

SSHCA General Meeting Minutes
Meeting Date/Time: Wednesday, January 16th, 2019 6:30pm
Location: Seminole Heights Branch Library
4711 N. Central Ave, Tampa, FL 33603

Agenda:

- I. Call to Order by Steve Swiger, VP. Other officers present were Sharlene Hartford, Dawn Dayringer, with Delegates-At-Large present including Brian Curry, and Kisha Linebaugh. Total attendance for the meeting was 39.

- II. Executive Board Updates:
 - a. President/Vice President - Update on upcoming events including Tampa City Wide Race Forums and next general meeting in April.
 - b. Secretary – no current projects
 - c. Treasurer Report – Details were read, total assets \$17,398 combined in all accounts, \$19,047 in all combined assets.

- III. Committee Updates:
 - a. Need Chairpersons for all Committees!
 - b. Heights Unites: Saturday, 02/23/19 2:00 p.m. until 11:59 p.m. Tickets on sale now.
 - c. Membership – Need new Chairperson
 - d. Beautification – Storm Sewer Drain Art Trail to begin soon, all designed approved except for one design.
 - e. Communications – Newsletter, “The Banner” has been mailed, all should have received it no later than tomorrow.
 - f. Reminder about included SSHCA survey request from neighbors.
 - g. Neighborhood Watch – Need new Chairperson
 - h. Land Use/Transportation – TECO will upgrade 4 street lights with new LED Lights, and completely replace one pole and light set entirely, all on N. River Blvd.

- IV. Speakers:
 - a. **Heights Mobility Study & Transportation Changes in the Neighborhood**
Stephen Benson, Florida Department of Transportation
William Porth, City of Tampa Transportation
Alex Henry, Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT)

These speakers were kind enough to join our Quarterly General Meeting again after several community members stated on the Facebook page that they had been unable to attend the last quarterly meeting, which featured these same speakers. Based on recent, repeated accidents in our troublesome corridor, SSCHA wanted all members of the community to have another opportunity to hear and question the short-term and long-term plans for South Seminole Heights.

FDOT- Heights Mobility Study to make multi modal traffic improvements on Highland Avenue and overall to the Heights including Downtown to Sligh, the Hillsborough River to Nebraska. Series of workshops held last year seeking public input on ideas. Getting a handle on all the recommendations line by line now, seeking city input, did a couple of walks with the community on Nebraska and Highland. Transitioning into phase 2 to develop long term alternatives. Additional workshops with the community will be held this year. Discussed short term delineators and directional signs at Violet and Highland curve recently installed, and some large oak trees were trimmed for better visibility traveling west on Osbourne. Looking at speed impact signs for near Florida and Tampa

SSHCA By-Laws, Article VII, Duties of Office: In general: All officers shall attend general membership meetings and the executive board meetings. Failure to attend three consecutive meetings without prior notice shall constitute resignation. Notice of anticipated absences shall be given to the presiding officer of the meeting to be missed.

streets. Next 6 months new traffic signal at Wilder and Florida near The Independent with visibility lights. Nebraska project in 2024 with several new crosswalks from downtown to Waters. Money set aside for bicycle lanes and crossing treatments along Ola and Central. \$19 million funded for first phase in 2024.

For further information, please visit www.HeightsMobility.com and review the Document section for potential concept alternatives.

City of Tampa William Porth – Great working relationship with FDOT. Highland from Violet to Hillsborough is city, rest is FDOT. Violet, Osbourne intersections with Highland are being worked with FDOT.

RESIDENT COMMENTS/QUESTIONS:

N. Boulevard has no turn signals at MLK light. Columbus is even worse. City said MLK is FDOT's road. William will still bring up with the city for discussion.

Question regarding the city-wide discrepancy in left turn signals on green vs. yellow, and solid vs. flashing. William stated that the traffic flow and heaviness dictates the color of those arrows. If there are any specific ones causing a major disruption to the traffic flow, please report to the City.

North Boulevard and MLK complaint about the length of the light. City/FDOT will review and discuss.

North River Blvd concern for the cul-de-sac being used as a cut through when the Real Estate Office is closed. City also recognizes impact on businesses, expect no changes in the near future.

Recommended Driver Feedback signs at Highland between Hillsborough and Violet. Already expected to be installed, among other things, for overall neighborhood traffic calming.

Question regarding how cutting Violet to 2 lanes help the turn. Curb configuration would cause less posturing on curve from Florida and beefing up the pork chop will also better calm traffic, if it's 2 lanes. North bound Florida drivers will have to yield to south bound traffic while coming onto Violet, that is a priority.

Recommendation for a stop sign on southbound Highland approaching Violet.

Highland and Osbourne SW corner resident had question about lowering speed limit on Highland.

Request for blinking crosswalk on N. River Road and Osborne. Those are school crosswalks. As such, they are within the school zones where there are posted speed limits with flashing signs.

Question as to whether the impact 66 apartments and 88 parking spaces at new development on Florida next to Red Star Rock Bar has been evaluated with regards to traffic planning.

Bike lane on Florida that just ends by Independent is dangerous and the one going into Highland off Violet are reported as very dangerous.

Next Speaker: Sgt. Brian Bridgmon of Tampa Police Department:

12/31 to 1/6 no "Big 4" major crime in SSH!
Suggested we contact "Ring" to see if we can get SSHCA Discount arranged.
Answered several questions from the community.

- V. Resident Forum (2 min each)
- VI. Closing