

Crescent Heights Neighborhood Association
Board & Membership Meeting, Monday May 4, 2015
Church of the Beatitudes
6:30 pm Socializing, 7:00 pm Meeting

REFRESHMENTS: Food provided by CHNA and new resident, Patricia Wood.

Meeting was called to order by President Kristen Noakes-Fry followed by greetings, sign in, and introductions.

Board Members present: Kristen Noakes-Fry, Phil Trocchia, Susan O’Gara, Genine Thompson, Nancy Warner, Karri Morrison, Greg Fallon, Greg Holden

Church of Beatitudes Representatives: Rev. Phil Miller-Evans (Pastor), Dr. Peter Armacost (Moderator), Louise Baxter

A total of 24 people signed in (see attendance sheet).

MINUTES: Susan read a shortened version of the March 30, 2015 minutes which had been emailed to the entire CHNA Board prior to the meeting. Greg Fallon moved to approve and Phil seconded. **Approved and will be posted on CHNA website.**

TREASURER REPORT: Genine

- Balance on 4-30-15 of \$5,826.12
- \$160 from membership dues.
- One flag sale for \$40.
- Genine reported that the newsletter is covering it’s cost every month except February. Motion to approve report by Fred DeJohn and seconded by Donna DeJohn. Unanimously approved.

POLICE REPORT: Officer Bill Brandon reported one auto theft of a 2009 Toyota which was recovered 2 days later. One garage burglary with theft of speakers and electronics. Police picked up blood sample. One car was gone through with theft of CDs and owners manual. Officer Bill responded to question that practically all cars burgled were unlocked, and more people are now cognizant to lock their cars.

GUEST SPEAKERS-Universal Curbside Recycling:

A large contingent from the Sanitation Dept. of the City of St. Petersburg attended to address the upcoming Universal Curbside Recycling

Benjamin Shirley Director of Sanitation introduced Lynn Arthur Assistant Director, and tonight’s presenter Jeff Donnell Recycling Analyst, managers, safety personnel and drivers.

Jeff Donnell defined the new single stream recyclable program which will start mid-summer after the blue 95-gallon recycling bins (with starter kits) are delivered to all single family and multi-unit locations (up to 4 units) in St. Petersburg. Recyclables do not need to be separated. The present Waste Pro, Inc., subscription program will discontinue May 31st.

Recyclables will be picked up at the curb on a designated day biweekly for \$2.95 monthly. Alleys are too congested and would cost more to pick up in alleys. Recycle pick up will not be the same day as solid waste pick up.

Container delivery will start this week to 78,000 households, zone by zone. We are in Zone 6, Group B. There are 8 zones. It will probably be 5-6 weeks before we receive delivery of our containers.

Important information on lid will include categories of recyclables: plastics #1-7, mixed paper/cardboard, aluminum & steel cans & steel jar lids, all color glass containers, milk & juice cartons. Containers must be rinsed and free of food waste. They do not need to be separated.

Items which are not recyclable include: light bulbs, mirrors, ceramics, batteries, paint & pesticides, styrofoam, plastic bags, electronics. No food containers, no pizza boxes because of grease.

Customer service line 893-7398

Website www.stpete.org/recycle

An email text or phone reminder of collection dates can be set up for weekly reminders.

Natural CNG Trucks

Marketing & promoting at City events

Long term goals 100% participation with 60,000 tons out of solid waste

Benefits: saves money, creates jobs, reduces pollution, saves water

“Participate, don’t contaminate.”

“Throwing out is out.”

Question & Answer session responses:

Bins should be placed curbside by 7 am and back behind house by 7 pm

Data will be provided for neighborhoods.

Maybe future incentive program

BOARD ANNOUNCEMENTS/REQUESTS:

Newsletters: Kristen announced June 15th deadline for July/August issue. Send summer CHNA photos for next newsletter. Let CHNA know if you are not getting your Newsletter. They are hand delivered. Also on website: mychna.org

Traffic Committee – Stephanie is unable to lead committee. Traffic sign up sheet passed around

Porch Parties: Kristen announced upcoming events and plans for Thomas 2nd Vice President who was absent. Looking for people to host Porch Parties in June & July and the Aug pool/barbeque party. People bring own food and drink. For the August party, CHNA will pay for main part of meal. We just bring side dishes. May 16th Porch Party will be at Thomas Paterek's house instead of St. Pete Bark

Book Club: Kristen/Maureen announced next meeting on May 26th.

City Grants: Kristen reported neighborhood associations are not applying for grants because so complicated. Question about website for grants. Also question about getting acorn light grant. We could use previous information in reapplying. Is anyone interested in working on grants?

Membership – Nancy announced 128 members which might be a record, plus 26 people who didn't renew. People who rent can also be a member. This is a residents' not homeowners' association. Kristen said Nancy also checks real estate information because the taxpayers' office shows recent sales. If it is not an investor, Nancy sends letters to new neighbors.

Business Relations: Sean suits, 1st VP/Business was not present.

OLD AND NEW BUSINESS:

Bob Lehner expressed his concern about excessive speed on 29th Ave. He is adamant about getting Stop Sign switched and wants a motion based on Michael Frederick's report. Bob moved that CHNA request from the city a Stop Sign reversal at 8th Street N and 29th Ave N. and that CHNA send a letter to the city requesting this change to be made. Marty Hallas seconded the motion. Phil said the Stop Sign is a buffer for children. A discussion of ramp from the Church and children skateboarding from Church onto road followed. Phil felt this Stop Sign protects these children. Bob is very concerned about speed on 29th. However, Mike says people don't come to a complete stop. The motion was tabled because the chair did not see an overwhelming consensus.

Pastor Phil announced a meeting here at Church of the Beatitudes on May 12, 2015 at 6 pm hosted by Micah Center and Southern Poverty Law Center. Topic is "Consequences Aren't Minor: A Look at Pinellas County Schools."

Next Board Meeting, June 8, 2015.

Motion to adjourn by Greg Fallon and Jennifer Wright seconded.

Respectfully submitted by Susan O’Gara, CHNA Secretary