

Holiday Park Neighborhood Association (HPNA)
Meeting Minutes
September 15, 2022

Meeting called to order @ 7:00 PM

Attendance:

Amy Possidente - President	Kathy Hendrixson	Candace Willis
Donna Brickman – Treasurer	John Giacalone	Barry Randall
Al Michetti	Don & Mary Davis	Rosalie Gallina
Don Putnam (guest speaker)	Fred W. Wheeler	Robert Hamilton
Eunic Ortiz (guest)	Andy Spenik	Joanne Hoambrecker
Harriett Swartzmiller	Alex Cortes	
Mary Sinibaldi	Sanz Hardtke	

Schedule of Future (2023) Meetings:

January 19, March 16, May 18, July 20, September 21

Welcome

- Amy introduced herself and Treasurer, Donna Brickman, and welcomed attendees to the meeting.

Guest Speakers

- **Community Officer Omar Jundi** is filling in for a few months for our regular officer, Officer Chea Lance.
 - Officer Jundi provided the crime statistics for Holiday Park. There was one vehicle burglary reported.
 - Nov. 12: Officers will host “Coffee with a Cop” event at Walter Fuller Park from 9-12. Several SPPD Bike Rodeos for kids are also in the planning stages.
 - Holiday Park residents can reach Officer Jundi with any concerns at 727-470-7989.
 - Residents expressed their dissatisfaction with the current middle school student pick up parking and blocking the streets. Officer Jundi stated that SPPD contacted the school district and did not get any assistance. They will patrol but made no promises.
- **Don Putnam (City of St. Pete. N-Team)**
 - The Neighborhood Team (N-Team) is staffed by City employees who, along with volunteers, assist people with Code violations to improve our communities. Free home improvement services are available to St. Petersburg homeowners who are elderly, disabled, or low-income.
 - The N-Team can assist with projects including painting, carpentry, accessibility ramps, overgrowth and debris removal, and roof tarps and minor patching.
https://www.stpete.org/residents/community/improve_your_neighborhood.php
 - CareFest, the yearly celebration of volunteering and giving back to the community in St. Pete, has returned with extended fall dates. https://www.stpete.org/news_detail_T30_R453.php
 - Don Putnam and his team are also looking for volunteers to help with a Painting Day. Is a group of Holiday Park residents interested in helping? You can reach Don Putnam at 727-892-5363 or Donald.Putnam@stpete.org
 - Overall, the N-Team helps restore pride in ownership. Guest Eunic Ortiz also added that the N-Team is a wonderful opportunity to receive help from YOUR city.

- Eunic Ortiz, running for State Senate, stopped by to introduce herself to HPNA. Amy explained that all candidates are welcome but that Ms. Ortiz is the only one who reached out to HPNA.

Announcements

- Amy reminded attendees that upcoming neighborhood events can be found on HPNA's website: www.hpna33710.org
- Food Truck Fundays continuing for the near future: come out to 60th Street by Northwest Pool every Thursday between 5-8 p.m. for food and time with neighbors.
- Sept 24/25 - Food Drive – Please be putting aside can goods for this drive to help those in need in St. Pete.
- Sept 24 - Monthly Neighborhood Walks are back! 4th Saturday of every month at 9 a.m.
- October 22 – Halloween Golf Cart Parade and After Party. We need volunteers for this event! If you are interested in participating, please fill in the following form: <https://www.hpna33710.org/halloween-2022>
- Please let HPNA know if you have a new neighbor so that we can deliver a welcome basket.
- Thanks to all who have supported our 2022 Membership Drive. There's still time to send in your voluntary dues!
- HPNA elections will be in January. We need volunteers to keep up our momentum and help the association grow.
- Amy provided a handout (see next page) soliciting feedback about 2023 HPNA speakers. Please email Amy with your speaker suggestions.

Discussion

- Because of speeding concerns in the neighborhood, there was a discussion of neighborhood-wide posting of 25 mph for all residential roads (with exception of 30th Ave. which is designated a Collector Road and will remain at 30 mph) within Holiday Park.
 - Transportation Department requires the Association to approve this change, so Amy called for a vote. There was unanimous approval of the measure by attendees and Amy will draft an approval letter and send to Transportation.
- There was much discussion and concern about traffic issues relating to changes in Tyrone Middle School drop off and pickup. Councilman Gerdes was tied up at City Council but will be updating HPNA on the work he is doing to improve traffic on 26th Ave. North (see separate Message from Councilman Gerdes).
- Al Michetti reported that the proposal for the fire station on 26th Avenue North is still in question. Al spoke to the fire Chief and expressed his concerns with it being so close to the middle school congestion.
- Andy Spenik requested clarification about the Azalea Raytheon project; Amy deferred to Councilman Gerdes and apologized for his absence.

Meeting adjourned at 8:07 pm

HELP US BRAINSTORM: HPNA SPEAKERS for 2023!

Please email Amy if you are interested in any of the below speakers or have speaker suggestions of your own: arobinson992@gmail.com

Future HPNA Speaker Possibilities:

City of St. Pete

- *Sanitation: how to recycle correctly
- *Codes
- *Transportation (such as updates on SunRunner Bus Rapid Transit)
- *Public Works (including roads)
- *St. Pete. Paws
- *Parks and Rec agencies / organizations
- *Libraries
- *St. Pete. Police Dept. will provide tours of the new police station to interested Neighborhood Associations

Other

- *Council of Neighborhood Associations (CONA) / CONA Leadership Program
- *Preserve the 'Burg and their efforts to bring awareness to St. Petersburg historic building preservation efforts
- *Friends of Strays
- *Fire Department
- *Hurricane Preparedness Session
- *Composting
- *Community Gardening
- *Landscaping, gardening, horticulture issues
- *Health issues / training: CPR training; Traffic safety training (bicycling skills and awareness); nutritional information or healthy cooking; mental health; financial health; healthcare issues, etc.
- *History: Rui Farias (Director, St. Pete. History Museum) has invited HPNA to the museum for a session on local/neighborhood history.

Recent HPNA Speakers/topics

- *David Anderson (Jungle Prada Site, Anderson / Narvaez Tocobaga Mound)
- *Rui Farias (Director, St. Petersburg Museum of History)
- *Casey Crane (Cybersecurity expert)
- *Christie Bruner (Healthy St. Pete. Wellness Coordinator)
- *Derek Kilborn (City's Urban Planning and Historic Preservation Division) and Liz Abernethy (City's Director of Planning and Development Services)
- *Al Smith (with St. Pete. Water Conservation Dept.)
- *Susan Ajoc (City of St. Pete. Community Services Director)
- *Don Putnam (Neighborhood Team (N-Team))
- *District 1 Councilman Copley Gerdes