

**Crescent Heights Neighborhood Association**  
**Neighborhood Meeting Minutes**  
**January 4, 2016**

Members present: Among those present were 2015 & 2016 officers Kristen Noakes-Fry, Thomas Paterek, Sarah Suits, Louise Barrett, Greg Fallon, Susan O'Gara, Maureen Camphire, Amy Kelso, Karri Morrison, Greg Holden. 27 signed the Sign In sheet plus visiting speakers Darden Rice, Officer Merritt and Rev. Phil Miller-Evans.

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm by 2014-2015 President Kristen Noakes-Fry. She welcomed all and expressed appreciation for all we have done to improve our neighborhood. Reminded to pay \$20 for membership.

Susan O'Gara, Secretary, summarized the November 2, 2015 Neighborhood Meeting minutes, which will be posted in full on the CHNA website.

Thomas Paterek moved to accept and Greg Holden seconded. Accepted unanimously as summarized.

Louise Barrett, Treasurer, presented the Treasurer's report covering November 1 through December 31, 2015.

Balance as of November 1, 2015: \$6,580.83

Balance as of December 31, 2015: \$5,991.06

Total Revenue: \$785.00

Total Expenditures: \$1,374.57

John Sullivan moved to accept and Greg Holden seconded. Accepted unanimously as read.

Darden Rice, Dist. 4, new Vice Chair of City Council, congratulated old and welcomed new officers. She said we are one of best neighborhood associations. She attends CHNA's meetings often because her neighborhood association is not as active and engaged with the community. She passed out St. Pete Interest Cards to find out what issues concern us.

Officer Merritt, our Community Police Officer, said we have a fantastic neighborhood. He presented the latest crime report for our neighborhood.  
2 residential burglaries and one attempted burglary  
1 bike removed from porch & 1 bike from open garage

1 stolen car which was found  
1 narcotics incident but didn't live in our neighborhood  
He passed out surveys for our input about Police Department.

The new 2016 Board Officers introduced themselves followed by a group hug. They are:

President - Thomas Paterek  
1st VP (Business Relations) - Sarah Suits  
2nd VP (Program) - Greg Fallon  
Secretary - Susan O'Gara  
Treasurer - Louise Barrett  
Membership Director - Amy Kelso  
Newsletter Editor - Karri Morrison

Thomas Paterek, the new 2016 President, presented a quick overview of our Mission Statement (in Dec/Jan Newsletter) and 3 Pillars: Activism, Social, Beautification.

President Thomas Paterek asked for the report of the Bylaws Committee. Our newly installed Membership Chair, Amy Kelso, determined that we exceeded our minimum requirement for a legal quorum.

Louise Barrett, chairman of the Bylaws Committee summarized the major changes as follows:

- Language was added to make our bylaws compliant with new status of 501(3) (c).
- The Committee changed the titles of "monthly/general/membership/annual meeting" used interchangeably throughout the bylaws to consistent title of "Neighborhood Meeting".
- The Committee clearly identified the three types of meetings covered by the bylaws- Board Meetings, Neighborhood Meetings and Special Meetings throughout the revised bylaws.
- The Committee updated all officer position duties from input of board.
- The Committee added new voting Board Positions- Social Media Manager and Website Manager. These positions are essential for a modern CHNA, but currently they have no voting voice on the board.
- As a result of adding the positions: the Committee changed the Board Meeting quorum to 5. There are 9 positions with the two new positions added, plus the immediate past President who would bring the total to 10.
- The Committee streamlined Nomination, Election and Amendment Articles since we no longer having "Monthly" Neighborhood Meetings.

-The Committee added term limits for President Position and Treasurer position.

At the end of the report Louise Barrett moved: by direction of the committee I move the adoption of the published bylaw revisions in their entirety and that the Crescent Heights Bylaws be so amended and taking effect on this date with the exception of the addition of the two new board members who will not be elected until the new election in November 2016. President Thomas Paterek opened the floor for discussion.

John Sullivan asked for the specifics of the term limits for the President and Treasurer that were being proposed.

Louise Barrett read the proposed Article 6, Section 5: "Term Limits-The Board Officers shall be elected for a term of one year. The President will be eligible for re-election in the same office for an additional consecutive one year term. The Treasurer will be eligible for re-election in the same office for two additional consecutive one year terms. There are no term limits on any other offices."

She added that this meant the President and Treasurer could not ever serve in those positions again after completing two years as President and three years as Treasurer.

John Sullivan said he thought this would handicap CHNA in case the past President and past Treasurer were the only ones available to serve at a future time. Forrest Fountain agreed with John Sullivan's points.

John Sullivan introduced a friendly motion to add the following to the end of proposed Article 6, Section 5: "These term limits are in place for a period of two years, when the President and Treasurer can run again for these offices."

Greg Holden seconded this friendly motion.

The friendly motion was passed unanimously.

With no further discussion, President Thomas Paterek took a vote on the adoption of the published bylaw revisions in their entirety and that the Crescent Heights Bylaws be so amended and taking effect on this date with the exception of the addition of the two new board members who will not be elected until the new election in November 2016, which included the inclusion of the friendly amendment.

The motion on the adoption of the published bylaw revisions was passed unanimously.

Greg Fallon presented upcoming events which are listed in our recent Newsletter.

Presentation by Crescent Heights Outreach Committee: Phil Miller-Evans presented a Power Point of the Crescent Heights Outreach Survey results. Asset based survey to find hobbies and interests and make connectivity. Sign up sheets were available for Neighbors helping Neighbors, Parents of Young Children Group, and Interest Groups.

Maureen Camphire and Susan O’Gara were available with Phil to answer questions. The Outreach Committee is also organizing the first Crescent Heights neighborhood upcoming Art and Culture Fair to be held Saturday, February 27, 2016, from 10 am-4 pm at the Church of the Beatitudes. Sign up sheet for artists and volunteers.

Professor Brandy Stark asked about starting a walking tour of our neighborhood with St. Pete Preservation. Need one home open to visit during tour. Suggested she contact Jim Tomlinson who has book started of neighborhood history.

Darden Rice said on track to refurbish painting of Crescent Lake Water Tower by May. Also area around it will be refurbished including landscaping and cleaning up recycle area.

Susan O’Gara asked about restrooms in Crescent Lake. This has been turned down in the past due to problems associated with public toilet facilities.

Louise Barrett moved to adjourn and Karri seconded.  
Meeting adjourned at 8:37 pm by President Thomas Paterek.

Respectfully submitted by Susan O’Gara, Secretary CHNA