

SSHCA Virtual General Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, January 20, 2020 6:30 pm

- ❖ **Call to Order:** Sharlene Hartford, President; Other board members present were Brian Curry, Tatiana Huudma, Carla Gorman

- ❖ **Correspondence:** none

- ❖ **Executive Board Updates:**
 - Secretary/Membership
 - January Board Meeting minutes posted on www.sshcca.org
 - Membership
 - 108 residents/16 businesses

 - Treasurer
 - Treasurer's Report
 - Account Balances: Checking \$6,449.99
 - Business Savings \$10,327.04
 - Heights Unites Savings \$5,697.16
 - PayPal - \$1,449.27

 - Vice President – Brian Curry
 - Broward Elementary School - SAC meetings covered Title 1 school designation with Title 1 Parental funding project underway, attendance was a concern but improved over November and December to 91%, Q1 reading and math assessment performance was down. Frameworks of Tampa Bay group providing social and emotional program funding, along with STEM funding.

 - President – Sharlene Hartford
 - Updated all financial accounts to new officers
 - Sunbiz filing updated with new officers
 - Open board positions Secretary, Neighborhood Watch, Land Use, and Communications Chair to facilitate social media and newsletter
 - Community Projects Updates:
 - West Chelsea Street at Highland Ave Pedestrian Crosswalk:
 - ◆ At the request of FDOT, Sharlene polled all neighbors to this project and all strongly support this installation. Contacts with Edith Wong and Alex Henry of FDOT, Stephen Benson with the City of Tampa, and City Councilman Guido Maniscalco – no current timetable available. Alex Henry of FDOT said he would reach out to city contacts for slated time, worst case would be during Highland Ave Repaving in 2023. Stephen Benson promised to get back to us. No response from Councilman Guido Maniscalco.
 - Highland Avenue Repaving from Violent to MLK
 - ◆ Slated for fiscal year 2023-24. Walk and bike lane improvements are included in that project.
 - Parks & Recreation - Sherisha Hills:
 - ◆ Rivercrest Dock Replacement – working with City Contract Administration to determine best route for procuring the design.
 - ◆ Haya Linear Park Shoreline – Received notice on 1/15/21 that project had been approved for \$50,000 in Pollution Recovery Funds from the Hillsborough County

Environmental Protection Commission. Work cannot begin until the funding agreement has been executed. Expect to start work mid to late April.

- ◆ Rivercrest Park Tree Sustainability – 14 trees were plated in the upland areas in August 2020. Date not yet set for Phase II planting.
- Giddens Avenue Repaving – Stephen Benson, City of Tampa Chief Planner is gathering updates for us.
- Louisiana Pump Station – Eric Weiss – City of Tampa Director Wastewater:
 - ◆ Project is nearing completion. Chain link outer fence will stay around entire project for safety until project is completed. Currently, contractor is sourcing correct color barrel tiles for roof. Anticipates completion in March 2021.
- Super Bowl Experience Info
 - NFL One Pass app offers free admission for the Super Bowl Experience beginning the weekend before the Super Bowl. Extensive COVID-19 precautions will be taken including limited admission. NFL One Pass app and reservation of the tickets for specific time slots is required.
- Keep Tampa Bay Beautiful
 - Super Cleanup Sunday January 24th – Hillsborough River – WaterWorks Park 8:00 a.m. Seeking help from kayakers, canoers and walkers to help collect trash in advance of the Super Bowl
 - South Seminole Heights Community Garden Installation January 26th – Reed Park
- SWEEP in South Seminole Heights
 - May 17th – 21st, 2021

❖ **Committee Updates:**

- Beautification - Kim Jackson – no report
- Communications (Vacant)
 - Newsletter delayed
- Events - Tatiana Huudma – COVID-19 challenges have delayed events. We are in the process of developing a poll to see what kinds of activities the neighborhood believes would bring a sense of community, but could be safely implemented.
- Heights Unites – Likely will not occur in 2021. Need a new chairperson to lead event
- Land Use/Transportation - David Harrington, volunteer coordinator – No new updates to affect community.
- Neighborhood Watch – Sharlene Hartford - Information from Lt. Benjamin Brown of TPD
 - City of Tampa Police Chief Brian Dugan’s “Role Calls” have been delayed indefinitely due to COVID-19.
 - Reported Motorcycle swarm speeding and doing tricks driving down Highland -
 - Pursuit Legality is an issue, officers can only pursue motorcycles if drivers are part of a serious felony.
 - Helicopter Patrol Use – when these types of issues are reported, use of Police Helicopter is sometimes enlisted for pursuit, and then when they stop, location reported to patrol to pursue.

❖ **Old Business:** none

❖ **New Business:** none

❖ **Resident Forum**

- Emily Perkins – Historic Preservation Districts – Emily is working on historical district designation for South Seminole Heights and will update us at the next meeting.

❖ Meeting 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.