

## CHNA Neighborhood Meeting

November 7, 2016

6:30 refreshments-Church of the Beatitudes

Members and Visitors Present:

Officers: Sarah Suits, Gregory Fallon, Karri Morrison, Susan O’Gara,  
25 members and 2 visitors signed in.

Officer Ray Merritt, St Petersburg Police Department

Meeting was called to order at 6:50 pm by Sarah Suits standing in for  
President, Thomas Paterek.

**Secretary’s Report:** Susan O’Gara summarized the approved minutes  
of the September 12, 2016 Neighborhood Meeting. Minutes had been  
approved prior to the meeting by Louise Barrett, Sarah Suits, and Gregory  
Fallon. Jim Tomlinson moved to approve summarized minutes and Anne  
Alexander seconded. Passed unanimously.

**Treasurer’s report** was summarized by Susan O’Gara for Treasurer  
Louise Barrett.

Balance as of October 1, 2016                   \$ 4,531.55

Balance as of October 31, 2016               \$ 4,514.30

Total Expenses                                       \$ 652.25

The balance was questioned. A member asked if the new memberships  
collected at the Halloween Block Party were included in Balance. They  
were not.

Angie Connor moved to accept and Jim Tomlinson seconded. Treasurer’s  
report was accepted unanimously as presented.

### **Officer Merritt’s report:**

- Only 3 incidents
- DUI hit parked cars between 25th to 27th Avenues on 8th St.
- Stolen bikes were discussed. Angie Connor suggested people jot down  
serial numbers of bikes. Officer Merritt said we can register bikes

online with police department otherwise we can't claim them if found when stolen.

- Officer Merritt loved the Halloween Block Party.
- He suggested asking Tasco to open up the restrooms at the far end of the lake or he suggested porta potty rentals for the Crescent Lake Family event.
- Members said that trucks are still coming through our neighborhood and that 25th Ave and 8th St does not have a speed bump. Speeding and running stop signs is a problem on some streets with children. Officer Merritt said to notify Mike Fredericks@stpete.org to review our traffic plan. There is a process to get this done, including a speed count.
  - We have a traffic committee, but need volunteers who will update our plan and submit to city. Bob Lehner said he would get involved, as did Angie Connor who works with teens. Jim Tomlinson suggested taking photos and keeping a paper trail with dates and times and number of traffic violations.

## **Board Member & Committee Chair Announcements**

### **First VP – Business Relations- Sarah Suits**

Thomas Paterek is leading Mural Project. Request for proposals to be sent upon completing a brief. Tentative unveiling will occur in April in conjunction with a clean-up day.

### **Second VP – Programs- Greg Fallon**

Greg summarized the Halloween Block Party. See full report, 2016 CHNA Halloween Report, in an attached addendum. Angie Connor suggested that the high school students in her group could help in thanking the community businesses with certificates. Louise Barrett is writing Thank You notes.

### **Upcoming events:**

- **Tree House Gallery Local Business Social**, November 11.
- **Saturday Golf Outing at Mangrove Bay**, Cypress Links, November 12
- **Thanksgiving Day Parade**
- **Post-Thanksgiving Potluck**, November 25, at Elisabeth Nevin's

- **Lights in the Heights** is Saturday, Dec 17, from 6-7:30, followed by a garden party from 7:30-9. It includes a Scavenger Hunt. Asked for Volunteers.
- **Chili Cook Off** at Kevin Mort's House on Jan 21st
- **Crescent Lake Family Picnic**, Joint Pot Luck with Crescent Heights, date TBD, favoring a proposed date of Saturday, Feb 11.
- January 21, 2017, **SPP Neighborhood Tour**, 1920s till today. One home for people to enter is needed. The Gandy House was suggested. Need people to come out and talk about the history of their home to those on tour. Brandy to email Thomas more details.
- Susan O'Gara, on behalf of Phil Miller-Evans, encouraged members to sign-up to help with the **Art & Cultural Fair on Feb 25th, 2017**.

**Membership-** Sarah Suits reported for Amy Kelso.

We had 66 new/renewed memberships for 2017 at the Halloween party. 20 were new members.

**Newsletter Editor-** Karri Morrison reported that November/December Newsletters are being delivered.

### **Nomination and Election of CHNA 2017 Board Members**

Nominating Committee: John Sullivan, Nancy Way, and Greg Holden

President	Thomas Paterek
1st Vice President	<i>Open</i>
2nd Vice President	Gregory Fallon
Secretary	Susan O'Gara
Membership Director	Amy Kelso
Treasurer	Louise Barrett
Social Media Manager	Sarah Suits
Website Manager	Will Payne
Newsletter Editor	Karri Morrison

Bob Lehner moved that the slate of officers be accepted. Jim Tomlinson seconded and it passed unanimously.

**The position of 1st Vice President of Business Relations was not filled.**

**Discussion of Neighborhood Plan** started when two members talked about huge new modern homes being built that don't reflect the character of our neighborhood. Jim Tomlinson then was asked to present a summary of the history of our Neighborhood Plan. He said that over the years city administrations have diluted our plans. They say a plan like ours is non-binding. Only a Historic Designation preserves the character of a neighborhood and is broad and local but locks in character of neighborhood. Majority of neighborhood has not supported it in past. We will also lose homes as our business corridors build bigger parking lots. Every home owner must sign the request for Historic Designation and need 75% approval of neighbors. Need full time committee. First step should be an educational hand-out to explain difference between National Historic and Historic. Jim was asked to spell it out for next Newsletter. A sign-up sheet for Committee to preserve our neighborhood was signed by four people.

Gregory Fallon moved to adjourn the meeting and Angie Connor seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 7:52 pm by Sarah Suits.

Addenda attached:

1. Crescent Heights Neighborhood Association Treasurer's Report  
(October 1, 2016 through October 31, 2016)
2. 2016 CHNA Halloween Report

Respectfully submitted by Susan O'Gara, Secretary, CHNA

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

Balance as of October 1, 2016	\$ 4,531.55
Balance as of October 31, 2016	\$ 4,514.30

**Revenue**

Ads:	\$45.00
Donation (1)	\$50.00
Flags (1)	\$40.00
City Halloween Grant	\$500.00

**Total Revenue** \$635.00

**Expenditures**

Cultural Fair	\$50.00
Halloween Expenses	
Insurance	\$218.00
Halloween Crafts	\$304.11
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**Total Expenses** \$ 652.25

No Outstanding Ck  
net change (-\$17.25)

Submitted by Louise Barrett, CHNA Treasurer

**2016 CHNA Halloween Report**

**Expenses:**

218.78 (Insurance)  
79.36 Annette Kapfer (crafts)  
304.11 Nancy Way (food and crafts)  
30 Permit fee  
**632.25 Total**

**Income:**

500 City Grant  
50 SPCA  
**550.00 Total**

**Donations for Prizes:**

**City of St Pete**

**Rollin' Oats**- a basketful of products and a \$25 gift card (value \$75)

**St. Pete Bakery**- \$100 (1) value adult class, \$75 (2) value children's classes

**St. Petersbark**- bag full of pet goodies

**Soho Juice Co**- small soft side cooler & cleansing juices

**The Flower Centre**- Fall Garden Dish value \$45.

**Trips Diner**- \$20 gift card (1)

**Evos-** \$10 gift cards (2)  
**Frame St. Pete** \$50 gift cards (2)  
Kelso's- tickets to Great Explorations (2)  
**Harvey's 4th Street Grill** \$30 (1) Sunday Brunch Certificate  
**Papa Johns** Large Pizza Coupons (10)  
Youngs Family -Candy and prizes

**Food:**

**Brian Connell-4th St Shrimp Store-**  
Kapfer Family- Lemonade, water  
**Rally 4th St/ Old Northeast #236**  
City of St Petersburg

**Note: Only \$82.25 from CHNA treasury for this wonderful event.**

Great job. A huge shout out to

- John Sullivan who organized the Halloween Block Party with his committee, and printed all the flyers.
- Nancy Way who fearlessly led the way on the day of the event, manned the cookie station, and son Aaron who helped with the crafts.
- the Kapfers who did so much, including cooking, the craft booth and daughter helping
- Phil Trocchia who went to the Police Department for the permit and was MC.
- Amy Kelso who took dues from 66 members, and her able assistant Lisa Loehr.
- Angie Conner and Karen Hadidi and their sons who helped with the kids games.
- The picture back drop painters (who are they so we can thank them?)
- Todd Youngs who stores the games all year and donates lots of candy and prizes for the games
- Our set up crew including the Polterak's, Keith Thompson, Steve Hamness, Bob Lanier, Tim Mulligan and Nioma, Colt and Michelle Mehler, and many others who I have forgotten
- The neighborhood pre-teens who helped with the kids games.
- To Maureen Camphire, Susan O'Gara and Greg Fallon who solicited the prizes
- Sarah Suits, Will Payne, Karri Morrison and Thomas Paterak who work with our business partners and handled publicity.
- to whomever applied for the city grant
- to all who delivered the flyers
- Jessica Tomlinson our DJ and her parents Jim and Eva who helped with the set up and take down of her equipment
- to everyone else I missed
- Louise & Allen Barrett
- and to the many who anonymously and generously donated items and food to this event- thank you, thank you!

**For webpage**

Thanks to our 2016 CHNA Halloween Block Party Sponsors. Your support of our Crescent Heights Neighborhood Association means the world to us. It is wonderful to have the encouragement of our surrounding business partners! Food, beverages, the costume contest prizes, and prizes for our neighbors were made possible by your generosity.

It was our best CHNA Halloween Block Party so far- both in total attendance, number of children, and variety of activities. The children enjoyed tours of a firetruck and police car, arts and crafts, games, and cookie decorating. We had a DJ, hot dogs, chips, and beverages.

Thanks to the City of St. Petersburg, 4th Street Shrimp Store, Evos, Frame St. Pete, Harvey's 4th Street Grill, Papa John's Pizza, Rally 4th St/ Old Northeast #236, Rollin' Oats, St. Pete Bakery, St Petersburg BARK, SOHO Juice Company, The Flower Centre, Trips Diner, and SPCA Suncoast.

**Submitted by Louise Barrett**