

**Holiday Park Neighborhood Association (HPNA)
Meeting Minutes
September 21, 2023**

Meeting called to order @ 7:00 PM by Amy Possidente, President.

Attendance

Amy Possidente, Pres.	Nancy Teague-Horner	Wilfredo Ortiz	Candance Willis
Judi Humbert	Andy Spenick	Tom Thornhill	Alex Cortez
Mary & Bob Sinibaldi	Steve & Debbie McCann	Kristin Schmid	Sanz Hardtke
Anne Hasson	Ed Crowe	Robert Hamilton	Councilman Copley Gerdes
Kathy Hendrixson	Marsha Ferree	Paul and Colleen Finney	Joe Waugh (City)
Loann Walters	Buck and Sunny Roberts	Barry Randall	Karen Carmichael (CONA)

Amy welcomed everyone and expressed gratefulness for the minimal impact of hurricane Idalia on our neighborhood. HPNA sends out condolences to our neighbor, Mary Davis, on the loss of her husband Donald.

Amy then updated everyone on the restoration of HPNA's median, damaged from the car accident at the end of June. Work is on hold because of the insurance company's need for an invoice for the damaged Duke Energy pole on 66th Street. Councilman Gerdes offered to write a letter to Duke to hopefully expedite the process.

Guest Speakers:

- **Sgt. Aubrie Regan** (filling in for CSO Lance): In the last three months, there were 196 calls, 103 initiated by officers. There were 18 reports taken and there were no burglaries and no violent crimes.
 - As of 9/11/23, two additional officers have been added to our district mainly handling traffic issues.
 - 10/5 is the National Night Out. It's the 40th Anniversary and its goal is to strengthen our community bond. It will be held at Tyrone Mall on the Penney's side. Giveaways, music, K-9 demonstration, fire department demonstrations, and food.
 - An attendee brought to attention a problem located at 64th St. and 22nd Ave. North: when school is dismissed, parents picking up children are parking on the street preventing traffic from its normal flow.
 - Councilman Gerdes requests that when situations like this arise to please email him (or Amy). He will send officers out to investigate.

- **Councilman Copley Gerdes:** gave a few highlights with the City.
 - The budget effective date is 10/1/23.
 - Work continues on Central Avenue between 58th St. and Park. Central Ave. is not losing lanes—the sidewalks are being widened. There will be art crosswalks between Central Ave. and 72nd St. Completion date should be the summer of 2024.
 - Funds have been approved for the new fire station to be located on 26th Ave. and 66th St. North. Reassurance was given that sirens won't be heard until the trucks leave the neighborhood. City architect will set up a meeting with our neighborhood about plans, likely this Fall.
 - Pinellas County officials are addressing bus and car traffic issues relating to Tyrone Middle.
 - The Rays agreement should be finalized in March/April 2024. The Councilman answered further questions from attendees regarding the Rays on issues such as cost, parking, and affordable housing.

- **Joseph Waugh (Director of Codes Compliance):** Q&A.

- He reported that there were mostly minor issues: 1 case of yard parking; 1 case of yard dumping; 1 case of inoperative motor vehicle; 1 permit case; 1 N-Team case.
 - CONA Codes Committee meets quarterly in Joe's office to provide feedback and inform with updates on neighborhoods. Be in touch with CONA if interested.
 - Codes are mandated by State law and the City is responsible for enforcing the law. Of the cited violations, 75% are codes initiated.
 - One is allowed to have a boat or RV at their house from Thursday 4 p.m. to Monday at 8 a.m.
 - There was a request for codes to canvas the neighborhood for violations more frequently.
- **Karen Carmichael – CONA Leadership Chair:** gave an overview of the CONA Leadership course and says they are looking for recruits for the class of 2024.
 - The class meets Monday nights from 6-8 p.m. with light dinner. 13 total sessions.
 - CONA hopes to again offer scholarships for the \$170 course; HPNA can also offer one or two scholarships.
 - There are many advantages to the class such as meeting City reps such as Mayor and City Council.
 - More information: <https://stpetecona.org/cona-leadership/leadership-program-information/>
 - **Nancy Teague-Horner and Marsha Ferree:** with voting updates.
 - Nancy brought voter registration applications to the meeting. Marsha reminded everyone that you should have received your voter registration card. If not, you may be on the inactive list and to contact the Pinellas County Supervisor of Elections. www.votepinellas.com

Announcements from Amy:

- Healthy St. Pete's Neighborhood Walks are back, every 4th Saturday of the Month. Join neighbors for a mile walk through Holiday Park.
- 9/23: West St. Pete. CommUNITY Picnic at Azalea Park: food and entertainment. HPNA is a sponsor of this event---bring out the whole family!
- 9/30 and 10/1: West St. Pete. Food Drive to support the St. Pete. Free Clinic. Holiday Park has two drop-off locations.
- 10/21: Halloween Golf Cart Parade: parade will start and end at Northwest Pool Parking Lot. Judges will go around after the parade to award contest prizes. 12/16: Holiday Parade----we still need a leader for this parade.
- Tuesday, 10/31: Halloween Trick-or-Treating. Neighbors are encouraged to put out a table of candy (vs. children going door to door) and sit back and watch trick-or-treaters while visiting with neighbors. A fun evening in the neighborhood!
- City asking residents to participate in "We Are St. Pete Week": please take a moment to write a few words of appreciation and kindness to our City team. It can be a general note or to a specific department or service team. These messages will be displayed and distributed to City employees during the month of October. https://www.stpete.org/government/initiatives_programs/wasp_spirit_week.php
- HPNA's 5 General Meetings per year play a huge role in maintaining the strength and vitality of our neighborhood. Spread the word about these meetings and invite neighbors to join you. Send Amy suggestions for 2024 HPNA meeting speakers.
- January: HPNA Board elections.
- For the latest, visit HPNA's website www.hpna33710 or Facebook page @hpna33710
- The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Treasurer's Report:

Holiday Park Neighborhood Association
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Revenues:	<u>2023 Year to Date</u>
Memberships	\$ 1,500.00
Unrestricted Donations	<u>135.00</u>
Total Revenues	<u>\$ 1,635.00</u>
Expenses:	
CONA Membership	45.00
HPNA Events	323.68
Median Maintenance	225.00
Signs	171.20
Welcome Baskets	<u>133.18</u>
Total Expenses	<u>\$ 898.06</u>
Net Revenues	<u><u>\$ 736.94</u></u>
Cash Balance, January 1, 2023	\$ 2,256.80
Deposits	1,635.00
Expenses	<u>(898.06)</u>
Cash Balance, September 21, 2023	<u><u>\$ 2,993.74</u></u>

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