

**Holiday Park Neighborhood Association (HPNA)
Meeting Minutes
January 19, 2024**

Meeting called to order @ 7:03 PM by Amy Possidente, President.

Attendance

Amy Possidente, Pres.	Val Jackson	Candace Willis	CSO Jennifer Wright
Donna Brickman, Treas.	Bruce and Karen Wilbur	Max Loden	Prof. Shannon Gowans (Eckerd College)
Mary Sinibaldi	Steve & Debbie McCann	Robert Hamilton	
Buck and Sunny Roberts	Ed Crowe	Sanz Hardtke	
Jennifer Joern (City)	Marsha Ferree	Judy Holder	
Dale and Harriett Swartzmiller	Al Michetti	Councilman Copley Gerdes	

Amy welcomed everyone: HPNA looks forward to coming together as a neighborhood for our five General Meetings per year. Hopes everyone in Holiday Park will try to attend some of the meetings---invite a neighbor to join you. Please send HPNA meeting speaker and topic suggestions. Amy then introduced our new Community Service Officer (CSO); former CSO Lance is now a Detective.

Guest Speakers:

- **CSO Jennifer Wright:** provided crime stats.
 - In the last several months, there were 350 calls, including three burglaries from vehicles. Officer Wright reminds us to lock our car doors.
 - She also reported that there have been numerous reports in West St. Pete. of someone stealing copper out of AC units.
 - Officer Wright encourages Holiday Park residents to be in touch with her with any concerns. Her contact information is posted on HPNA's website: <https://www.hpna33710.org/resources>
- **Councilman Copley Gerdes:** gave a few highlights with the City.
 - City has approved the building of 24 subsidized townhomes, called the Deuces Rising, on 22nd Ave. South.
 - On Thursday (1/18), City Council passed an ordinance to limit how long modified passenger vans (renovated, liveable vans) can park within the City. The amended City code states that such vehicles cannot park for more than four hours.
 - Asked about the Rays Stadium/Gas Light District project, the Councilman reported that the City and the Rays are both at the point where they are submitting their final contract paperwork to each other to review and negotiate.
 - The Councilman's contact information can also be found on HPNA's website: <https://www.hpna33710.org/council-member-copley-gerdes>
- **Jennifer Joern (new Neighborhood Specialist, City of St. Pete.)**
 - 1/27 is the Mayor's Neighborhood Awards and Summit at USF St. Pete. campus---Holiday Park is up for multiple awards.
 - St. Pete. residents can nominate a City employee (garbage man; Parks and Rec worker, etc.) who they think is deserving of recognition for a "Kudos" award. To make a nomination, email: Kudos@StPete.org or go to the City's website link: <https://form.jotform.com/91213633042142>

- **Shannon Gowans (Prof. of Biology and Marine Science, Eckerd College):** discussed the college's efforts to educate about the harmful effects of single-use plastics and monitor plastic in the City's waterways and estuaries.
 - The college received a grant from the EPA.
 - They have developed the Remora app to encourage individuals to record what they use and reduce single-use: <https://reduce.eckerd.edu/remora>
 - Q&A with Prof. Gowans about what we may be incorrectly trying to recycle and what items have a high market in terms of recycling. Prof. Gowans mentioned that her group can help HPNA with future Neighborhood Cleanup Walks.

Ed Crowe (HPNA Member): facilitated yearly HPNA Board Elections.

- Ed Crowe asked for nominations from the floor for the candidate of President. Amy Possidente was nominated and received a unanimous vote. Ed called for nominations for Treasurer and Donna Brickman was nominated and also received a unanimous vote. Amy and Donna will serve another year in their respective roles.

Announcements from Amy:

- Stay connected with neighborhood events via HPNA's Facebook page (@hpna33710) and website.
- HPNA is kicking off its 2024 Membership Drive. Voluntary dues are \$20 per household and can be brought to meetings or sent to Treasurer Donna Brickman: <https://www.hpna33710.org/membership>
- As part of our membership drive, HPNA plans to deliver (for the 4th year in a row) a special print-edition newsletter to all 700+ homes in Holiday Park (all other newsletters during the year are e-newsletters). We hope to have all of these newsletters delivered by the end of February and will be asking for volunteers to pass out the newsletters.
- **3/9:** Second Annual "Goods in the 'Hood" Neighborhood-wide Garage and Craft Sale. Email Mary Sinibaldi if you are interested in participating: sinibaldi52562@gmail.com
- Median repair project update: thanks to neighbor John Sciandra (A Plus Plastering) and neighbor Bill Riley (Bill Riley Painting) for finishing the stucco and painting work, respectively. Next up: sprinkler repair and landscaping.
- Neighborhood Walks continue every 4th Saturday of the month. January walk is **1/27** at 9:00 a.m.
- Also on **1/27:** Amy Possidente, Michael Roger, and Andy Spenik will be representing Holiday Park at the Mayor's Neighborhood Award and Summit.
- HPNA is pleased that Andy Spenik is taking this year's CONA Leadership Course. <https://stpetecona.org/cona-leadership/>
- HPNA's next meeting will be **March 21** with representatives from Pinellas County School District.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Treasurer's Report (see below):

**Holiday Park Neighborhood Association
January 18, 2024 Report**

Revenues:	<u>Period to Date</u>
Memberships	\$ 40.00
GEICO Insurance Reimbursement	11,763.91
Unrestricted Donations	-
Total Revenues	<u>\$ 11,803.91</u>
Expenses:	
Median Repairs	3,432.81
CONA Membership/Course	170.00
HPNA Events	371.90
Welcome Baskets	-
Total Expenses	<u>\$ 3,974.71</u>
Net Revenues	<u><u>\$ 7,829.20</u></u>
Cash Balance, September 21, 2023	\$ 2,993.74
Deposits	11,803.91
Expenses	<u>(3,974.71)</u>
Cash Balance, January 18, 2023	\$ 10,822.94
Insurance Fund Balance	<u>\$ 8,331.10</u>
Unrestricted HPNA Funds	<u>\$ 2,491.84</u>