



# NEWSLETTER

Greater Frenchtown/Southside & Downtown Districts

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You are invited to attend the *Working Together Toward Community Goals* Redevelopment Expo on **Wednesday, April 23, 2025, from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM in the Parkview Ballroom at Cascades Park**. The Expo will provide information and resources for business owners and offer information on funding opportunities for redevelopment in a CRA district.

Confirmed Participants to date include the **Big Bend Minority Chamber of Commerce, Capital City Chamber of Commerce, Career Source Capital Region, Challenger Learning Center, Domi Station, FAMU Federal Credit Union, Florida SBDC, FAMU, Jim Moran Institute for Global Entrepreneurship, LeMoyne Arts – Chain of Parks Art Festival, Mt Olive, Office of Economic Vitality (OEV), RBOA, SmartBank, and the TDIA.**

Save the date! Spread the word! No registration is needed, and attendance is **FREE!** Stop in for helpful information and invaluable resources. **Consider the CRA districts for your business venture!**



## SAVE THE DATE!



### Working Together Toward Community Goals Redevelopment Expo!

- **Information and resources** available for business owners on how to open or grow their business
- Details on **funding opportunities** for businesses located within a CRA district
- No registration required - **free and open** to the public



APRIL **23** 11AM - 1 PM  
**PARKVIEW BALLROOM AT CASCADES PARK**  
414 E. BLOXHAM

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 Instagram - <https://www.instagram.com/tallahasseeecra/>

**WORKING TOGETHER TOWARD COMMUNITY GOALS**

# GREATER FRENCHTOWN/SOUTHSIDE (GFS)

**1102 South Adams Street** 1102 S Adams Street is a commercial shopping center located off the Cascades Trail within the CRA Greater Frenchtown Southside District. The owner, George Petrandis, applied for CRA funding in 2023 to assist with adding utilities to allow for a food truck to park on the east side of the building and to install a canopy over the deck on the south side of the building. The applicant worked with IGT Solar to create a solar canopy, which will now generate electricity for the building and provide shade cover over the deck. There are a variety of services offered by the tenants at 1102 S Adams Street and rotating food trucks on-site. Join the CRA at this location for the Wednesday, April 2, 2025, Coffee & Connections from 8 AM to 9 AM! We will have information about our new project funding programs and our upcoming Redevelopment Expo on April 23.

Join us on Wednesday, April 2  
8-9 AM @ 1102 S. Adams Street



Stop by for free coffee and snacks, and learn more about the CRA, our ongoing projects, and funding opportunities!



## Mural Makeover Project Funding

On January 16, 2025, the CRA Board approved \$25,000 in funding (\$12,500 Greater Frenchtown Southside (GFS) District and \$12,500 Downtown District) to the Council on Culture & Arts (COCA) for a one-time commercial mural makeover project. COCA has issued a Call for Interested Property owners which ends March 19, 2025. **The GFS application can be found on the COCA website at <https://tallahasseearts.submittable.com/submit/321224/gfs-mural-makeover-call-for-interested-property-owners> .**

# DOWNTOWN DISTRICT (DT)



## MURAL MAKEOVER

### Mural Makeover Project Funding - Downtown

A “Call for Interested Property Owners” is now OPEN for commercial property owners and small businesses within the Downtown CRA District who are interested in partnering with COCA to prevent and abate unwanted graffiti through public art on their buildings. COCA has issued a Call for Interested Property owners, which ends on March 19, 2025. **The application for interested Downtown business owners can be found on the COCA website at <https://tallahasseearts.submittable.com/submit/321225/dt-mural-makeover-call-for-interested-property-owners> .**



### Welcome, New DRC Member, Dr. Laurel Harbin!

On Monday, January 27, 2025, the CRA Board Chair, Dianne Williams-Cox, appointed Dr. Laurel Harbin to the Downtown Redevelopment Commission (DRC). Dr. Laurel Harbin is an AICP-certified and LEED-accredited design and planning professional with over 20 years of experience in public-sector planning, consulting, and higher education.

She is the Director of Strategic Initiatives for Academic Affairs at FSU and an adjunct Lecturer at the UF College of Design, Construction, and Planning. She has resided in Tallahassee for over 30 years and is active in professional and community service organizations. Laurel has previously served on the Tallahassee Trust for Historic Preservation and the Downtown Improvement Authority and serves on the Refuge House Board of Directors. Laurel brings her dedication to community service and understanding of development, placemaking, and public policy to the Downtown Redevelopment Commission. Please join us in welcoming Dr. Laurel Harbin to the CRA DRC!

# UPDATES AND UPCOMING

2025 CRA Board, DRC, GFS CAC, and Coffee & Connections Dates

## COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY (CRA) BOARD

City Commission Chambers, City Hall - 300 South Adams Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor  
Most meetings begin @ 9:30 AM (8/21/2025 @ 3:00 PM start, 5:00 PM Budget)

Meeting Dates	Submittal Deadlines
Thursday, May 15, 2025	Thursday, April 13, 2025
Thursday, August 21, 2025 (3:00 PM start)	Thursday, July 10, 2025
Thursday, October 23, 2025	Thursday, September 11, 2025

## 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, June 3, 2025 (Budget Preview)	Tuesday, April 22, 2025
Tuesday, September 2, 2025	Tuesday, July 22, 2025
Tuesday, December 2, 2025	Tuesday, October 21, 2025

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

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

Meeting Dates	Submittal Deadlines
Monday, April 14, 2025	Monday, March 3, 2025
Monday, June 16, 2025	Monday, May 5, 2025
Monday, August 11, 2025 (Budget Preview)	Monday, June 30, 2025
Monday, November 10, 2025	Monday, September 29, 2025

## COFFEE & CONNECTIONS

Event begins @ 8:00 AM for all dates

**Locations after April are still pending – Stay Tuned!**

Wednesday, April 2 – 1102 S Adams St	Wednesday, August 6
Wednesday, October 1	Wednesday, December 3

## WORKING TOGETHER TOWARD COMMUNITY GOALS (WTTG) REDEVELOPMENT EXPO

Parkview at Cascades – 414 E Bloxham – 11 AM through 1 PM

Wednesday, April 23, 2025	Drop in! FREE!
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