

**Holiday Park Neighborhood Association (HPNA)
Meeting Minutes
March 21, 2024**

Meeting called to order @ 7:01 PM by Amy Possidente, President.

Attendance

Amy Possidente, Pres.	Val Jackson	Candace Willis	GUESTS:
Donna Brickman, Treas.	Judy Holder	Marsha Ferree	CSO Jennifer Wright
Bob Sinibaldi	Steve & Debbie McCann		Caprice Edmond, PCSB
Judi Humbert	Ed Crowe		Linda Burris, Tyrone Middle School Principal
Dale and Harriett Swartzmiller	Sanz Hardtke		
Al Michetti	Andrew Farris		

Amy welcomed everyone. Amy noted that HPNA has been very busy already this calendar year. She reported that HPNA has already accomplished:

- Won a Mayor's Impact Award in January
- Printed the annual newsletter and our wonderful volunteers delivered to every house in Holiday Park
- Completed the median repair and landscaping in February
- Thanks to all who have supported our 2024 Membership Drive!

Amy introduced our Community Service Officer (CSO) Jennifer Wright.

- **CSO Jennifer Wright:** provided crime stats.
 - In the last several months, there were 200 calls with 112 being non-criminal. Officer Wright reminds us to lock our car doors.
 - She also requested that we ignore all of the panhandlers on the streets. Do not give them money as it is illegal. If you want to help, please donate to agencies that assist the homeless. She provided a pamphlet with organizations that assist those in need.
 - Squatter issues have been increasing. Please note that once a "guest" stays in your house for 14 days, the law states that they have established residency and you cannot evict them or their visitors. Please be careful when allowing people to stay at your house and know the landlord/tenant laws. [Update since meeting: FL Governor just this week passed a law to limit Squatters' Rights.]
 - She also asked that residents report any homes that appear to have squatters: many people in and out, trash.
 - 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>

Guest Speakers:

Amy stated that Councilman Gerdes was invited to attend but was not in the audience. She then introduced our special guests. Thanked one of our neighborhood teachers for having recommended these speakers.

- **Caprice Edmond (Pinellas County School Board, District 7, Single Member):**
 - Provided an education of the School Board organization
 - Provided a review of the pcsb.org website
 - Mentioned that we can sign up for PCS newsletter here: <https://www.pcsb.org/togetherpcs>
 - Explained that all county residents are welcome to provide feedback on issues
 - She is available for questions or concerns at edmondc@pcsb.org

- **Linda Burris (Principal, Tyrone Middle School-Center for Innovation and Digital Learning): Amy introduced Principal Burris and noted that Mrs. Burris recently received “Principal of the Year.” Principal Burris provided a history of Tyrone Middle (where the school was and where it’s going), all from a neighborhood point of view.**
 - Provided an overview of the accomplishments of the school from a “F” to a “C” in two years. They have a goal to be a “B” school this year.
 - Discussed various ways in which they are strengthening the school: teacher recruitment; master schedule; support for teachers; positive behavior incentives, etc.
 - Emphasized some features of this magnet school. PCS feeder pattern takes many students from Gulf Beaches Elementary to Tyrone Middle, to Hollins High.
 - Tyrone Middle is one of only 7 (or 8?) schools presenting at a national conference for innovation in middle school education.
 - Provided a virtual tour of the school and it’s lovely renovations.
 - Stated that they have a beautiful community center that is available for HPNA meetings and other community events.
 - Mrs. Burris is looking forward to collaborating with our neighborhood.
 - Q&A followed
 - Principal Burris’ PowerPoint will be sent to neighbors.

Announcements from Amy:

- Stay connected with neighborhood events via HPNA’s Facebook page (@hpna33710) and website.
- On 1/27, Amy Possidente, Michael Roger, and Andy Spenik represented Holiday Park at the Mayor’s Neighborhood Award and Summit, where we received the Mayor’s Impact Award
- HPNA delivered (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). Thanks to the volunteers who passed out the newsletters.
- Our 2024 Membership Drive is ongoing. Dues can be sent to Treasurer, Donna Brickman: <https://www.hpna33710.org/membership>
- We held our Second Annual “Goods in the ‘Hood” neighborhood-wide Garage and Craft Sale on March 9th. Thanks to Mary Sinibaldi for organizing this event.
- The median repair project is complete. We only needed \$892.11 of HPNA general funds to complete.
- Neighborhood Walks continue every 4th Saturday of the month. The March walk is this Saturday **3/23** at 9:00 a.m. **April’s Walk (4/27)** will be our annual cleanup walk.
- **March 30th and 31st:** West St. Pete. Food Drive. Thanks to Hardtke and Hawthorne families for being our collection hosts.
- HPNA’s next meeting will be **May 16** with representatives from the St Petersburg (Public) Library system.
- Participation in and attendance at neighborhood meetings are vital to our Neighborhood Association staying active, informed, and engaged. Send ideas for speakers you would like to hear from at meetings.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Treasurer’s Report (see below):

Holiday Park Neighborhood Association
March 21, 2024 Report

Revenues:	<u>Period to Date</u>
Memberships	\$ 260.00
GEICO Insurance Reimbursement	11,763.91
Unrestricted Donations	<u>142.00</u>
Total Revenues	<u>\$ 12,165.91</u>
Expenses:	
Median Repairs	12,656.02
CONA Membership/Course	170.00
HPNA Events	371.90
Welcome Baskets	<u>-</u>
Total Expenses	<u>\$ 13,197.92</u>
Net Revenues	<u>\$ (1,032.01)</u>
Cash Balance, Beginning	\$ 2,993.74
Deposits	13,205.91
Expenses	<u>(13,197.92)</u>
Cash Balance, March 21, 2024	<u>\$ 3,001.73</u>