

SSHCA General Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date/Time: Wednesday, April 18th, 2018 6:30pm

Location: Seminole Heights Branch Library

4711 N. Central Ave, Tampa, FL 33603

Agenda:

- I. Call to Order:
 - 6:00 PM - SSHCA General meeting for residents

- II. Speaker:
 - a. Paul Dial: Parks and Recreation Director
 - i. There are 178 city parks
 - ii. What are some things we can do now to improve in some areas;
 1. Gazebo @ Rivercrest has been painted
 2. Tables @ Rivercrest have been painted
 3. Washout area along the river has been filled in. There is still some left to do
 4. Boardwalk has been patched, ultimately needs to be replaced. Late summer or early Fall forecast will work on one of the piers and open it back up. All old lumber will be removed. Will leave one dock for the short-term. Long-term the pier and a portion of the boardwalk will be replaced. It has been put in for Capital Improvement Program request is going forward through the budget process. Department request for FY20 Capital Budget.
 5. Shoreline invasive plant life has been removed
 6. The Reed Park bridge has been replaced
 7. Picnic tables have been added
 8. Keep Tampa Bay Beautiful occupies the house in Reed Park
 - Facility maintenance is working on painting the outside among other items. The exterior work will continue through Fall.
 9. Ignacio Haya Linear Park – will pull benches back from shore and reset.
 - iii. Resident questions:
 1. Will the tree close to the wall be removed?
 - The tree will be considered when determining the engineering of the wall.
 2. Can we get recycling bins for the parks?
 - It is being considered.
 3. Has anyone considered a dog park in Rivercrest?
 - Yes. It was voted on about 3 years ago and was voted down.
 4. Is it possible to resurrect the Angus R. Goss Memorial pool?
 - Having a discussion with OSHNA President about the issue next week.
 5. Can Rivercrest be a potential water taxi stop in the future?
 - SSHCA has reached out to the water taxi. May be something that can happen in the future. The main issue is we don't have any docks.
 - iv. You can go to the capital portion of the website and look for "park improvement proposal" and make suggestions and inquiries.

- b. Guido Maniscalco: City Councilmember District 6
 - i. Sweep, April 23rd. Must have all items by the curb by 8:00 PM Sunday the 22nd.
 - ii. Illegal dumping is an issue throughout the district. McKay Bay facility takes large items free of charge (with restrictions). You must provide a copy of your utility bill as proof of CoT residency.
 - iii. Will look into a possible amnesty day for pick-up of hazardous items.
 - iv. Julian B. Lane park grand opening is on May 12th and 13th. There will be activities all day.

III. Resident Forum (2 min each)

- a. Tony Perella – expansion on Florida Avenue, concerned about the sidewalks being crowded. Would like to see sidewalks widened.
- b. Noticed an increase in racing in the neighborhood. Nighttime racing on Osborne and Highland. Both cars and motorcycles. Suggested calling TPD non-emergency, SSHCA will partner with TPD to address it as well.
- c. Two Broke Spokes, located next to Urban Tails Grooming, across from Martha's Restaurant, just North of Ella's, 5201 N Nebraska Ave 33603.
- d. New business opening, Inner Play Space @ 4640 N Florida next to Tempest Projects. Grand opening projected for June 1st.
- e. Seminole Heights Family Dentistry across from Save-A-Lot projected to open in September.
- f. Christy Goar - crosswalk on Lynn & Osborne, would like lighted signage for the crosswalk to make it safer. Concerned cars do not stop for pedestrians crossing.
- g. Tommy Castelli would like a 3-Way stop sign by the school to slow down speeders during school hours.

IV. Executive Board Updates:

- a. President
 - i. Update on SSHCA goals/progress
 1. 501(c)3/Grants – Brian Curry will report in May what additional grants we can apply for
 2. Height Unites Music & Arts Festival – Approximately 1200 attendees.
 3. Community Improvement Projects/Complete Streets
 - Working on making the neighborhood a safer, more walkable area.
 - Highland Avenue needs major improvement, crosswalks needed.
 - Repaving streets in the area. Reached out to transportation and they will add it to their Short Segment resurface team. They will be repaving within the next fiscal year W. Giddens between Highland and Florida (also working on storm water issues at that location), W. Ida St between Highland and Florida, as well as Holly north and south of W. River Heights Avenue.
 4. Next week @ All Heights board meeting, presenting to all of the Seminole Heights neighborhood associations about endowing a scholarship in the names of the homicide victims. It will require each association to contribute \$500/year for the next 5 years. It will go to a Hillsborough High School student attending USF.
 - ii. TAMPA Sweep Program –
 - Begins April 23rd, all trash needs to be out by the curb by 8 PM Sunday April 22nd.
 - iii. Hillsborough County Neighborhoods Conference – May 12th. Stephen Lytle and another member of the board will be attending. SSHCA has won an award.
 - iv. Neighborhood Profiles from Hillsborough County – SSH has been chosen to be featured on the website.
 - v. Elections – Donna Stark to chair
- b. Vice President
 - i. Steve Swiger
 1. Has been working with committee chairs
 2. Will continue working with Stephen on the complete streets project.
- c. Secretary
 - i. Minutes
 1. Meeting minutes are posted on both the Facebook page as well as the association website usually within a week of meetings.
 2. The newsletter comes out in the beginning of January, April, July and October. It is mailed by USPS to all homes within South Seminole Heights. It is also posted on the Facebook community page and association website.

- d. Treasurer
 - i. Balances
 1. 1st quarter ending balance in checking \$13,021.00; Savings account \$824.00
 2. Combined assets of \$14,169.
- e. Delegates
 - i. Broward Elementary – Brian Curry:
 1. Grade has risen from an F to a C
 2. Successful Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser
 3. Donated to Father & Daughter dance
 4. Contact Brian Curry if interested in volunteering

V. Committee Updates:

- a. Membership/Events
 - i. Membership Update – 139 residential members and 26 business members.
 - ii. Events
 1. 4/19: Happy Hour at Red Star Rock Bar
 2. 4/21: Paint Your Heart Out Tampa – SESH
 3. 4/28: Great American Clean Up at Reed Park
 4. 4/30: Heights Mobility Study – SH Library
 5. 5/12: Hillsborough County Neighborhoods Conference
 6. 5/14: TPD Neighborhood Watch Meeting – Ragan Park
 7. May TBD: Neighborhood Porch Party
 8. 6/11: TPD Neighborhood Watch Meeting – Ragan Park
 9. 7/18: Next SSHA General Meeting
 10. 10/18: Candidate Forum and Give Back Wed @ Brew Bus
- b. Beautification
 - i. Introduction
 - ii. Beautification award
 1. Will make official announcement in July, 1st award will be given in the Fall
 - iii. Great American Clean Up
 1. SSHCA adopted Reed Park
 2. Ola-Henry Park still needs volunteers
 3. Saturday April 28th, 9 to 12
 4. Paint Your Heart Out, Saturday April 21st.
 5. Working on putting together an alley cleanup
 6. Keep Tampa Bay Beautiful has many good ideas on how we can contribute to our community
 - iv. Upcoming projects/initiatives
- c. Communications
 - i. New newsletter format, next issue to come out early July
 1. Add article about alley cleanup and responsibility
- d. Neighborhood Watch
 - i. Block captain initiative
 1. 2 members for each section of the neighborhood.
 2. Captains will walk their section and takes notes of items that need to be repaired, cleaned up and/or improved. In addition to keeping an eye on suspicious activity.
 - ii. NW Signs for sale
 - iii. TPD NW Meetings
- e. Land Use/Transportation
 - i. Heights Mobility Study
 1. Use CoT interactive map to report areas that need repair (signs down, sidewalks, trees, pot holes), accidents, areas that are problematic, need improvement, are dangerous, etc
 - ii. Position is vacant currently

VI. Old Business (none)

VII. New Business

- a. Addition of a Heights Unites chair to bylaws (see below)
 - i. *First, Second, motion approved unanimous*
- b. Addition of volunteering in lieu of payment for membership to bylaws (see below)
 - i. *First, Second, motion approved, unanimous*
- c. *Heights Unites - T-Shirts for sale*

VIII. Closing

IX.

By Law Change Verbiage:

ARTICLE 1

Name, Purpose and Membership

Section 3. Membership

[1] Individual Membership. Any person eighteen years of age or older or business enterprise interested in promoting the purpose of the SSHCA is eligible for membership. Individual membership shall be granted upon the payment of \$12.00 or \$20.00 for two adults (at the same address) in annual dues, renewable on an annual basis, not to exceed twelve (12) months. Voting privileges are limited to residents (owner/tenant) of South Seminole Heights and property owners (landlords) in South Seminole Heights. Individual Membership shall be limited to one (1) vote per item. Household Memberships shall be limited to two (2) votes per item. These votes must be made by members whose names are listed on the Membership form.

Individuals facing financial hardship are permitted to petition for membership from the board. Said individual may substitute 6 hours of approved volunteer work for the association in lieu of payment for an individual membership.

ARTICLE VIII

Committees

Section 3. Except for the audit committee, chairpersons of special committees shall be appointed by the president with the approval of the executive board. Section 4. Except for the audit committee, members of standing and special committees shall be appointed by committee chairpersons. Section 5. Standing Committees: Standing committees of the SSHCA shall be as follows:

***Heights Unites Committee:** A committee whose purpose is to plan and execute the Heights Unites Music & Arts Festival annually. Committee chair is responsible for developing goals, a planning committee, sponsorship/business partnerships, working closely to meet all city/county/state obligations, communicating with the SSHCA Board, and attending SSHCA Board/General meetings.*