



General Membership Meeting - January 17th, 2023, 7pm - SHUMC
www.SEseminoleheights.com

I. Call to Order

II. Introduction to SESHCA Board Members : President- Ellie Baggett, Vice President- Leslie Darr, Treasurer- Jason Marlow, Secretary- Jannate Noll, Trustees- Irene Matthews, Beverly Morrow, Courtney Bumgarner, Becca Rosenthal, Rob Blakley, Sylvia Vanacore

Message from President: I would like to thank all of these board members who have volunteered their time to make our neighborhood better. While the board is the administrative body for the neighborhood, **I ask that everyone here consider getting involved in some small way.** We all have jobs or responsibilities and cannot do everything ourselves. For a neighborhood to be successful, it takes the neighborhood as a whole to get involved and buy into what we are trying to do. Many hands make light work. For example, a neighbor previously emailed the association in regards to people in Giddens Dog Park late at night making noise and leaving trash. This neighbor worked with us and assisted in following up with TPD. We were able to get a trash can installed, as well as get the dog park locked at night. This was possible because we had a neighbor willing to alert us to the issue, assist us in reaching out. This is your neighborhood too- I strongly ask you to get involved in a small way to make this a better place to live for all of us. Tonight you'll hear about a few opportunities to get involved, and I challenge you to consider being part of the action and helping us make this the best place to live. We have 4 meetings a year (last one has pizza!) and ask you to try and attend. The board has decided after each general meeting we'll be going somewhere nearby- likely hampton station- and hanging out for a slice or a beer after the meeting- this way if you want to talk about the neighborhood with us on a more casual basis, we're available for you. This will be my last year serving as president, and we are looking for new members for the board. We'll talk a little more about this later in the meeting.

III. Guest Speaker: City Councilman Guido Maniscalco

SESH storm water project: City is inviting storm water staff to meeting to explain for delays and why put pipe and then had to dig it up again; Meeting will be 1/19/2023, Thursday at city council (before lunch potentially). Electrical issues – appliances getting fried, Bathtub water gray/black – without water notice, David Nelson is new contractor that is working on the storm water project. Questions for Councilman: look into requesting city to cut trees so they could walk on sidewalk; code enforcement issues.

IV. Treasury Report -

A. We currently have \$23,494.61 in the association checking account. Expenditures for 2023 thus far are \$179.83 for 12 yard signs to announce general meetings, \$43.94 for pizza for the SESHCA Board Meeting, and \$100.00 for the rental of a room at SHUMC for this meeting.

B. Please remember to pay your 2022 dues (\$12) at www.SEseminoleheights.com via PayPal, or you can mail a check to the association at the address on the agenda and at **top** of the page. As a reminder, all paid members can rent equipment from the association for free and will receive email notifications with updates in the neighborhood. You're also eligible to vote on items and board elections if you are a paid member. By paying dues in January, February or March, paid members are entitled to early access to Taste tickets. For check payments, mail to the P.O. Box – which can be found on the bottom of our website

V. Committee Reports

A. Social Committee update

Crib Crawl – progressive dinner occurred last spring, looking to plan more for 2023. Looking for individuals to join the social committee, Minimal commitment. Past events: chili cook off, ice cream social, etc. Ice cream social moving to April/May due to rain/storm in June. To join the committee or volunteer Email: SESHCASocialCommittee@gmail.com
After meeting – Join us at Hampton Station for a beer or a soda to get to know the board and get involved.

B. Welcome Wagon Committee

Looking for individuals to join and ideas on welcoming newcomers; asking for a Smidge of your time as a volunteer to welcome newcomers. Will post on facebook to gather a group – if interested keep an eye out for a facebook event and email SESHCApresident@gmail.com. Interested in giving out Welcome baskets – if any business want to donate

C. Taste of the Heights

- a. In need of a committee, will form at July meeting

VI. Taste of the Heights - November 5, 2023

What is Taste of the Heights? Taste of the Heights is the main fundraiser for SESHCA. We have a volunteer committee that assembles after our July meeting. We ask for 2 hours of time in exchange for a free all-access ticket; last year's ticket was worth \$55 and tickets sold out in 30 seconds. A portion of the funds will go to pay off the school lunch debt at Edison Elementary for \$773.82

VII. Southeast Seminole Heights Stormwater Project

A. Construction is expected on Nebraska; spoke to the amins who advised “We don't have a solid timeframe for this work yet. Coming out of the holidays, we have not had an opportunity to meet with the City to discuss how they want to address the excessive layer of asphalt on Nebraska above the watermain. We are also heavily focused on the pipe reinstallation work on Caracas. We would like to target March or April, but we really can't schedule the Nebraska work and road closure until these two items are resolved.”

Feel free to take a look at website for updates: <https://seminoleheightsstormwater.com/> What is the orange fencing around trees and yards? Feel free to take it down as they will have to replace – they had contracted the job out and were ahead of their schedule when putting fencing

VIII. Faith Baptist Church property / 1109 E Osborne Ave

A. Previously met with Ramos Companies; this was the second developer to come in, neighbors seemed to have a much more positive reaction to this than the first developer

B. Current update: it seems like it's back on the market. I spoke to Andrew at Ramos on December 29 and was told “We are still in process of putting together a contract that works for the church and us. I will update you next week” and then it went on the market a few days later. We will keep the neighborhood updated

IX. SESHCA Board Election

A. Elections held every other October (odd number years); only paid members can vote

B. We'll assemble a nominating committee prior to our July meeting- we'll ask for volunteers for this committee in April; Send an email stating what position you want to run and add you to ballot

- C. At the July meeting nominations will be requested. Election is held at the October eating meeting, speeches beforehand, votes that day.
- D. Requirements to be a board member; must be a paid member to run for a seat, its a 2 year term, general meetings are mandatory. Term is 2024-2026.
- E. Perks of being a board member! Taste of the heights tickets, get to know your neighbors, decide how we can help benefit our neighborhood. Being on a board is also a great resume builder; perfect for someone with any interest in running for office some day; and is a special way to get to know people in the city.

X. Sun Shades at Giddens Park-

We had a wonderful suggestion from a neighbor about getting sun shades installed at the splash pad at Giddens Park. We've been working with parks and rec to try and make this happen. I heard back from the neighborhood empowerment dept on friday who advised "Parks & Rec are going to research if there is a creative way to fund/implement cooling features in the park. Let's definitely work on what the project would cost and entail. I'll reach out to Lisa Grizzle over at parks again to get a better scope that I can share with you." If anyone would like to volunteer to reach out to Parks and Rec to get this project off the ground

XI. SESHCA email list via MailChimp:

We have an email list via MailChimp. This gives the ability to get updates on the neighborhood, and most importantly- gives you the ability to unsubscribe. Anyone who pays dues will be automatically enrolled, as well as anyone who signs up at our meetings. You may also email the association to be added- our email is on the website at the top of the agenda, as well as the footer on the agenda. If there's something that relates to the entire neighborhood you would like added, please email the association and the board will review it for inclusion. Again, if it gets too much, go ahead and unsubscribe.

XII. Announcements

- A. Borrowing equipment from the association; folding tables, chairs, etc. Pay a \$50 deposit and get it back upon the return of the items. Email the association to reserve items in advance.
- B. Future General Meeting dates:
 - 1. Third Thursday of every third month - April 18, July 18, October 17 [Eating Meeting]

XIII. Resident Forum (1 minute per association member)

Drug activity in Giddeons Park – call emergency (if threatened) and non-emergency number constantly to report activity ○ Ask for report # - so they can site the various activity as the cops may not come out. call emergency (if threatened) and non-emergency number constantly to report activity

Dog park not open at sunrise; will look into a phone number to call to notify; ask if a key can be entrusted neighbor to open it – something to request potentially

Stop Signs: ○ Reach out to Jason for interest in Traffic Control Committee; Taliaferro sidewalks won't occur until I275 completed

Important info: TPD non-emergency (813) 231-6130 / City Council: 813-274-8131 / Tampa Alert system: Text TAMPAREADY to 888-777 City of Tampa 'Fix It Fast' (potholes, signs, obstructions): (813) 274-3278 / Contact the association :
SESHCApresident@gmail.com