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## Residents, Community Leaders Impressed With Plan To Redevelop Public Housing Complex

On Thursday, July 27th, the West Tampa CDC sponsored a community forum to get input from over 60 West Tampa residents and leaders on the current West River Community Master Planning proposal by the Tampa Housing Authority.

**Leroy Moore**, Tampa Housing Authority C.O.O., and **David Iloanya**, made the powerpoint presentation.

Part of the presentation included three alternated plans for development.

Most in attendance approved of the redevelop plan, and felt it was time for West Tampa. Some concerns were expressed by the Occupy Tampa group and other residents around what would happen to the residents during the redevelopment.

**Moore** assured everyone



This is a scene from the Community Forum hosted by the West Tampa CDC.

that tenants will get vouchers to move to other locations and will have the option of returning once the project is completed.

Other issues expressed were: jobs for residents, and current businesses on Main Street. **Moore** assured those in attendance those issues are being addressed.

The final Master Plan will be ready by September 2013, and community presentations will continue through the end of 2013.

Funding sources for 2014 were reviewed, along with potential for funding approval

by 2015. Also, the potential for relocation in 2015/2016, demolition in 2016, and potential build out from 2016 until 2023 was discussed.

West Tampa CDC Development Manager, **Michael Randolph**, asked how T.H.A. has been affected by recent government cuts.

**Moore** said the number of Section 8 vouchers has been reduced, and the budget in general has taken a hit.

Another concern expressed by residents was the need for a CRA/TIF program in West Tampa. An August meeting is being planned to

address that issue.

**Randy Goers** from the City of Tampa also made a presentation on the Mayor's InVision program. The difference between the two proposals is one focuses on the entire downtown area, and the other is concentrated only in West Tampa.

Hillsborough County Children's Board Executive Director, **Kelly Parris**, made a major presentation.

The next meeting is scheduled for September 28th, 11:30 a. m. at the West Tampa Library.

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