

## **CHNA Neighborhood Meeting**

**March 6, 2017**

6:30 refreshments-Church of the Beatitudes

### **Members and Visitors Present:**

Officers: Thomas Paterek, Gregory Fallon, Karri Morrison, Susan O’Gara, Louise Barrett

Visitors: Officer Ray Merritt, St Petersburg Police Department  
Derek Kilborn, Manager of Urban Planning & Historic Preservation  
Ms. Laura Duvekot, Historic Preservationist (City Rep Urban Planning  
and Historic Preservation)  
Larry Frey, Historic Preservationist

Meeting was called to order at 7:03 pm by President Thomas Paterek.

**Secretary**, Susan O’Gara, summarized the CHNA Neighborhood Minutes of the January 9th, 2017 meeting. Minutes had been approved prior to the meeting by Karri Morrison, Amy Kelso, and Gregory Fallon.

**Treasurer**, Louise Barrett presented the February 1st through February 28th, 2017, report which is attached below.  
Jim Tomlinson moved and Anne Alexander seconded to approve the Treasurer’s Report. Approved unanimously.

**Community Service Officer** Ray Merritt, St Petersburg Police Department, presented the Crescent Heights monthly crime report.

1 stolen motorcycle

1 residential burglary and suspect arrested

9 auto burglaries, some unlocked & some windows broken.

(5 of 9 on Feb 7th.)

4 grand thefts (flower pot & tools)

Now officers are driving through neighborhoods looking for suspects.

You can ask/insist that an officer come to your home.

Thomas Paterek said Neighborhood Watch has started led by Lisa Hawk and Chris Hayes. They are still looking for more Block Captains.

**Presentation on Historic Designation:**

Ms. Laura Duvekot, Historic Preservationist explained the two types of Historic Registers, National and Local, with different degrees of protection. We have 5 National districts in St. Petersburg. The St. Petersburg Register provides protection for new construction using compatibility review. Design review is called Certificate of Appropriateness and can be done by staff or commission level. Create an appendix for each district with elements which make it worthy of preservation. Effect on property value is positive compared to non-designated areas. Benefit of a 10 year exemption from ad valorem tax increase for rehabilitation costs. Interior improvements can be used for exemption. Increase in home value due to interior improvements is exempt from tax increase for 10 years.

Determination of district boundaries. Areas have cohesiveness and look at contributing and noncontributing properties. Over 50 years old with retained character. Noncontributing properties are not eligible for tax relief

Application process: Boundaries established, then public meeting and then ballots mailed to registered owners. 50% of homes must vote.

Neighborhood Design Review no longer exists.

Jim Tomlinson asked about set backs and green space in older properties and now very little green space with new construction.

Discussion about cookie cutter homes being built.

Opponents: COA for exterior changes is needed.

Misinformation about extent of control. Does not apply to interior improvements. Only focuses on exterior modification.

As part of preservation update, review procedures are now in house rather than public hearings as in past.

Jim asked about having an internal trial vote in neighborhood. Timing is crucial so all residents can receive ballots. An unreturned ballot is considered a "no" vote.

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

**First VP** – Cory Kapes was announced as new VP for Business Relations.

**Second VP – Programs**, Gregory Fallon discussed recent and future neighborhood events.

Chili cook-off was well attended & Greg won with Beefy Bacon Jalapeno Chili.

Family Picnic joint event with Crescent Lake was well attended.

Art & Cultural Fair was successful.

Yard Sale is next on March 18th.

Sunken Gardens Night Out with Mayor Kriseman on May 10th.

Working on Business events.

**Membership:** Amy Kelso sent in the Membership Report.

117 current 132 renewing members

### **Mural Unveiling Party:**

Angie Conner presented details.

Sunday, April 2nd, from 2:30 -5:30 pm.

Murals are on Cut-Ups Salon & J Wag's Bar walls.

Neighborhood Back Yard Party between murals at 701 25th Ave N.

Scavenger Hunt and neighborhood clean-up.

Sponsors and donors include Berkshire Hathaway Home Services, Banyan Café and Catering, Rolling Oats, Ace Hardware, Fresh Market.

Open bar concept at J Wags Mayor and music tentatively St. Petersburg High pep band or orchestra ensemble.

Brandy Stark announced April 1st, 1 pm, the 2nd St. Petersburg Preservation Historic Walk.

Angie Conner moved and Jim Tomlinson seconded to adjourn at 8:22 pm

Submitted by Susan O'Gara, Secretary CHNA

**Crescent Heights Neighborhood Association**  
**Treasurer's Report**  
(February 1, 2017 through February 28, 2017)

Balance as of February 1, 2017       \$ 7,713.40

Balance as of February 28, 2017       \$ 8,211.92

**(Advertising Escrow for 2017 Newsletter**

Income: \$2,582 collected for 2017 ads (+\$295.00 projected additional funds) = \$2,877.00

Expense: Projected 2017 6 Issue Printing \$2,814.00

Projected balance due \$2325.00

Real ad Income \$2,582.00- Already paid \$489 for Jan/Feb issue as of Feb 28= **\$2,093 in escrow**

**Non escrowed available Funds February 28, 2017 \$6,118.92)**

Revenue

Ads: 45, 81, 120                               \$ 246.00

Pay Pal Donation (1)                         \$ 50.00

Pay Pal 2017 members (8)                   \$ 160.00

2017 Membership (2)                         \$ 40.00

Flag (1)   \$ 40.00

Total Revenue                                 \$ 536.00

Expenditures

Pay Pal Fees                                   \$ 5.92

Facebook December 2017                   \$ 31.56

Total Expenses                               \$ 37.48

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