

## CHNA Neighborhood Meeting Minutes – November 2, 2015

Church of the Beatitudes

6:30 pm Socializing

Attendees: Among those present were extended board members and officers Kristen Noakes-Fry, Thomas Paterek, Sean Suits, Sarah Suits, Louise Barrett, Greg Fallon, Susan O'Gara, Maureen Camphire, Nancy Warner, Amy Kelso (see attendance sheet for complete list). Karri Morrison phoned to report she was held up at work and could not attend.

At 6:45 pm prior to the official opening of the meeting, President Kristen Noakes-Fry initiated a discussion of problems regarding mail delivery related to not having regular carriers on our route.

The meeting was then called to order at 7:00 pm by President Kristen Noakes-Fry.

1. Passing sign-up sheet around room.
2. Greetings and welcome
3. Susan O'Gara, Secretary, read the September 14, 2015 minutes as compiled by Greg Fallon. James Tomlinson moved to accept and Ann Alexander seconded. There was applause for Jen Wright who arranged the \$500 city grant for the Halloween Block Party.
4. Louise Barrett, Treasurer, read the Treasurer's report with a touch of humor enjoyed by all.  
Balance as of October 31, 2015 was \$6,580.83  
Total Revenue was \$2,254.38 (including 68 2016 membership dues and 4 2015 membership dues).  
Total Expenditures were \$806.62  
Robert Lanher moved to accept & Jim Tomlinson seconded.
5. Officer Merritt presented statistics for our neighborhood.  
Prostitution arrest elsewhere but stopped in our neighborhood.  
Ace burglary to fenced area & took egg barbeque.  
Vehicle burglaries.

He also warned us to lock valuables such as purses where they cannot be seen. Car windows have been broken at a Fitness Center to steal valuables.

Lights make a difference at night. Check lights regularly.

Be sure packages from UPS are not left on porch. These are also taken.

6. Annual report by Kristen Noakes-Fry, our outgoing president:

Membership households have grown.

Finances stable.

Print Newsletter pays for itself thru ads even though upgraded.

Treasurer now keeps track of ad money.

Grant for Halloween Block Party.

Genine Thompson got us Charitable Tax Exempt status.

ByLaws Committee headed by Louise Barrett to update ByLaws.

Leadership in handling parking, traffic and safety issues surrounding opening of Trader Joes, and they presented us with two new neighborhood markers.

Traffic committee, headed by Karri Morrison, worked with City on applying for new 4th Street crosswalk and signage and enforcement of regulations for large semi-trucks using residential streets.

New cooperative effort between the Church of the Beatitudes and CHNA, the *Crescent Heights Outreach Committee*, was formed and sponsored a successful Food and Clothing Drive for Daystar.

St. Pete City Beautiful Competition headed by Elizabeth Caswell resulted in Joe & Becca Poltrak's home being selected as the winning home.

John Sullivan organized the successful Halloween Block Party.

Thanks were given to our members who maintain communications in the neighborhood:

Traer Price does layout for Newsletter.

Steve Hamsness website and emails.

Sarah Suits FB social media editor and coordinator of volunteers who hand deliver our newsletters.

Kristen's Annual Report can be seen in full in our November/December CHNA Newsletter and on our website.

7. Upcoming events are on our website and in the Newsletter:

- Thanksgiving parade
- Thanksgiving left overs porch party
- Holiday Home Décor Contest
- Book Club
- Christmas Party

8. Election of Officers for 2016

At the request of Sarah Suits, head of the Nomination Committee, Kristen Noakes-Fry presented the slate of offers and introduced those present.

- 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

Ann Alexander moved and James Tomlinson seconded to accept the nominations as presented by the Nominating Committee. The motion passed unanimously.

There were no other nominations from the floor.

Ann Alexander moved and James Tomlinson seconded for membership to vote on the whole slate.

The CHNA voting members unanimously elected the slate of officers as presented by the Nominating Committee.

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Thomas Paterek & Susan O'Gara praised Kristen Noakes-Fry for her diligent and devoted work as President and the members gave her a huge 3 cheers!

9. Louise Barrett summarized the highpoints of the proposed changes to the CHNA Bylaws from the Bylaws Committee. Printed "red-line" copies (actually blue) were available and will be on the website. (Members will actually vote on changes at next Neighborhood meeting, January 4th -- which is also the installation meeting at which the officers for 2015 will turn things over to the newly elected officers for 2016.)

10. Presentation by City addressing our tree trimming issues:  
Susan Ajoc, Community Services Director, introduced our speaker Phil Whitehouse, Superintendent with St. Petersburg Parks and Recreation, and Mike Vinyard, certified arborist with the city.  
Main concern is safety of pedestrians or vehicles for trees on right of ways, sidewalks, curbing, etc.  
Handle forestry in the city including parks.  
Trees are trimmed 14 feet over streets and 8 feet over sidewalks by city ordinance.  
Will remove trees if dead.  
Trim for fire trucks, recycling trucks & dumpsters.  
Will put door hanger up if tree is on private property. They will trim if you do not want to pay yourself.  
Four arborists on staff.  
City has planted over 30,000 trees, many more than taken out.  
Will concrete medians on either side of Trader Joe's as no landscaping has been done.  
Powerline clearance is different and taken care of by electric company.  
Utility arborist specialty to trim so branches grow away from lines.  
Action line for us to report code violations blocking traffic visibility. Take photo and send with report.  
Sidewalk is homeowners' responsibility for keeping out plants.

Thomas Paterek moved to adjourn and Traer Price seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 8:17 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Susan O'Gara, Secretary CHNA