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Greater Frenchtown/Southside & Downtown Districts

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COFFEE & CONNECTIONS

The Tallahassee CRA hosts a monthly **Coffee and Connections**. Join us on the first Wednesday of the month, at different locations within our districts, for free coffee and a light snack. This is an opportunity to meet with staff and other members of the community. Come learn about funding opportunities through the Tallahassee CRA and share ideas! Check our website and other social media for our 2024 dates and locations!



Thank you to all that attended the first 2024 Coffee & Connections that was hosted by the Challenger Learning Center.



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WORKING TOGETHER TOWARD COMMUNITY GOALS

GREATER FRENCHTOWN/SOUTHSIDE (GFS)



Earley's Kitchen – 1458 South Monroe Street continues to make progress in their remodeling project. They are projected to reopen later in 2024. June 23, 2022, the CRA Board approved a grant to this family-owned business in the amount of \$213,111. Disbursement of a portion of the grant funds has been provided to assist with professional services costs. The total grant amount and all other terms of the grant will remain as previously approved.

Special Category Grant Accepted

Thursday, February 1, 2024, the CRA Board voted 4 - 1 to accept the terms and conditions of a Special Category Grant from the Division of Historical Resources for the former Robinson's Grocery Store located at 2021 Holton Street. To date, there is approximately \$800,000 available to restore this building in the Bond Neighborhood.



Columbia Gardens at South City Phase I Nearing Completion

The Tallahassee CRA, the City of Tallahassee, and Leon County has partnered with the Tallahassee Housing Authority (THA) in developing 380 apartments along Orange Avenue in South City. The THA has scheduled a Phase I Open House on February 15, 2024, for their financial partners. The Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for Phase I is expected for late April 2024. Phase II is currently under construction.



DOWNTOWN DISTRICT (DT)

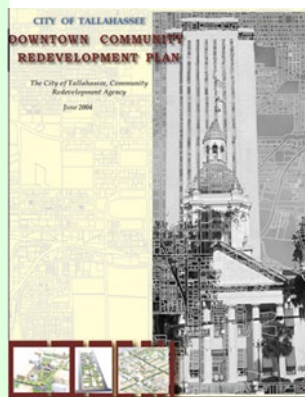
Hayward House – 228 South Adams Street (former Andrew’s)

The Hayward House is now open. On Thursday, February 1, 2024, Landmark Hospitality LLC was approved by the CRA Board (4 - 1) to receive \$134,000 of CRA Medium and Large Redevelopment Funds. The funds were used to continue renovations on the restaurant located at 228 S. Adams Street.



10-Year Strategic Investment Plan

The Downtown District sunsets in 2034. The Tallahassee CRA will be conducting community workshops so that downtown stakeholders will have an opportunity to provide input on developing a 10-year Strategic Investment Plan. The goal of this plan is to prioritize projects and identify where the community would like to see the CRA focus their efforts. Workshops and meeting information will be on the CRA website and social media. We will keep the community informed throughout the process.



Bicentennial Sculpture In Cascades Park

The Tallahassee Downtown Improvement Authority (TDIA) has proposed a sculpture in Cascades Park to commemorate the city’s Bicentennial. During the February 6, 2024, Downtown Redevelopment Commission (DRC) Meeting, Elizabeth Emmanuel, Executive Director, TDIA, presented a request for up to \$90,000 in CRA funding to cover site preparation costs. DRC Members voted unanimously to recommend approval by the CRA Board.



FSU Master Craftsman Studios

UPDATES AND UPCOMING

2024 CRA Board, DRC, GFS CAC, and Coffee & Connections Meeting Dates

COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY (CRA) BOARD

City Commission Chambers, City Hall - 300 South Adams Street, 2nd floor
Most meetings begin @ 9:30 AM (8/22/2024 @ 3:00 PM)

Meeting Dates	Submittal Deadlines
Thursday, 03/28/2024 - 9:30 AM	Thursday, 02/15/2024
Thursday, 05/23/2024 - 9:30 AM	Thursday, 04/11/2024
Thursday, 08/22/2024 - 3:00 PM, Budget @ 5:00 PM	Thursday, 07/11/2024
Thursday, 10/17/2024 - 9:30 AM	Thursday, 09/05/2024

DOWNTOWN REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION (DRC)

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, 05/07/2024	Thursday, 03/28/2024
Tuesday 08/06/2024	Thursday, 06/27/2024
Tuesday, 11/12/2024	Thursday, 10/03/2024

GREATER FRENCHTOWN SOUTHSIDE CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (GFS CAC)

Smith-Williams Service Center - 2295 Pasco St, Annex B - Meetings begin @ 6:00 PM

Monday, 04/08/2024	Thursday, 02/29/2024
Monday, 06/10/2024	Thursday, 05/02/2024
Monday, 09/09/2024	Thursday, 08/01/2024
Monday, 11/18/2024	Thursday, 10/10/2024

COFFEE & CONNECTIONS



The Challenger Learning Center @ 200 S Duval St will be providing us space inside for January, February, and March. Thank you!

Event begins @ 8:00 AM for all dates

Locations after March are still pending – Stay Tuned!

01/03/2024	04/03/2024	07/03/2024	10/02/2024
02/07/2024	05/01/2024	08/07/2024	11/06/2024
03/06/2024	06/05/2024	09/04/2024	12/04/2024



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