



# NEWSLETTER

Greater Frenchtown/Southside & Downtown Districts

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Thank you to all who attended!



## 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

The Tallahassee CRA hosted a Working Together Toward Community Goals Redevelopment Expo on Wednesday, April 23, 2025, at the Parkview Ballroom at Cascades Park from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM.



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# GREATER FRENCHTOWN/SOUTHSIDE (GFS)



**The Freight Yard - CPIP** Blue Dog Investments, LLC was granted \$148,700.00 in funding after applying for a Commercial Property Improvement Program (CPIP) grant for the property located at the SE corner of Railroad Ave and St. Francis St to construct three project components that will enhance the property while increasing economic vitality and public engagement in the district. First, a solar panel installation would define the border of the parking lot. Second, a series of rigid “canvases” would be installed between the solar poles for street artists to paint murals. These canvases also act as a visual screen for the parking lot, improving the view from Railroad Ave. Third, the grant would allow the completion of office space and add landscaping in the adjacent courtyard. The CRA Board approved the funding request at the May 15, 2025, meeting.



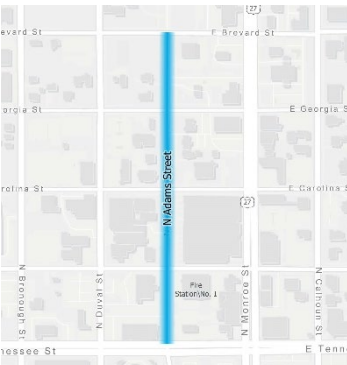
**Fleur de Lis Monument** The CRA-owned property at 604 Old Bainbridge Rd has been identified as a suitable location for the monument. The parcel, combined with the irregular shape being adjacent to City-owned property, provided a suitable place for a plaza-like setting.

The Frenchtown Community Action Team Leaders support the proposed site for the Fleur de Lis monument. The City’s Community Beautification and Waste Management Department has agreed to maintain the property. In addition, the Traffic Engineering team has ensured the project will not hinder any traffic site-violation issues. The CRA Board approved the request at its May 15, 2025, meeting. The Board also directed the Neighborhood First group to explore gateway representation at Tennessee St and N Macomb St.

## DOWNTOWN DISTRICT (DT)



**Bicentennial Square Is Getting There!** On Thursday, October 17, 2024, the CRA Board unanimously approved funding for Phases 1 and 2 of Bicentennial Square. The 2024 KCCI (Knight Creative Communities Institute Tallahassee) Community Catalyst Team developed and presented a proposal to enhance an underutilized space in Tallahassee's Downtown, next to City Hall, and transform it into a gathering place to be called Bicentennial Square. Phase 1 of Bicentennial Square is coming along beautifully! The bike rack in front of City Hall has been replaced with artistic, sculptural bike racks, and planters have been planted! Stay tuned as the 2025 KCCI Community Catalyst Team continues with the project! On June 23, 2025, at 10:00 AM, KCCI and the City of Tallahassee will unveil the newly installed elements in the space.



### North Adams Street Pedestrian Improvement Project

The North Adams Street Pedestrian Improvements Project proposes to extend the existing curb towards the street in select locations, utilizing a “bump-out” design that will serve to reduce the overall area of the paved street without negatively impacting travel lanes.

The Downtown Redevelopment Commission (DRC) unanimously approved recommending the project for the CRA Board to review at the August 21, 2025 CRA Board Meeting. The proposed improvements extend along North Adams Street from Tennessee Street to Brevard Street and occur in advance of planned roadway resurfacing. The funding request made by UUPI is for design and construction of the project, with an anticipated completion in Winter of 2028.

# UPDATES AND UPCOMING

**FY 2024 CRA Operating and Capital Budget Close-Out Report** At the May 15, 2025, meeting, the CRA Board approved the FY 2024 CRA Operating and Capital Budget Close-Out Report as presented and authorized staff to make any year-end budget adjustments.

**Projected FY 2026 CRA Operating and Capital Budget** At the May 15, 2025, meeting, the CRA Board accepted the Amendments on the FY 2025 Adopted Budget and the Projected FY 2026 GFS District and DT District Budget Review.

## 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 (8/21/2025 @ 3:00 PM)

Meeting Dates	Submittal Deadlines
Thursday, 08/21/2025 - 3:00 PM, Budget @ 5:00 PM	Thursday, 07/10/2025
Thursday, 10/123/2025 – 9:30 AM	Thursday, 09/11/2025

## 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, 07/29/2025 – SPECIAL MEETING 730 W. Gaines St	N/A
Tuesday, 09/02/2025	Tuesday, 07/22/2025
Tuesday, 12/02/2025	Tuesday, 10/21/2025

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

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

Monday, 08/11/2025	Monday, 06/30/2025
Monday, 11/10/2025	Monday, 09/29/2025

## COFFEE & CONNECTIONS

Event begins @ 8:00 AM for all dates

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

08/06/2025

10/01/2025

12/03/2025

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