



Legislation Text

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SUBJECT/RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the North Greenwood Community Redevelopment Citizens Advisory Committee Policy.

SUMMARY:

On May 23, 2023, the North Greenwood Community Redevelopment Area (NGCRA) was formally established as a community redevelopment area under the purview of the City of Clearwater Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA). Originally, the NGCRA was proposed by the Clearwater Urban Leadership Coalition in 2019. The City of Clearwater and the CRA then moved forward with the approval of a required Finding of Necessity Study, identifying, and ultimately establishing the NGCRA boundaries (840.88 acres or 1.31 square miles), and the creation of the NGCRA Plan. The NGCRA Plan is the guiding document for implementation strategies and policies to eliminate slum and blight in the NGCRA.

To ensure the Plan is implemented in continuous collaboration with the community, the Plan, sections 5.4 and 5.5, states the city will establish a Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC), a “recommending body,” comprised of residents, business owners, property owners, and non-profit organizations located in the plan area. Once established, the CAC will aid staff and the CRA Trustees to administer the implementation of the NGCRA Plan.

Prior to CRA staff conducting a robust CAC member recruiting campaign, CAC policies and guidelines must first be in place. Staff is requesting approval of the attached “North Greenwood Community Redevelopment Area Citizens Advisory Committee Policy.” The purpose of the Policy is to establish uniform guidelines under which the CAC for the NGCRA will be organized, comprised, and administered. It also provides guidelines the CAC will follow unless relevant circumstances justify an alternative approach acceptable to and approved by the CRA Trustees.

The CAC will consist of five members, with three members appointed by the City of Clearwater City Council (City Council) and the remaining two members appointed by the Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners (Section 5.5, NGCRA). CAC members will serve without compensation.

STRATEGIC PRIORITY:

