement Project Approved

The CRA Board unanimously approved funding of \$1,500,000 at the August 21, 2025, CRA Board Meeting. The proposed pedestrian improvements will extend along North Adams Street from Tennessee Street to Brevard Street and occur before planned roadway resurfacing. UUPI's funding request for the project's design and construction is anticipated to be completed in Winter 2028.

GREATER FRENCHTOWN/SOUTHSIDE (GFS)

Congratulations to SoMo Walls for being recognized by The International Economic Development Council as a "Gold Winner" in the "Real Estate Development & Reuse" category and for a successful first year!

1450 Lake Bradford Rd CPIP Approved

On Thursday, August 21, 2025, the CRA Board granted the owner of 1450 Lake Bradford Rd \$33,147.00 in funding after they applied for a Commercial Property Improvement Program (CPIP) grant. The funds will replace plumbing fixtures, make HVAC improvements, bring exterior stair railings up to code standards, paint exteriors, improve parking, and make other exterior improvements.

1100 N Monroe St CPIP Approved

On Thursday, August 21, 2025, the CRA Board granted \$43,308.00 in funding to the owner of A Country Rose Florist and the property at 100 N Monroe St after applying for a CPIP grant. The funds will be used to replace the existing business sign, make HVAC improvements, and replace the existing roll-up doors.

1104 Old Bainbridge Rd CPIP Approved

On Thursday, August 21, 2025, the CRA Board granted the owner of 1104 Old Bainbridge Rd \$49,038.00 in funding after they applied for a CPIP grant. The funds will be used to complete exterior and interior improvements to the building. Exterior improvements include repairs to the existing parking lot, exterior painting, new signage, and exterior lighting. Interior improvements include new HVAC, new electrical panel box, new flooring, and repairs to existing life safety systems.

UPDATES AND UPCOMING

CRA FY 2026 CRA Operating and Capital Budget At the August 21, 2025, meeting, the CRA Board adopted by resolution the Fiscal Year (FY) 2026 CRA Operating and Capital Budget. The CRA Chair and Executive Director were also authorized to commit funds and approve expenditures consistent with the budget as proposed.

CRA FY 2024 CRA Audited Financial Statements At the August 21, 2025, meeting, the CRA Board accepted the Tallahassee CRA FY 2024 Audit Report. Forvis Marzars (external auditors) has issued an "Unmodified Opinion", the highest opinion that auditors can express on an organization's financial statements.

2025 COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY (CRA) BOARD MEETINGS

City Commission Chambers, City Hall - 300 South Adams Street, 2nd floor Meeting begins @ 9:30 AM

Meeting Dates	Submittal Deadlines
Thursday, 10/23/2025	Thursday, 09/11/2025

2025 DOWNTOWN REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION (DRC) MEETINGS

Renaissance Community Center - Growth Management Conference Room 435 N Macomb St, 1st floor, thru doors to CRA Suite - Meetings begin @ 9:00 AM

Meeting Dates	Submittal Deadlines
Tuesday, 12/02/2025	Tuesday, 10/21/2025

2025 GREATER FRENCHTOWN SOUTHSIDE CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (GFS CAC) MEETINGS

Smith-Williams Service Center - 2295 Pasco St, Annex B - Meetings begin @ 6:00 PM Monday, 09/22/2025 Has passed

COFFEE & CONNECTIONS



Event begins @ 8:00 AM for all dates

Locations can be found on the CRA website and social media

10/01/2025 12/03/2025

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