

WELCOME TO
THE UNIVERSITY AREA COMMUNITY PLAN UPDATE OPEN HOUSE
March 5, 2012

We are here tonight to gather input from community property owners and residents, business owners and operators, and other agencies, organizations, bodies with interests in the University Area Community Plan area.

We brought with us staff from the Planning Commission, Metropolitan Planning Organization, and Hillsborough County's Development Services Section.

This evening we are here for you to ask questions, and review future land use from the County's adopted Comprehensive plan, existing land use from the Property Appraiser record, Zoning districts, and Transportation information from the Metropolitan Planning Organization's 2035 Long Range Transportation Plan and the Comprehensive Plan's Transportation Element.

We are also asking you to talk to staff about your perceptions of your community; its assets that make it great, the issues that it faces that are of concern to you, and the community in general. We have provided a copy of the adopted Community Plan, a draft of a Background Data document that provides you and others a picture of your community at this point in time.

Staff has also developed a community survey that we are using to gather information about the University Area Community. **ONE OF MOST IMPORTANT THINGS STAFF WISHES TO ACCOMPLISH TONIGHT IS TO HAVE EVERYONE WHO ATTENDS COMPLETE A SURVEY AND LEAVE IT WITH US.** A summary of the survey responses through February 21, 2012 is included in the handouts we provided tonight for you look through.

There are three other handouts that staff wants you to be aware of:

- What Is A Community plan - GREEN
- Advisory Committee Application – BLUE
If you are interested please fill out and leave with us.
- Comment Sheet – YELLOW, and

The room is set up for you walk through and talk with staff.

If you have any questions or comments during the development of the update of the adopted community plan you can reach staff: **Pedro Parra, at 273-3774, ext. 356,** parrap@plancom.org **Or Yeneka Hemingway, 273-3774, ext. 373,** hemingway@plancom.org www.theplanningcommission.org

A link to the University Area Community Plan survey we have developed to help gather input in the update process for this community plan is provided below. Would you please take a few moments to answer the survey?: <http://tinyurl.com/UniversitySurvey2>

A link to the community plan webpage which contains tonight's packet of information can be found at <http://tinyurl.com/uac1update>

Background

University Area Community Plan was originally published in June 1997 as the University Community Area: A Master Plan for Physical Revitalization. The Plan encompasses approximately 3 square miles and is located in north central Hillsborough County, immediately adjacent to the City of Tampa and Temple Terrace city limits. It consists of four sub-areas surrounding the University to the east, west and north.

Funding for the plan was provided through a Department of Justice Weed and Seed grant and County funds. The University of South Florida, Florida Center for Community Design and Research, provided professional consultant services for development of the plan. The Florida Center, with assistance from the Planning and Growth Management Department, and in consultation with the Weed and Seed Steering Committee's Infrastructure Development Committee, conducted an analysis of the study area's conditions, performed field surveys and research, and held workshops with area residents. Together, they recommended design regulations and infrastructure improvements necessary for the creation of a stable, secure community. The plan is designed to guide future public investment in infrastructure and public spaces as well as guide private investment so that each new act of construction will contribute to the emerging neighborhood fabric.

In February, 2001 the Hillsborough County Comprehensive Plan was amended to adopt the University Area Community Plan. Following this, Hillsborough County received a grant from the State of Florida, Department of Community Affairs, to complete an addendum to the Master Plan qualifying it for the Urban Infill program. The addendum was completed in January 2002 and incorporated into the Comprehensive Plan in late 2002.