



TALLAHASSEE  
Community  
Redevelopment  
Agency

# NEWSLETTER

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!



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**WORKING TOGETHER TOWARD COMMUNITY GOALS**

## GREATER FRENCHTOWN/SOUTHSIDE (GFS)



**Bond Community Health Clinic - 1549 S Monroe St** The Bond Community Health Center, Inc. (Bond CHC) has requested approximately \$160,000 in funding from the CRA for proposed improvements to the exterior and interior of the property located at 1549 S Monroe St. The cost, fees and proposed improvements include architectural fees, permitting, demolition, modifications to the present HVAC unit including new ductwork, constructing new interior walls, and renovating restrooms to current American for Disabilities Act (ADA) standards. Plus, construction of a pharmacy drive thru window with an overhead canopy. The project was approved for recommendation to the CRA Board by the Greater Frenchtown/Southside Citizens Advisory Committee (GFS CAC) at the June 10, 2024 GFS CAC meeting. The approximately \$160,000 funding request will be presented to the CRA Board as an agenda item at the August 22, 2024 meeting.



**Osceola Street Sidewalk Project** The City of Tallahassee Underground Utilities and Public Infrastructure (UUPI) Department has requested \$600,000 in funding from the CRA to design and construct a sidewalk within the Greater Frenchtown/Southside District along Osceola Street between Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard and South Adams Street. The proposed sidewalk will connect the existing sidewalk on Osceola Street and Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard to the existing sidewalk on South Adams Street. The project was approved for recommendation to the CRA Board by the Greater Frenchtown/Southside Citizens Advisory Committee (GFS CAC) at the June 10, 2024 GFS CAC meeting. The funding request will be presented to the CRA Board as an agenda item at the August 22, 2024 meeting.

## DOWNTOWN DISTRICT (DT)



**Argonaut Coffee - 850 S Gadsden St, Suite 106** Argonaut Coffee, LLC was granted \$101,813 in CRA funds to assist with the completion of exterior and interior renovations at 850 S Gadsden Street, Suite 160. The requested grant funds will be used to complete additional improvements to the interior and exterior of the space including a pergola over the exterior seating area, a metal awning over the front entrance, and an interior thin brick accent wall. The project was approved for recommendation to the CRA Board by the Downtown Redevelopment Commission (DRC) at the June 10, 2024 DRC meeting. The funding request for exterior and interior renovations to Argonaut Coffee at Cascades Park located at 850 S Gadsden Street, Suite 160 was approved by the CRA Board at the May 23, 2024 meeting.

### 10-Year Strategic Investment Plan

In April 2024, the Tallahassee CRA conducted two DT 10-year Strategic Investment Plan community workshops and had an on-line survey available for Downtown stakeholders. At least 75 individuals attended the workshops and over 425 stakeholders completed the on-line survey. The information and data received is currently being used to develop a draft strategic investment plan. The draft will be discussed at a DT DRC meeting in the Fall of 2024 and final disposition by the CRA Board is anticipated to occur Fall 2024 or early Winter 2025. The goal is to prioritize potential projects, funding and identify where the community would like to see the CRA focus their efforts. More information as the process proceeds will be on the CRA website and social media.

**STAY TUNED!**

# UPDATES AND UPCOMING

## Welcome New GFS CAC Member, Shari Morris!

Mrs. Shari Morris has been a cherished resident of the South City neighborhood for over 17 years. She has spent 22 years in a pastoral role and holds a Master's in Divinity which helps with fostering connections and nurturing spirits. Mrs. Morris is a devoted wife, a mother of four and has the joy of being a grandmother to fifteen grandchildren. She is an active member of the South City Neighborhood Association, and she serves as the South City Foundation Block Champion.



### COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY (CRA) BOARD MEETINGS

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

Meeting Dates	Submittal Deadlines
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) 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, 08/06/2024	Thursday, 06/27/2024
Tuesday, 11/12/2024	Thursday, 10/03/2024

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

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

Monday, 09/09/2024	Thursday, 08/01/2024
Monday, 11/18/2024	Thursday, 10/10/2024

### COFFEE & CONNECTIONS

Event begins @ 8:00 AM for all dates

*Locations can be found on CRA website and social media*



08/07/2024	09/04/2024	10/02/2024	11/06/2024
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