

**SSHCA General Meeting Minutes**  
**Seminole Heights Library**  
**Wednesday, January 15, 2020**

I. Call to Order by Stephen Lytle, President. Other Board Members present were Steve Swiger, Dawn Dayringer, Sharlene Hartford, Nicki McKiernan, Kisha Linebaugh, Brian Curry. Board members absent were David Harrington (excused), Cam Hypes (excused) Tatiana Huudma (excused) and Jordan Miller. A total of 33 residents and board members were present.

II. Guest Speakers – City Councilman John Dingfelder – District 3 Citywide  
Priorities include

- Making city contracts more accessible to Minority and Women Owned Business Vendors
- Mayors Pipes program - \$2.8 Billion – 20-year program to dig up and replace water and waste water pipes, rebuild the water plant, rebuild the waste water plant. This is the biggest project the city has ever undertaken.

Questions from Community:

1. Jeff Manzutto – Statement that Neighbors against Duckweed had more than 100 Signatures against it. Duckweed petitioned to put in a package store, people spoke against it, voting was tabled, then they changed the zoning process to administrative review and it was approved. He believes that Duckweed backdoored the application to get approval. Dingfelder: Delegation of authority: the elected officials have the ability to delegate back to staff for administrative review- Tends to oppose it, citizens don't get a chance to speak to it, etc. Has asked Staff to revisit the process, can't speak directly to it.
2. Les - Thank you for your work - On the Riverwalk E-scooters are prohibited but it isn't enforced - either let them legally be there or enforce NOT having them there.  
Dingfelder: 1-year authorization to evaluate and explore the need in the community. Reaction is mixed, Issue will be back at city council this spring - Interested to see what the injury rate is, possibly regulate the speeds down, has his concerns.
3. Anthony - Came to talk about crime - lot of young families in the neighborhood - interested in seeing a master plan for security at Rivercrest Park as well as camping under the Hillsborough Bridge.  
Asking for help to support the association to handle the issues.  
Dingfelder: Said he will coordinate a meeting with Paul Dial, Brad Baird, Association

III. City Councilman Guido Maniscalco District 6  
Priorities within the district include:

- Positive impacts to transportation, which is the biggest hurdle that keeps our city from total success, wants to expand HART, improve roads, build and connect more sidewalks, repair open ditches, expand streetcars up into the Heights.
- \$100k spent on feasibility study for Angus Goss pool by the Mayor. He wants to look at different methods of funding to reopen not only the Angus Goss Pool, but also the B. Lopez Pool
- Wants to fund restoration of the Guida House in McFarlane Park and become a West Tampa Museum, looking at private funding.
- Wants to replace the unsafe docks in Rivercrest Park right after the Lowry Park docks are finished, has had multiple conversations with Paul Dial about this.

Questions From The Community:

1. Brian Curry - Comment: Very fortunate to have him as our representative, he's very responsive, etc.
2. Tony - Question: Alley maintenance, understands that the neighbors have to maintain the alley, but if there is much traffic, why does the neighbor have to be the one to maintain it? Can the city come and level out the ruts from high use? How does that work?

Maniscalco: City will come out and cleanup, say they are understaffed, can talk to Mayor's Chief of Staff and talk to Code Enforcement - If it's used why can't the city come out and maintain it. Will bring up at his next meeting to see if there is something that can be done. Castor administration is responsive.

Carla - Question: Understands the city wants to prioritize the docks at Lowry, but why, when our docks are falling into the water? Docks are dangerous, Fence was replaced with no sides.

Maniscalco: First raised concerns 3-4 years ago, Rivercrest should have priority, will reach out to Paul Dial tonight, hopefully have a response by tomorrow morning

Sharlene - Question: When water main breaks on West Chelsea Street are a regular occurrence, then the streets are over paved too high and causes chronic standing water, how does SESH get priority for a Flooding Relief Program?

Maniscalco: SESH Water project was from 2016, West Chelsea Street should be included in the Pipes program.

IV. City Councilman Joseph Citro - Left before meeting started

**V. Executive Board Updates:**

a. Delegates

i. Brian Curry

1. Attends School Advisory Meeting once a month
2. \$2500 check for the reading program to fund a year
3. PTA Awards meeting - January 24
4. Sidewalk Stompers - National Program to get kids to walk to school - 4th Wed of every month, January 29<sup>th</sup> is next. Class with the most kids get a prize. Started out in Oct with 10 Kids, now have up to 50.
5. January 29<sup>th</sup> All Pro Dads Meeting
6. February is Black History month
7. Father/Daughter Dance - March 27
8. Spaghetti Dinner - April 30

Question: Diana Seiss - What can we do to get kids in the neighborhood to go to the school

Answer: Get active with the school to help build the school back up to what it was before, one of the keys is volunteering

ii. David Harrington – Absent, Excused

iii. Kisha Linebaugh – Nothing to update

b. Secretary – Sharlene Hartford – no new updates

c. Treasurer – Dawn Dayringer

i. Total Year-End balancesL

Checking - \$3293

Assoc Savings - \$7606

HU Savings - \$6955

Total All Accounts- \$19037 (incl Paypal & Cash box)

d. Vice President

i. Thank you to all committee chairs for staying on another year

ii. Neighborhood Watch is vacant

e. President

- i. Stephen Lytle reminded everyone that SSHCA will have a presentation from the group doing the SESH Flooding Relief Project at the next General Meeting on April 15th.
- ii. All Heights Board meeting - Bring together all the Seminole Heights boards
  1. OSHNA Home Tour
  2. SESH Crib Crawl
  3. HTCA Toasting the Terrace
  4. Concerns with Storage Unit facilities
- iii. Rivercrest Park - Louisiana Pump station - another 1.5 years - Complete refit
- iv. Tree Sustainability plan with Parks & Rec to plan on a 1/3/5 year timeline - Trying to use the tree fund
- v. Rivercrest Docks - P&R offered to do a temporary replacement, holding out for a full build, will be budgeted next year - Major update is what we are working for
  
- vi. New Businesses - Refill company, Barbershop, Metaphysical shop where Bali Bay was
- vii. Haya Linear Park restoration - Out for bid, bids came back 2x what was expected, trying to work with the Grantor to extend (was April deadline)
- viii. Master Plan for Parks & Rec - go on city's website - if there are things that are important to you please go to their website online and share your priorities
- ix. Broward Elementary - \$2500 donation for 4<sup>th</sup> grade reading program - including \$2000 grant from Tampa Rotary as well as Donations from neighbors. We now have enough to take care of next year's reading program for 4<sup>th</sup> grade as well!
- x. Neighborhoods Conference - SSHCA was awarded 2 awards
  1. Best Community Partnership Award – For Heights Unites with Brew Bus Brewing - Will be engraving our award with the Brew Bus logo and presenting to them
  2. Most Effective Board for Large Neighborhood Association
- xi. Met with CoT regarding Osborne Ave speeding and safety, discussing raised crosswalk with DOT.

**VI. Committee Updates:**

a. Beautification – Nicki McKiernan

- i. Street Art Trail – We have secured a grant to move forward - doing 9 more storm drains, currently gathering art from artists.
- ii. Spring Beautification Award – Let's see some new nominations, Announcement of dates coming in February

b. Communications– Nicki McKiernan

- i. Advertising update – Nicki and Kisha Linebaugh have been visiting all the businesses on Florida Avenue to seek new Banner advertisers.
- ii. The Banner is out for delivery today

c. Events - Tatiana Huudman (Absent)

- i. Broward Benefit Classic Car Show – 1/18 - Morning
- ii. Sunday Morning Markets
  1. January 12, 2020 (SSH)– Stephen for AM/PM
  2. February 9, 2020 (HTCA) – Nicki AM/Steve PM
  3. March 8, 2020 (SESH) – AM/PM
  4. April 12, 2020 (OSHNA) – AM/PM
  
- iii. Heights Unites Event @ Brew Bus – 2/22/20
  1. 10% of proceeds goes to \$25000 endowment
  2. Split rest with Brew Bus to help with things out in the neighborhood

- 3. Tripled the Band Budget this year
- 4. 25 Visual Artists signed up
- 5. Artists - Submit Poster - \$500 + Exhibiting Space
- 6. Interactive art exhibit - marbles to choose the favorite designs for Art Trail
- 7. Deadline is Jan 18th at Midnight - selecting Poster and Artist on Jan 20
- iv. Next general meeting - April 15
- v. Happy Hour for a cause - April 22 @ Brew Bus
- d. Land Use/Transportation – Jordan Miller (absent)
  - i. Steve Swiger reached out to FDOT regarding pedestrian crossing button on FL Ave. FDOT is seeking approval of businesses to install in their easements near the pork chop
  - ii. Duckweed - Has been approved shows within Accela - Permit has to be a part of a grocery - not a stand alone
  - iii. Violet – Kathi Lopez says its faster now
  - iv. Osborne Ave - concerns with Speeding and Safety
  - v. Light at Wilder near Independent hopefully this year
- b. Membership - Sandy Ray
  - i. As of 1/6/20 100 personal and 20 business members
- c. Neighborhood Watch – Need Chair

**vii. Old Business:**

**viii. New Business**

**ix. Resident Forum (2 min each)**

1. Carla Gorman

For Beautification Award - Can we make 2 awards - one for our older established homes, one for newer homes? Board will consider for Fall

And, Anya (daughter) is participating in an Ergothon at HHS at Sunday Morning Market Feb 9, Open to students and general public, will be rowing a 5k, sponsor a rower or compete yourself, Team is 100% parent sponsored team, team has been there for 30 years and don't get recognized as a sport. Buy a t-shirt?

2. Gary Dolgin - Candidate for HC Circuit Group 30

Election is August 18th

Practicing law for 30 years

Board Certified in Marital/Family Law

Goal is to serve on the Family Bench

Served as Prosecutor and Public Defender

**x. Adjourned**

*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.*