

SSHCA General Meeting Minutes

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

Location: Seminole Heights United Methodist Church

Agenda:

- I. Call to Order:
 - a. All board members present, 43 total members present

- II. Speaker:
 - a. Principal Angela Livingston: Broward Elementary
 - i. School grade increased from an F to a C → goal is an A
 - ii. State gives out grade - looks at FSA testing (grades 3-5)
 - iii. Biggest needs: Volunteering & Mentoring in the classroom
 1. trying to get more programs
 2. not a magnet school
 3. but trying to find community partners that are affiliated with those programs
 - iv. Where the students come from
 1. zip code breakdown on handout
 2. bulk of population from 33603 (others through School Choice - they provide own transportation)
 - v. This year going into school year with zero vacancies, Good teacher retention
 - vi. Opportunities you can come and volunteer
 1. Process to become a volunteer
 2. Must be 18 to volunteer
 - vii. Events
 1. Open House August 8 2p-5p
 2. Carnival theme - parents meet the teachers
 3. First Day of School
 4. School starts at 7:40
 5. Men gather at 7:30
 6. Assistant Principal does school tours - always welcome
 - viii. Spaghetti Dinner raised >\$2000
 - b. Guido Maniscalco: Tampa City Council
 - i. TBX - changed significantly over the years
 1. Sits on the MPO
 2. Consistently the no vote
 3. FDOT scrapped the plans for toll lanes
 - ii. Dialogue
 1. 1st generation Tampanian
 2. Seminole Heights was stopping to look at cars in the car lots
 3. Growth is happening because of the neighborhood
 4. "district of the culinary arts"
 5. Not the new hyde park because it stands on its own
 6. Strong neighborhood associations
 7. Car accidents in the neighborhood
 8. June 1 1961 - City Council approved changing the traffic pattern on violet and highland - "this is going to turn this into speedway and change the character of the neighborhood"
 9. mindset in the 1950s - if you aren't on the interstate you're in the stone age
 10. need cars, its the rat race
 11. focus on the pedestrian and bicyclist
 12. Nebraska has changed south of MLK - easier to cross the street, shows how things change
 13. Bob Buckhorn is opposed to Bay to Bay being calmed
 14. Accelerate projects on Bayshore

15. Neighborhoods are coming back strong
16. People aren't getting up and out
17. Want to bring a level of customer service that we deserve
18. Petition is going around - referendum for sales tax increase for transportation
 - bus service
 - trolley
 - opens the possibility of light rail

iii. Questions

1. Lisa - Realistic time frame to get something done with Highland/Osborne area
2. Brian - Please review of event at Refinery
3. Dianne - Getting Police enforcement into the neighborhood - Osborne - preferably motorcycles
4. Kisha - Question about helping the long time residents in their homes, property taxes, people trying to buy houses, Hillsborough County has programs for this
5. Donna: Need Complete Streets on the CoT area of Highland
6. Dianne: Owner-occupied rehab program - 65 and older - open in October

III. Elections:

- a. Donna Stark
 - i. Elections to take place in October
 - ii. Nomination period opens today and last 30 days
 - iii. sshcaelections@gmail.com is the address to nominate
 - iv. Wednesday October 17th at 630PM

IV. Executive Board Updates:

- a. President
 - i. Community Arts Award
 - ii. New Land Use and Transportation Chair
 - iii. Transit referendum
 - iv. Support for homes that were run into
 - v. Brian received volunteer appreciation award from Broward
 - vi. Row team cleaned up park after exiting
 - vii. Haya Linear Park restoration
- b. Vice President
 - i. Board established 3 goals as a board 501(c)3 has been reached, signature event has been reached with Heights Unites, complete streets is being worked on now
 - ii. Has been working with committee chairs to establish 1 goal to achieve before the end of the year. Goals are covered below in their updates
 - iii. Feedback survey to be delivered at end of term to help establish direction for the incoming board
- c. Secretary
 - i. Had to step down due to moving, taking nominations
- d. Treasurer
 - i. Bank: \$14,992
 - ii. Paypal: \$1203
 - iii. Total: \$16,218
 - iv. Expenses purchased flags and have sold 55 so far, now profiting
 - v. \$7,500 of total accounts budgets for Heights Unites
- e. Delegates
 - i. Brian
 1. School supply drive participants - Smoke Signals, Brew Bus, Red Star
 - will have boxes for supplies
 - next to the boxes will be information for volunteering

V. Committee Updates:

- a. Membership/Events
 - i. Membership Update: 156 residential, 35 business members, 191 total

- ii. Membership to 200 members and added value for business members (goals)
 - iii. Events (see below)
- b. Beautification
 - i. Beautification Award (Goal)
 - 1. Will start taking nominations and award at October meeting
- c. Communications
 - i. Newsletter delivered earlier this month
 - ii. Website updated
- d. Neighborhood Watch
 - i. Block Captain Initiative
 - 1. Looking for 2 block captains per section (goal)
- e. Land Use/Transportation
 - i. New Chair – David Harrington
 - ii. Additional street lighting (goal)
 - iii. Complete Streets Highland
 - 1. Sitting down with FDOT and COT officials next Thursday

VI. Old Business (none)

- a. Addition of a Heights Unites chair to bylaws (see below)
 - i. Passed with 1 abstain, 1 no, 42 yes
- b. Addition of volunteering in lieu of payment for membership to bylaws (see below)
 - i. Passed with unanimously (43)

VII. New Business

- a. T-Shirts for sale - \$10
- b. Elections – spoke about earlier
- c. Heights Unites – Taking place 2/23/19

VIII. Resident Forum (2 Min Each)

- a. John Moll – Thanks to Ryan for dropping off stickers and posting pictures of the art. Spoke about the gentrification in the area. Concerned with government overreach.
- b. Karen Skyers- Candidate for House District 61
- c. Dianne Hart – Candidate for House District 61
- d. Norman Harris – Candidate for House District 61
- e. Orlando Gudes – Candidate for City Council District 5
- f. Joe Citro – Candidate for City Council District 1

IX. Closing

Bylaw Change Verbiage:

Meeting agenda, minutes, and bylaws can be found on www.sshca.org

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.*

Upcoming SSHCA Events

July 20th *South Seminole Heights Night – Mandarin Heights (SSHCA Members Only)*
5901 North Florida Ave
8:00-11:00PM

July 21st *History of Seminole Heights Presentation*
John F German Library (Downtown)
10:15AM

July 21st *South Seminole Heights Summer Porch Party*
315 West Emma St
3:30-10:00PM

August 13th *TPD Neighborhood Watch Community Meeting*
Ragan Park (SESH)
6:00PM

August 4th *Back to School Health Fair*
Blake High School (register online)
9AM-1PM

August 9th *Seminole Heights Community Transportation Meeting*
Seminole Heights Library
6:30PM

August 10th *First day back to school for Broward Elementary*

August 12th *Seminole Heights Sunday Morning Market*
Southern Brewing
11AM

August 24th *Back to School Drive Closing*
See SSHCA Delegate Brian Curry for more details

Sept 9th *Seminole Heights Sunday Morning Market*
Southern Brewing
11AM

Sept 10th *TPD Neighborhood Watch Community Meeting*
Ragan Park (SESH)
6:00PM

Sept 15th *Hillsborough River Clean Up*
Rivercrest Park
8:30-11:30AM

October 17th *SSHCA General Meeting (Elections)*
Seminole Heights Library
6:30PM

October 24th *South Seminole Heights Candidate Mixer*
Brew Bus Brewing
5:30-8:30PM