



*Commissioner Sandy Murman, on behalf of Commissioner Al Higginbotham, recognized Father Francis Brou for his humanitarian contributions on the occasion of his 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary as a member of the Society of Jesus. Father Brou, currently Chaplain at Jesuit High School, taught there during the 1960s, and served around the world during his lifetime as a Jesuit priest. On hand were many Jesuit supporters, family, friends and colleagues.*

#### [BOCC asks local organizations to look at board diversity](#)

County Commissioners asked leaders of the Tampa Bay Partnership and Visit Tampa Bay to look more closely at their boards and try to include a more diverse racial representation and try to recruit more women. Commissioners Murman and Kemp said they would make sure to get the word out to qualified females in the industry about that need.

#### [Commissioner calls for review of county sexual harassment policies](#)

Hillsborough commissioners voted 6-0 to ask the county's Commission on the Status of Women to work with the county attorney's office to review Hillsborough's sexual harassment policies. The request came from Commissioner Sandy Murman in direct response to the highly publicized sexual harassment and sexual assault scandals by men in Hollywood, Washington, D.C., and workplaces across the country.

#### [Hillsborough Commissioners want legislature to address evacuation and curfew powers](#)

Nearly three months after Hillsborough County Administrator Mike Merrill and Tampa Mayor Bob Buckhorn engaged in a verbal skirmish about who had the power to call for an emergency curfew in Tampa, County Commissioners would like local state legislators to weigh in.

### **FROM THE BOARD ROOM:**

**Commissioners approved an agreement** with the University Area Community Development Corporation to fund the Prodigy Cultural Arts and Prodigy Moves programs that will support visual and performing arts, musical instruction, and dance for Hillsborough County seniors, low-income and homeless residents, foster children, and at-risk youth.

**County Commissioners approved an interlocal agreement** with the City of Tampa that will continue workshops, training, consulting, and other assistance by Hillsborough County Entrepreneur Services for existing and start-up small, minority, and women-owned businesses in the city.

**The BOCC approved \$995,626 in annual funding** for the Arts Council of Hillsborough County that will provide business support services to artists to make them economically sustainable, enhance the arts and cultural assets and amenities of the community, and provide programs for senior citizens, underserved communities, and at-risk youth.

### **UPCOMING EVENTS IN THE COUNTY**

Tuesday, Dec. 12, 9:00 a.m. – BOCC Land Use Meeting at County Center

Thursday, Jan. 11, 9:00 a.m. – BOCC Meeting at County Center

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### **WHAT'S ON THE BOCC AGENDA?**

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