

SSHCA Virtual General Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, April 21 2020 6:30 pm

❖ Call to Order – Sharlene Hartford, President

❖ Speaker: Kimberly Overman, Vice-Chair of the Hillsborough County Commissioners

- Commission Structure:
 - County commission has 4 district commissioners that represent the districts of the county- Harry Cohen (Dis 1) or Meyers (Dis 3), Seminole Heights is split. Next year is election
 - 3 county-wide commissioners Overman (dis 7) Smith (Dis 5) Kim (Dis 6)
- General Commission Duties:
 - Run all county services, plan for roads, manage libraries, county parks, sheriff's officer, county fire rescue, water/storm water/wastewater for country residents, impact fees to deal with growth in community and added services
 - Most commissioners sit on the HART board, transport planning board and partner with municipalities for various services (example, water, land use/zoning rules)
 - Partner with city on code enforcement
- About Kimberly:
 - Resident of SH since 1994
 - Heights Urban Core Chamber
 - Operates the Heights Exchange
 - Chair of affordable housing board
- Theodore Roosevelt award recently given to Keep Tampa Bay Beautiful,
 - first time being awarded to a group, Reed park and Rivercrest park, volunteer work, for participation in ELAPPP (environmental land acquisition purchase and protection program)
- Hot Topic- Forest Preserve to be sold off by USF, recently gave instructions about acquiring or funding the protection of the land. Deemed ecologically significant back in the 30s when, documented research on archeological finds- first in this area to be discovered with these finds.
- Lately working on affordable housing- bill 2512 passed to perm sweep about half of funds for sea level rise towards development of affordable housing and refurbishing
 - Writing members of house/senate to attempt to get another 225mil to address shortfall of affordable housing in this area, affordable housing provides 6:1 return on investment
 - over 50% of residents of Hillsborough county would qualify for first time homebuyer/affordable housing programs
- Hillsborough is not close to the 70-80% vaccination rate to reach herd immunity, continue with Covid protocols even if vaccinated!

❖ Correspondence

❖ Executive Board Updates:

- Secretary/Membership – Kristen Riordan
 - Membership - 113 residents/16 businesses
- Treasurer - Open
 - Treasurer's Report Balances:

PayPal	\$1,179.04
Checking	\$5,589.98
Savings – Business	\$10,322.45
Savings – HU	\$ 5,697.45
Cash Box	\$125.76
Total	\$22,914.68

- QuickBooks Conversion

➤ Vice President – Brian Curry

▪ Broward Elementary School Highlights

- School Advisory Council meeting next week so we'll have more of an update then
- Walk to School Wednesdays, National Program to encourage walking, NLF Super Bowl grant awarded to this project \$10k, prizes given to children to encourage participation
- Beta Club (honor society club) has started an Incentives Room, looking for donations, see Facebook page for requested items (TVs, gaming center, snacks, etc) Can call Whitney for more information on donations (see Facebook page)

➤ President – Sharlene Hartford

- Introducing new Garden Flags for sale, \$39 for flag and stand, these bring in fundraising dollars to support our programs
- Treasurer vacancy; as well as Beautification Chair, Social Media, Communications and Neighborhood Watch Chairpersons- Nick Machuca volunteers!
- Need help with:
- Neighborhood Watch: Tampa Police Dept Role Call with Chief Brian Dugan and about 14 Patrol Officers – **April 24th, 2:00 p.m. at Rivercrest Park** – Discuss Food
 - ◆ Bring your concerns to discuss, event on SSHCA Facebook pages, wear your mask!
- SWEEP in South Seminole Heights - May 17th – 21st, 2021

❖ **Committee Updates:**

➤ Beautification – 2021 Spring Beautification Award Winner

- Winners- Matthew and Caroline Tapie Home was built in 1914, beautifully restored home at 418 W North Bay, bomb shelter in the backyard, had it removed in Sept City of Tampa had to sign off for removal for possible historical significance. built during Cuban missile crisis

➤ Communications (Vacant)

- Next Issue of The Banner will go out in May
- Deadline for all articles to be May 3rd.
- Send events or ideas to president@sshca.org

➤ Events - Tatiana Huudma

- Event ideas are in the works
- Plan to send out Facebook poll of event interest
- July event idea- 4th of July craft station for bike decoration, grill out, bike parade

➤ Heights Unites – No Update, will discuss future in 4th quarter

➤ Land Use/Transportation - David Harrington

- Could use a full-time committee chairperson, David is just being kind to help.

➤ Neighborhood Watch – Sharlene Hartford – Report under President

❖ **Old Business: None**

❖ **New Business: None**

❖ **Resident Forum:**

- TJ wants to thank board and volunteers for everything you do!
- Emily Perkins volunteers as Beautification Chair

- Emily- the only way that new builds will have design restrictions is to be designated a Historic District- Emily to work to arrange meeting
- Nick volunteers for Treasurer
- Jim- asks that someone to mention in Role call speeding issues on Highland, running stop sign, asks for Officers to be posted, especially during off hours

❖ 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.