

**CHNA Neighborhood Meeting
January 9, 2017**

6:30 refreshments-Church of the Beatitudes

Members and Visitors Present:

Officers: Thomas Paterek, Gregory Fallon, Karri Morrison, Susan O’Gara,
Louise Barrett, Amy Kelso, Will Payne

29 members signed in plus 3 who did not sign in.

Visitor: Officer Ray Merritt, St Petersburg Police Department

Meeting was called to order at 7:03 pm by President, Thomas Paterek. Everyone present introduced themselves. Officers introduced themselves and described their duties.

Officer Merritt, Community Service Officer, covers 7 districts.

Crime report from beginning of November till now (2 months):

1 residential burglary-package from covered porch.

6 vehicle burglaries-4 unlocked,

3 grand thefts (Craig’s list, laundry stolen, and roommate theft)

Because Reggie Mitchell, Crime Watch Coordinator, was unable to attend until our next meeting, Officer Merritt summarized Crime Watch.

Chris Hayes and Lisa Hawk have volunteered to head up Crime Watch and already have a list of 9 potential Block Captain Volunteers

Block Captains are basically eyes and ears to deter crime.

Have to have background checks because police share information.

Some neighborhoods have organized Crime Walks and look at what their neighborhood needs done to be safer.

Auto theft ring out of Georgia uses Craig’s list after they change VIN #s. Second VIN # under car is usually not changed by thieves.

Thieves often park car and 3 kids walk, driver stays in car with lights off.

Call police give description of car and direction of travel.

Call police before scare kids off.

Non emergency phone number goes straight to their dispatch. Advised us to put 893-7780 into our phone. Quicker response than 911.
You can also post information online to report to police on their website.
Email (Raymond.Merritt@stpete.org) or phone Officer Merritt, instead of nextdoor.com

Secretary, Susan O’Gara, summarized the **CHNA Neighborhood Minutes** of the November 7, 2016 meeting. Minutes had been approved prior to the meeting by Karri Morrison, Sarah Suits, and Gregory Fallon. Approved unanimously.

Treasurer’s report was summarized by Treasurer, Louise Barrett.

Balance as of December 1, 2016	\$ 5,514.30
Balance as of December 31, 2016	\$ 6,121.75
Total Revenue	\$ 1738.00
Total Expenses	\$ 1130.55

Amy Kelso moved to accept and Greg Fallon seconded. Treasurer’s report was accepted unanimously as presented. Full report is attached.

Greg Holden, Past President of CHNA, reported on the **Tampa Bay Rowdies’ bid to join the MLS**. This is a generational opportunity for our city and will bring visitors from all over the world. The Rowdies are the oldest professional sports team in our area. They are looking for a long term (25 year) lease and will pay to enlarge the stadium from 7,000 to 18,000 seats with no request for public dollars. He encouraged us to contact 5 people to support this move.

Board Member & Committee Chair Announcements

First VP – Business Relations –Position unfilled

Second VP – Programs-Greg Fallon recapped past and presented future events. Several first time successful events included Caroling, Business Social, Lights in the Heights.

Feb 21, 10-11:30, Historic Neighborhood Walking Tour.

Brandy Stark said that so far 32 signed up. She is looking for unique stories about our homes. (She also does paranormal tours at Patty’s and Friends.)
Questioned if Jim Tomlinson’s book could be reprinted

Kevin Mort's Chili Cook-off follows the tour. BYOB and best recipe 5-8pm
Feb 12, 12-2:00, Pot luck Family Picnic jointly with Crescent Lake
Easter Egg Hunt
Effort to meet mayor at Sunken Gardens at Spring meeting
Pig Roast may turn into Spring Block Party last Saturday in April.
Art and Cultural Fair Feb 25, 10-2

John Sullivan recapped first annual Lights in the Heights

Membership Chair, Amy Kelso, said we can now pay dues by paypal automatically. Our aim is 200 members. 79 paid for next year.

Newsletter Editor, Karri Morrison, requested we write articles for Newsletter and send to her.

Maureen Camphire, Committee Chair for CHNA's Book Club, reported 10-15 people in attendance. Next meeting is January 24 followed on February 28 with *A Land Remembered* by Patrick Smith

Mural Project Update: Thomas Paterek summarized steps of the project. Now at final stage of selection. 2 themes historical and natural reference of neighborhood. Got proposals from all over world. Tomorrow night at 7 pm, 4 artists will present their proposals here at The Church of the Beatitudes. Then we choose 2 favorite artists. Next is artistic creative stage. Hoping project will be done by end of Feb early March. Hopefully our Mayor will come to unveiling which will be followed by a neighborhood cleanup. City provided \$12,000 and will match funds to volunteer hours

Neighborhood Preservation:

Jim wrote in Newsletter about differences between National and Local Historic Designation. Local designation can be many different things. It protects the character of this neighborhood. Now only 50 % of returned ballots is required for designation. After this, a Certificate of Appropriateness is needed to build. Voted unanimously to have Jim invite St. Petersburg city employee Laura Duvokot, Historic Preservationist II, Urban Planning and Historic Preservation Department to attend our next meeting. Phone # 892-5451

Second Annual **Arts and Cultural Fair** Update

Brandy Stark reported that artists, volunteers and cultural groups are still being sought for the Fair on Saturday, February 25, 10-2pm.

Amy Kelso moved and Greg Fallon seconded motion to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 8:32 pm by President Thomas Paterek.

Submitted by Susan O'Gara, Secretary CHNA

Crescent Heights Neighborhood Association
Treasurer's Report
(December 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016)

Balance as of December 1, 2016	\$ 5,514.30
Balance as of December 31, 2016	\$ 6,121.75

Revenue

Ads: 135, 216, 81, 81, 405,
135, 120, 15, 81

Donation (1) \$ 169.00

Flags (5) \$ 200.00

Pay Pal 2017 members (1) \$ 20.00

2017 Membership (4) \$80.00

Total Revenue \$ 1738.00

Expenditures

Pay Pal \$.74

Facebook November \$ 33.60

Halloween expense \$ 30.00

Lights in the Heights \$ 577.21

Bates Jan/Feb Newsletter \$ 489.00

Total Expenses \$ 1130.55

Outstanding Ck CONA \$35
net change +607.45

Submitted by Louise Barrett, Treasurer CHNA