

Holiday Park Neighborhood Association (HPNA)
Meeting Minutes
August 19, 2021

Meeting called to order @ 7:00 PM

Attendance:

Amy Possidente	Beth Heim	Jeff Wray
Laura Wheeler	Mirella Egg	Sharon Youngman
Kathy Hendrixson	Rosalie Gallina	Sanz Hardtke
Roland Mihalik	Jose Valiente	Dan Poorman
Mary Mihalik	Sherry Valiente	Robert Hamilton
Bob Schubert	Ed Crowe	Loann Walters
Charlene Schubert	Copley Gerdes	Lorraine Schubert
Dr. Ed Carlson	Andy Spenik	Debbie McCann
Larry Heim	Candace Willis	Steve McCann

Schedule of Future Meetings:

Oct 21th

Speakers:

- Dr Ed Carlson – Running for District 1 City Council Seat
 - Science Center - \$3.5M Funded
 - Requesting Neighbors to send Letters to City Council to support Science Center updating and transfer ownership away from Land and Water Mgmt – no cost, just paperwork exercise...but would give the Science Center better control over their future.
 - Pickleball Event to Celebrate 9/11 – St. Pete is hosting the largest Pickleball event ever on 9/11. Event will be a 12 hour marathon (8am to 8pm) with breaks to commemorate the falling of the Twin Towers. Free Registration at www.bmwopb.com

- Linda Chaney, Member of the Florida House of Representatives, was unavoidably detained and will reschedule to come to another one of our meetings.

- Rui Farias – St. Pete Museum of History Executive Director
 - Rui gave a fascinating talk on how the city became St. Petersburg and all the interesting characters and antics that transpired in the early years of the city's development. He is seeking out any private archives of letters and photographs from HPNA Neighbors that show how Holiday Park came to be. Also gave a teaser on the plans to remodel and update the downtown museum – which will contain a very interesting exterior wall artistic exhibit from a local artist entitled “Crossroads” that will have interactive capabilities with our cell phones when the exhibit is opened

Local Topic:

- Proposal for adding 2 speed bumps on 64th St between 22nd and 26th Ave
 - A requested traffic study was conducted in 2020 that identified issues this stretch of the road
 - 1600 Cars over 24hr Period
 - Posted Speed Limit is 30 MPH – but had more than 800 cars exceeding the speed limit between 35 and 60 MPH.
 - Neighbor Bob Schubert created a petition for the local residents on these 4 blocks and got acceptance from 16/18 neighbors. Of the other 2, 1 abstained and 1 voted no (but house was directly in front of island)
 - Former President Ed Crowe presented the counter point

- Vote for same issue was conducted around 18 mos ago, but did not have updated traffic study at that time.
- Believes that speed bumps cause more issues due to distracted driving in anticipation of the bumps
- Believes that it will create unnecessary traffic patterns throughout the neighborhood by those seeking to avoid the bumps
- Steve McCann called a motion for a vote on the request for Amy to send a letter to the City in favor of adding 2 speed bumps with numerous seconds
 - 21 – FOR
 - 5 - AGAINST