

**Holiday Park Neighborhood Association (HPNA)**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**May 19th, 2022**

Meeting called to order @ 7:03 PM

Attendance:

Amy Possidente - President	Dan and Judy Holder	Sanz Hardtke
Donna Brickman – Treasurer	Pete & Joanne Hoambrecker	Patrick & Heather Gessleman
Al Michetti	Mary & Don Davis	Anne Hasson
Judi Humbert	Val Jackson	Debbie McCann
Laura McMurdock	Katherine Merada	Alice Davis
Elizabeth Bourie	Jack Giacalone	Rosalie Gallina
Buck & Sunny Roberts	Jeff Wray	Candice Willis
Dale & Harriett Swartzmiller	Bill and Becky Jolley	Councilman Copley Gerdes
Roland & Mary Mihalik	Robert Hamilton	Susan Ajoc

Schedule of Future Meetings:

July 21st – Councilman Gerdes will be guest speaker  
September 15th

**Welcome**

- Amy welcomed the attendees to our special 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary General Meeting. In the last year, HPNA has been working hard to preserve both the history of our association and Holiday Park Neighborhood. We have also welcomed to General Meetings several speakers who have pointed out the importance of securing local history, including David Anderson (Jungle Prada site) and Rui Farias (Director of St. Pete. History Museum). Tonight is about celebrating neighborhood history.

**Guest Speakers**

- Amy welcomed our **Community Service Officers, Sgt. Anthony Ali and Officer Omar Jundi**. They provided the crime statistics for Holiday Park, which were minimal. The vehicle burglaries were all due to unlocked cars. They asked us to remember to please LOCK YOUR DOORS to cars and houses. Also keep porch lights on at night. They reminded us that summer is approaching which will bring with it more possible activity.
- Our permanent Community Service Officer will be hired soon as a result of a departmental reorganization. In the meantime, Officer Jundi will be covering our neighborhood.
- Please do not hesitate to contact the hotline (see below) to report any suspicious or criminal activity. In addition, they stated that all of the statistics are public record and can be found on the SPD website. Community Service Hotline [District3CSO@stpete.org](mailto:District3CSO@stpete.org)
- Number to use to report on-going non-emergency situations that do not require an immediate response: 727-551-3183
- Police Non-Emergency Hotline (Number to use to report non-emergencies that require a same day response): 727-893-7780
- They also stated that they are available for any of our neighborhood events and would put on a bike rodeo if we desired.
- If you have a home security system with camera, please register them with the City's Eagle Eye program which allows SPD to identify those residents that can assist with capture using home

videos. Officers will be bringing more information to our July meeting.

<https://police.stpete.org/eagle-eye/index.html>

- **Councilman Gerdes** provided a short update on City activities including news of the West Central Revitalization. This West Central Ave. Streetscape project runs from 58<sup>th</sup> St. to Park St. E. and includes streetscape design, water main replacement, and branding.  
[https://www.stpete.org/residents/current\\_projects/west\\_central\\_avenue\\_streetscape.php](https://www.stpete.org/residents/current_projects/west_central_avenue_streetscape.php)
- Councilman Gerdes will be returning to our July meeting for a longer Q &A.

### **Announcements**

- Amy encouraged our residents to “Like” our HPNA Facebook page.
- Amy introduced our Communications volunteer, Laura McMurdock-Wheeler, and presented her with flowers and a card from HPNA, thanking her for all of her hard work during the last 1.5 years with our printed and electronic newsletters, our HPNA Facebook page, and our brand new website to be revealed later in the meeting. HPNA is so very fortunate to have someone with Laura’s talents to help all of us stay updated on our activities.
- Amy provided a summary of two of the City of St. Petersburg awards that were presented to YOUR neighborhood association in the past couple of months. It was such a special recognition to be selected for one of only 6 awards given by the Mayor’s office this week. Holiday Park received the Mayor’s Neighborhood Principles of Progress Award for Inclusivity for our “significant expansion of outreach and increase in participation.”
- For the second award, HPNA earned recognition as a Healthier Together Certified Neighborhood (Silver level). The certification analyzes organizational best practices, civic engagement and community partnerships to evaluate the overall quality and comprehensiveness of neighborhood wellness.
- Amy introduced **Susan Ajoc**, Community Services Director, City of St. Petersburg, who was attending to help us celebrate our 30+ years as an association. Amy thanked Susie for being so instrumental in helping HPNA discover when it was established by finding the *Great Neighborhoods: Holiday Park* DVD (1994). Susie congratulated HPNA on our anniversary and emphasized how important “neighborliness” is to success. She described Holiday Park as:
  - H – Healthy – we received a Silver Award for our Healthy St Pete efforts!
  - O – Optimistic – as neighbors we have to
  - L – Longevity – our association has survived 31 years as a result of evolving
  - I – Informed – a neighborhood must stay informed
  - D – Dedication
  - A – Attitude – we must have a positive attitude to get things done
  - Y – Say Yes!
  - P – People – we have to stay involved
  - A – Awesome – our neighborhood is awesome
  - R – Relax—volunteering should be fun.
  - K – KISS – Keep It Simple
- Amy introduced our NEW HOLIDAY PARK NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION WEBSITE! You now can go online and find all of our HPNA information in one place. Amy highlighted a few features including Upcoming Events section; HPNA documents; newsletters, and Memories. Laura McMurdock and Amy did a fantastic job of creating this website. [www.hpna33710.org](http://www.hpna33710.org)
- CELEBRATE!!! Several neighbors shared their memories of growing up in Holiday Park.

- Amy encouraged everyone to watch the *Great Neighborhoods* DVD, which can be found on the website homepage. HPNA can help scan and digitize your age-old photos if you have any to share on the “Memories” section of the website.
- Special Request: Amy and Donna and looking for a volunteer who can attend bi-monthly HPNA meetings and take the meeting minutes!

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm