

**Holiday Park Neighborhood Association (HPNA)
Meeting Minutes
May 16, 2024**

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

Attendance

Amy Possidente, Pres.	Val Jackson	LoAnn Walters	GUESTS:
Donna Brickman	Karen Wilbur	Marsha Ferree	CSO Jennifer Wright
Bob & Mary Sinibaldi	Colleen & Paul Finney	Kathy Hendrixson	Councilman C. Gerdes
Judi Humbert	Buck & Sunny Roberts	Max Loden	Tricia Smith (St. Pete. Library System)
Dale and Harriett Swartzmiller	Andy Spenik	Barry Randall	
John Giacalone	Anne Hasson		

Amy welcomed everyone and then introduced our Community Service Officer.

- **CSO Jennifer Wright** provided crime stats.
 - In the last several months, there were 207 calls with 131 being non-criminal.
 - Officer Wright will be filing a report and looking for doorbell footage relating to the five missing HPNA signs.
 - Summer is coming: lock car doors. Do not leave valet keys in your car.
 - Park your cars in lighted areas at night. Keep porch lights on overnight.
 - Finding parking at Northwest Park has been problematic during ballgames, etc. Only park on grass as a last resort.
 - Officer Wright is pleased to announce that the date has been set for this year's National Night Out. It will be October 8 from 5-8 p.m. at Tyrone Mall parking lot in front of J.C. Penney's: come meet SPPD officers, St. Pete. Fire Rescue, see City and County trucks and helicopters, lots of food and giveaways from the Rays and more. Many HPNA members attended last year and highly recommend (don't eat dinner before you come). Fun, family event! Finally, the Officer noted that SPPD is looking for sponsors and donations: please be in touch with her if you or your business can help.
 - 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/community-service-officer>

Guest Speakers:

- **Tricia Smith (Admin. Services Coordinator, St. Pete. Library System)** provided a re-fresher about the Library System including services offered and Summer Programing:
 - Finally there is visible progress on the Main Library; tentative opening date is Spring 2025.
 - In the meantime, we are lucky to have another library close by: West St. Pete. Community Library on St. Pete. College Gibbs Campus: there is plenty of parking and a playground nearby for the kids.
 - In addition to checking out books, don't forget the library offers a myriad of digital services (music, movies, free access to the *Tampa Bay Times*). Online courses you can take on a variety of subjects (Leadership; Human Resources; Coding).
 - Another popular offering is WiFi "Hot Spots," which provide free internet for two weeks. They are popular when, to name a few examples, people are moving, traveling (camping), etc. Find out more on the website: <https://splibraries.libguides.com/hotspots>
 - The library also offers free Museum Passes (for two adults and up to 3 children): check out and then 7 days to use them.
 - Tricia will stay after the meeting to sign up folks for Library Cards.
 - Find out more about the Library's services on the web: <https://splibraries.org/>

- **Council Vice-Chair Copley Gerdes** provided updates about both West St. Pete. and City happenings:
 - Paving work is underway in the neighborhood (have patience). In terms of timing, by the end of Friday (5/17), all streets that have already been milled will be paved. Then, Ajax Paving will be back in June to complete streets in Holiday Park; they will distribute door knockers again to notify residents before they return.
 - Regarding the issue with light timing on some of our major roads (66th and Tyrone, for example): this should be fixed; there was a bad control box.
 - There are still many concerns about the intersection of 30th Ave. North and 66th Street North: the Councilman noted again that crashes are way down at this intersection. The City is still talking to FDOT to see if something can be done about the flashing yellow lights in front of the Fire Station. These flashing lights will go away when the Fire Station moves.
 - Gas Plant Redevelopment Project was discussed in detail: City Council Committee of the Whole (COW) just discussed this topic on June 13th (you can watch City Meetings live or view recorded meetings afterwards). Next vote will be July 11th. Future votes will consider: 1.) Agreement between Hines and Rays to develop current site of the Trop. and 2. Agreement with City for Rays to stay and City to develop stadium. Q&A period followed.
 - Councilman Gerdes stated he is in favor of the deal, that it's an "amazing catalyst" for St. Pete., and that it will create 11,000 jobs.
- **Neighbor Andy Spenik**: recent graduate of the CONA Leadership Course provided highlights from the course.
 - Andy reported getting a lot out of the course: personal development; increased knowledge about our neighborhoods and the City; one of his favorite sessions was the tour of City Hall. Excellent networking opportunity and many new friends. Finally, Andy thanked HPNA for financially supporting his taking this course.
 - Check out the new tab (gallery) on HPNA's website relating to the CONA Leadership Course: <https://www.hpna33710.org/cona-leadership-course>
 - Amy encouraged HPNA members to please be in touch if they are interested in taking the course in 2025. Thanks, Andy, for having represented Holiday Park!

Announcements from Amy:

- Thank you to Donna Brickman for having served as HPNA Treasurer for the past few years! HPNA presented Donna with a card and flowers.
- Welcome to our Interim Treasurer, Colleen Finney. She and her husband, Paul, have lived in Holiday Park for about a year and a half. Colleen works full-time as a CFO, so we are lucky that she is sharing her skills with us. We appreciate our volunteers, which are often hard to find!
- Neighbor Marsha Ferree shared some elections reminders: FL Primary Election is August 20, 2024; voter registration deadline is July 22, 2024. Marsha provided a handout with additional info.
- Plants at the main median (30th and 66th St.) are thriving and looking beautiful.
- **June 29th and 30th**: will be our next West St. Pete. Food Drive; please set aside cans as you are able.
- Monthly Neighborhood Walks will resume after the heat of the summer.
- **July 18th**: Our next HPNA General Meeting will be at the Tyrone Middle School Community Room. Come check out the lovely renovations at your neighborhood school. HPNA will email a map to direct you where to park and how to find the Community Room.
- On your way out of the Rec Center, check out Holiday Park's "Community Impact Award" in the award case; thanks to J.W. Cate for allowing us to display the award for all to see.
- Multiple ways to stay connected with neighborhood news: Email listserv; Website (www.hpna33710.org); Facebook (@hpna33710).
- Thanks to all who have supported our 2024 Membership Drive!

Meeting Adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Treasurer's Report (see below):

Holiday Park Neighborhood Association
May 16, 2024 Report

Revenues:	<u>Period to Date</u>
Memberships	\$ 260.00
GEICO Insurance Reimbursement	11,763.91
Unrestricted Donations	142.00
Total Revenues	<u>\$ 12,165.91</u>
Expenses:	
Median Repairs	12,656.02
CONA Membership/Course	215.00
HPNA Events	571.90
Welcome Baskets	16.05
Total Expenses	<u>\$ 13,458.97</u>
Net Revenues	<u><u>\$ (1,293.06)</u></u>
Cash Balance, Beginning	\$ 2,993.74
Deposits	13,405.91
Expenses	(13,489.70)
Cash Balance, May 16, 2024	<u><u>\$ 2,909.95</u></u>