



# Hillsborough River Interlocal Planning Board & Technical Advisory Council

October 25, 2021  
9:30 a.m.

Meeting Location:  
County Center/Online

## Hillsborough River Interlocal Planning Board Meeting Summary

### Present

Joseph Citro, COT, Vice Chair  
Rich Brown, HC Citizen  
Albert Marrero, TPC

Meredith Abel, TT  
Diego Guerra, TPC  
Shawn College, RB Exec. Dir.

### Absent

Stacy White, BOCC, Chair

### **1. Call to Order**

Vice Chair Citro led the meeting today in the absence of Chair White. Vice Chair Citro called the meeting to order at 9:32am.

### **2. Roll Call**

Members were sufficient to establish quorum

### **3. Pledge of Allegiance**

Vice Chair Citro led in the Pledge of Allegiance

### **4. Public Comment**

None.

### **5. Approval of Previous Meeting Summary**

#### A. July 26, 2021

Motioned by Meredith Abel and seconded by Joseph Citro, the River Board approved the meeting summary unanimously.

### **6. Presentations, Reports & Status Updates**

#### A. County Fertilizer Ordinance Update - Kevin Moran, Hillsborough County

Mr. Moran stated that the Hillsborough County Board of County Commissioner's (BOCC) requested the Environmental Services Division and County Attorney's Office prepare an updated draft fertilizer ordinance. The purpose of the ordinance is to specifically deal with nutrients impacting the health of the bay. The ordinance was also a response to reports on Piney Point, red tide, and loss of seagrass in Upper Tampa Bay. While developing the draft ordinance, Mr. Moran stated that they kept any Florida Statutes related to fertilizer in mind. The proposed ordinance would add a ban of the application of nitrogen and phosphorus based fertilizers during the rainy season which is July 1 through September 30. Additionally, it will include a clear set of rules for commercial applicators. Mr. Moran stated that the BOCC voted to hold a public hearing on November 17, 2021, to consider the draft ordinance. Ms. Abel asked if this was county wide. Mr. Moran stated that this ordinance would only apply to Unincorporated Hillsborough County. Mr. College stated that Mr. Moran presented to the TAC at their last meeting and that the TAC recommended to

the River Board to take a position to support the ordinance. Ms. Abel asked to read the ordinance first. Motioned by Meredith Abel and seconded by Joseph Citro, the River Board approved a letter of support for the draft fertilizer ordinance update.

B. TAC Activity Update, TAC Chair Brown

TAC Chair Brown shared some concerns the public as well as members of the TAC had. TAC Chair Brown stated that water quality has improved due to recent rain. TAC Chair Brown stated that house prices along the river have drastically increased and that there is a lot of interest. TAC Chair Brown stated that the City of Tampa is moving up through the river and cleaning up the pollution. TAC Chair Brown stated that Jean Street Boat Yard is continuing to be a problem but that the Port and City of Tampa are staying on top of them. TAC Chair Brown invited the River Board to the annual boat parade taking place December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2021. Vice Chair Citro asked what time the boat parade started, as well as where the boat launches will take place and where the best place to view the parade is. TAC Chair Brown stated that the best place to view is by the water tower near Florida Avenue and Bird Street. The parade is scheduled to start at 5:00pm. Mr. College stated that the TAC heard a presentation on an alternative analysis for the PURE Project. Mr. College stated that one member had a concern. The concern was that the alternatives analysis did not include public and environmental health as an evaluation criteria. The City of Tampa responded by stating that public and environmental health was at the core of the analysis. Ms. Abel requested a copy of the alternatives analysis. Ms. Abel asked TAC Chair Brown if there have been any other methods used to clean up the river besides manual crews. TAC Chair Brown stated that there have been discussions but not action at this time.

C. 2022 Meeting Calendar

Mr. College stated that there will be 4 meetings next year, with 1 on of them being a joint meeting with the TAC. The meeting will be held in the Plan Hillsborough room.

**7. Consistency Determinations**

- A. Port Tampa Bay Minor Work Permit No. 72141, (EPC)
- B. Port Tampa Bay Minor Work Permit No. 72149, (EPC)
- C. Port Tampa Bay Minor Work Permit No. 72226, (EPC)
- D. Port Tampa Bay Minor Work Permit No. 72771, (EPC)
- E. Port Tampa Bay Minor Work Permit No. 20-025, (Port Tampa Bay)
- F. Port Tampa Bay Minor Work Permit No. 20-026, (Port Tampa Bay)
- G. Port Tampa Bay Minor Work Permit No. 21-027, (Port Tampa Bay)
- H. Port Tampa Bay Minor Work Permit No. 21-044, (Port Tampa Bay)
- I. Port Tampa Bay Minor Work Permit No. 21-056, (Port Tampa Bay)
- J. Port Tampa Bay Minor Work Permit No. 65925(R1), (EPC)

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- K. Port Tampa Bay Minor Work Permit No. 71381(R1), (EPC)
- L. Port Tampa Bay Minor Work Permit No. 72008, (EPC)
- M. Port Tampa Bay Minor Work Permit No. 72630, (EPC)
- N. Port Tampa Bay Minor Work Permit No. 72911, (EPC)

Motioned by Meredith Abel and seconded by Joseph Citro, all permits were unanimously found consistent with the Hillsborough River Master Plan.

**8. Other Business**

- A. 2021 River Stewardship Award presentation tickets on sale now

Mr. College reminded the River Board of the Planning Commission Award Ceremony where the 2021 River Stewardship Award will be presented. The Award Ceremony will be held October 27<sup>th</sup>.

Vice Chair Citro adjourned the meeting.