

Meeting Minutes, Tuesday July 20th

Lesley/ Treasurer

- Treasury update : we've recently had some big expenses: Newsletter and ice cream social
- By laws committee update: will be presented at October meeting

Jason/ Traffic committee

- FDOT speed table 12th and firerson
- Next meeting august 9th, 7pm via Zoom
- Chelsea has a traffic counter

Courtney/ VP

- Social committee update: planning an event at Lowry Parcade in late August, date TBD

Guest Speaker: Councilman Gudes -

- Biggest focus on housing/ rehabbing dilapidated homes
- Has suggested to admin to suggested to buy old dilated houses/rehab and sell at affordable rate
- Funding for affordable housing is all federal and state, need local to help more people, CRA can help with that
- CRA money is funded by property taxes
- He is aware of traffic issues - the city will build no speed bumps, but we can get stop signs
- New Parks & Rec director
 - New facility at 34th street around firerson/osborne/giddens
 - Classes (gymnastics, dance)
 - Sensory facilities
- New city services center on Hanna & 30th street
 - Build design passed
 - More centralized than downtown facilities (ie for New Tampa residents)
- Addressed questions about affordable housing, density, gentrification

Guest Speaker: SESH Flooding relief project -

- Relief intended for three SH neighborhoods
- Assuming city approval construction, begins in the fall
- Virtual meeting planned before construction begins
- Funded by city of tampa and SWFWMD
- Streets for construction chosen based on historical flood data down to the house, then chosen by where we could get most bang for buck
- Fire hydrants being added which could lower homeowners insurance

Old Business

- Tampa Crossroads - one of their mission is to work with unhoused people, will help them find housing (813) 238-8557

- Newsletter - likely going to a bi-yearly letter in spring and fall only; more content, less cost/ With ad currently costs about \$922 for each run. Asking for people to write articles on gardening, crafting, local interest pieces, etc.
- East Tampa CRA - largest CRA in state of FL, we are the only SH neighborhood in the East Tampa CRA; There is a new CRA manager named Cedric McCray, working on setting a meeting with him. Also working with FDOT to get 2 crosswalks put in, between osborne and hills/ osb & mlk.
- Properties
 - Baptist church is half demolished, steeple in poor condition and may not be able to be saved, should be demolished by end of July
 - Salems - not much info, keep getting continuance

New Business

- Shade at Giddens Park splash park - working on grant for sunscreens; need help looking for and writing grants
- Board Elections Eating Meeting - All positions are open for nomination, we will have VP, secretary, and treasurer as open seats. We also have 2 trustee seats open. You must be a paid member to vote. You can pay online as SEseminoleheights.com. Some perks are 2 comped full tickets to Taste, adorable t-shirts, and helping our your community and knowing a bunch of your neighbors. Requirements are: must have attended a general meeting within the last year including zoom/ we changed the requirement from two to one based on covid. The nominee must also be a paid member of the association, agree to an attendance policy. Zach Stark has offered to run the nominations again for us this year. To nominate someone, please email: ZachStark89@gmail.com, subject line: 'SESHCA Nominations'
- Taste of the Heights: we have surveyed our vendors to ask them if they feel comfortable participating in this event, and have gotten only positive feedback--- so the board has voted to move forward with hosting the event, with some caveats. we will have smaller crowd than previous years to focus on safety, and to alleviate some of the burden the restaurants who have suffered over the last year. The prices will also go up slightly but no more than 10%, to make up for the fewer tickets and the rising costs of event rentals/ hiring set up or break down help. Please keep in mind, This is a fundraiser for the neighborhood. We are looking for volunteers to hand out ticketbooks, drop off chairs/ tables, and clean-up crew. This is all pending any growth in covid rates. We will cancel if covid rates increase.

Open Comments/ questions

Motion to Adjourn Courtney, Second, Rob