

CHNA Neighborhood Meeting
May 2, 2016 at Church of the Beatitudes

6:30 pm refreshments

Members and Visitors Present:

Officers: Thomas Paterek, Sarah Suits, Susan O’Gara, Louise Barrett, Amy Kelso. (27 people signed in plus 3 others).

Visitors: Liz Abernethy, Officer Ray Merritt

The Meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm by President Thomas Paterek. He greeted new people.

Officer Merritt, Community Service Officer, presented report.

- 1 stolen vehicle
- 2 residential burglaries
- 3 vehicle burglaries and one attempted
- 1 grand theft from ACE-took 3 big coolers from front display.

He reported 5 abandoned vehicles with grass underneath. He said that, if the vehicle doesn’t run, get it off road. If not used regularly (every 24 hours), a car parked on road is considered street storage. Can’t store trailers and boats on city property.

Traffic is biggest complaint citywide: running stop signs, speeding, etc. A car driving down our cobblestone roads may appear to be speeding at 40 mph but not really that fast.

Soliciting is illegal in city. Call non-emergency number. Call Permitting to be sure licensed if selling door to door.

Preferred way to contact Officer Merritt is his cell 551-3182 or email raymond.merritt@stpete.org

Guest Speaker: Zoning Official Liz (Elizabeth) Abernethy, AICP, DRS Division-Planning and Economic Development, discussed Special Site Exemption. She addressed the 30th Ave & 9th St. N. storage facility variance. Property owner based out of

Texas couldn't attend.

Hearing deferred one month due to flooding in Texas.

She explained history of property. Rest of parking lot will need updated landscaping. Will sell 3 lots for houses. Will meet today's requirement for parking for their storage. Alley should be border of commercial property. We have NT 2 neighborhood. She can add signage so won't park in alley or behind homes after Nancy Warner questioned.

Bob Lehner asked about live oak on properties. Jessica Tomlinson supported saving trees, esp. on city property.

Liz explained that most of our Laurel oaks are aging out. Live oaks live longer and are protected whenever possible.

Liz also said that our traditional neighborhood requires driveways be off alley when questioned about circular drives.

Thomas asked how to report unpermitted building or conversions.

Residential LDR meeting at Main Library 6-8 pm, June 21st, to talk about grandfathered uses, garage apartments, reinstatement sections of code. Design Standard meeting August 23rd. Liz Abernethy can be contacted at her email, Elizabeth.abernethy@stpete.org

Susan O'Gara (Secretary) summarized the March 7, 2016 minutes. Louise Barrett moved to accept and Tom Camphire seconded. Minutes were accepted unanimously as summarized.

Louise Barrett (Treasurer) presented the Treasurer's Report.

Balance as of March 1, 2016	\$6,848.01
Balance as of April 30, 2016	\$7,250.26

Revenue

Ads: 100, 100, 100, 60	360
Membership dues 2016 (15)(4)	380
Membership dues 2016 Paypal (8)(4)	240
Donations: 20, 5	25

Total Revenue	1005
Expenditures	
3.7% Pay Pal Fees (8 at .74 each)(4@.74)	8.88
Bates Printing March/April	429
Facebook February, March	73.36
Cultural Fair Special Event	14.99
March Meeting Food	38.52
Garage sale Expense, ad	38
InDesign Software, Newsletter	239.88
Total expenses	842.63

Susan O’Gara moved to accept and Jessica seconded.
Treasurer’s report was accepted unanimously as presented.

Board Member & Committee Chair Announcements:

First VP Sarah Suits – Business Relations asked for a volunteer to be our new web developer. Randy Will Payne volunteered. Wendy Smith volunteered to lay out Newsletter every 2 months.

Second VP Greg Fallon’s report was presented by Thomas Paterek.

May 11-Sunken Garden event with Mayor who gives state of City. Food will be provided.

Upcoming Book Club Meetings: May 24 and June 28.

May 14th Porch Party: Pig roast with live music at Steve Rissi’s and Kelly Moser's home.

June 18th Porch Party at Scheidt’s

Membership: Amy Kelso reported 147 paid members.

Thomas Paterek discussed **Operation Mural Beautification** community project kickoff. We are applying to receive city grant to paint presentations of our neighborhood to beautify business walls. Derek Donnelly has a nonprofit to vet out artists. Artists will submit cost and ideas. \$20 an hour for committee members to help pay for grant. Then unveiling with mayor and neighborhood cleanup.

Susan O’Gara presented suggestions for our involvement in the September **St. Pete Carefest**. She suggested pressure washing and painting the Church of the Beatitudes and/or gardening work for the church or choosing a home in our neighborhood which needs outside cleanup/painting/repairs.

Historic Walking Tour Project working with St. Petersburg Preservation for a historic walking tour of our neighborhood was discussed.

John Sullivan reported that he is working on our next Halloween Party and suggested a Lighted Christmas walk with food.

Tom Camphire moved to adjourn the meeting and Nancy Warner seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 8:18 pm by Thomas Paterek.

Respectfully submitted by Susan O’Gara, Secretary of CHNA