### Meetng Date
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### Meeting Type
Briefing

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### Action Necessary
No

### Attachments Included
Proposed text

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### Summary Information

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<td>Other Considerations</td>
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<td>Purpose of Amendment</td>
<td>The proposed text amendment has been initiated by the Planning Commission to remove terms such as “crack house” from the Comprehensive Plan. The text amendment will also modify policy language directing the Tampa Police Department to focus on street gangs and street drug sales. The Comprehensive Plan encourages the Tampa Police Department to work with neighborhoods and residents to increase communication and relationships between the neighborhood residents and the police. Planning Commission staff does not find that it is beneficial to highlight the specific policing activity that should be undertaken by the Tampa Police Department or Code Enforcement.</td>
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### Proposed Changes

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**Future Land Use**

- Maximize use of government funds;

**LU Policy 10.2.6:** Continue the training, technical assistance and financing where necessary for non-profit organizations and Community Development Corporations (CDC’s) involved in housing and revitalization.

**LU Policy 10.2.7:** Continue to explore additional funding sources for small neighborhood serving businesses for start-up, renovation or expansion.

**Public Safety**

**LU Goal 11:** Improve public safety in residential neighborhoods to provide a secure environment for residents.

**LU Objective 11.1:** Promote safer residential neighborhoods through active resident involvement in crime prevention programs.

**LU Policy 11.1.1:** Continue to support the Neighborhood Watch Program which has been proven effective in reducing crime by:

- Increasing citizen awareness;
- Educating residents on crime prevention strategies; and
- Providing City facilities for program meetings, where possible.

**LU Policy 11.1.2:** Encourage Neighborhood based organizations and Neighborhood Watch groups to work together to reduce crime.

**LU Policy 11.1.3:** Encourage citizens to become involved in addressing the security of their neighborhood streets by requesting them to:

- Identify neighborhood areas needing increased security lighting;
- Promote the use of porch lights and private security lights;
- Tree trimming around street lights, traffic signs and safety devices;
- Participate in the City’s Home Security Audit program and
- Aid other property owners in properly affixing housing numbers.

**LU Objective 11.2:** The Tampa Police Department shall continue its efforts to create programs that build partnerships with the community to achieve long-term solutions to neighborhood crime and drug activity.

**LU Policy 11.2.1:** Continue to address neighborhood crime problems and drug activity through City-citizen partnership programs.

**LU Policy 11.2.2:** Continue to seek ways to increase the interaction and sensitivity between citizens and law
enforcement officers in fighting neighborhood crime and drug activity.

**LU Policy 11.2.3:** The Tampa Police Department will continue to implement community policing strategies.

**LU Policy 11.2.4:** Continue to pursue all state and federal public safety funding opportunities for crime prevention and crime fighting.

**LU Objective 11.3:** Reduce the present levels of street level drug activities and street gangs in the City of Tampa.

**LU Policy 11.3.1:** Continue to target problem drug areas and support citizen efforts to work with the police in eliminating street level drug sales.

**LU Policy 11.3.2:** Continue to coordinate police investigations and code enforcement efforts in identifying and eliminating existing and potential crack houses.

**LU Policy 11.3.3:** The Tampa Police Department shall continue to monitor gang activities which are potentially gang related and deploy appropriate strategies.

**LU Objective 11.3 11.4:** Make neighborhood streets safe for children, pedestrians, bicyclists and motorists.

**LU Policy 11.3.4 11.4.1:** Develop alternative strategies to reduce speeding, and to discourage trucks and cut-through traffic on residential streets.

**LU Policy 11.3.2 11.4.2:** The City's Transportation Division shall develop and distribute a Neighborhood Transportation Inspection Checklist to help the City identify within neighborhoods:

- Traffic safety problems;
- Pavement and sidewalk maintenance problems;
- Signal light problems;
- Traffic and street sign problems; and
- Street light needs and outages.

**LU Policy 11.3.3 11.4.3:** Encourage neighborhoods to participate in the City's Neighborhood sidewalk and Street Light programs by obtaining neighborhood input and consensus on priority locations.

**LU Policy 11.3.4 11.4.4:** Continue to enforce speed limits and monitor police traffic reports to identify speeding and high-accident areas.

**Technical and Financial Assistance**

**LU GOAL 12:** ENHANCE AND SUPPORT THE CAPABILITIES OF Viable ORGANIZATIONS TO BE SELF-RELIANT AND UNDERTAKE NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS.