

General Membership Meeting – July 15, 2025, 7 P.M. - SHUMC

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Call to Order Call to order at 7:06pm

Roll Call for SESHCA Board Members In attendance: Nicki McKiernan (VP), Ellie Baggett (Treasurer), Rebecca Rosenthal (Trustee), Sylvia Vanacore (Trustee), Beverly Goddiess (Trustee).

Leslie Dunn has stepped down as SESHCA President Due to personal reasons, Leslie Darr has resigned as President. We wish her well. As elections are in October, we will vote for a new Board of Directors at the October meeting.

Committee Reports

A. Social Committee : Rebecca Rosenthal spoke. The Derby Party event was a huge success with approximately 60 people in attendance. Happy Hour at Gemma was held in June. On Thursday 7/17 there is a Happy Hour at FL Ave from 6-8pm. The next large event is the Fall Festive; date TBA. We are looking for hosts for Porch Parties in the fall.

B. Bylaw Revision Committee Ellie Baggett spoke. Presented a rough draft of the Bylaws in progress. We have consulted with a general member who is an attorney who has given guidance, as well as Florida Statute 617 which provides guidance on corporate governance for not for profit entities. Received feedback from general member regarding the requirement to attend 2 general meetings within the calendar year to be eligible to serve on the Board of Directors; member feels it should be a 12 month window, not calendar year. Another member commented that the same requirement should be to attend 2 meetings - not general meetings but other events as well- this will allow people who are active in the other events but cannot attend the general meetings due to conflicts like work schedules or child care. Another suggestion was made to change the procedure for the Board of Directors to remove a Director who is not fulfilling their duties, to make it easier and more flexible. The Bylaw suggestions will be reviewed by the Board of Directors. A final draft of the proposed new Bylaws will be posted at minimum 60 days before the SESHCA election on October 21st, along with the current Bylaws, on social media as well as sent to all members via email. A vote on if the new Bylaws should be approved or not will be voted upon at the SESHCA election on October 21st. All paid voting members for 2025 may vote on the Bylaws.

C. Taste of the Heights Committee Nicki McKiernan spoke. Due to concerns about safety, risk, and recent difficulty getting proper insurance for this event, the SESHCA Board of Directors has made the decision to revise the Taste of the Heights event format. While this decision has been a very difficult one to make, we hope to pivot into a similar event but in a safer environment for everyone. We are currently in discussions with the owner of the Deviant Libations lot on Nebraska Avenue to see if we can host a Taste-like event at this location. If we are unable to come to an agreement within the next few weeks, we will take a gap year in hosting the event to re-work and begin planning the new version of this event. Again, while we are saddened by this decision - the safety of our neighbors and participants is our top priority.

Treasury Report Currently have \$33,230 in the SESHCA account. Expenditures since the last general meeting was \$251 spent for The Derby Party event, including 2 large trays of chicken, cups, and ten \$10 gift cards to Common Dialect for new members who attended the event.

Board Elections

Elections held bi-annually every other October (odd number years); only paid members can vote.
Requirements to be a board member: must be a paid member to run for a seat and have

attended two general membership meeting within the last year. It's a 2 year term, general meetings are mandatory. Term is January 2026- December 2027. 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. Specifics on the election: On the chair's behalf, we are formally requesting any nominations for the board. Every position is up for election, including President.

A. These votes would be sent to the nominating chair directly -

Email SESHCAelections@gmail.com; **Nominations will be accepted until October 1st.**

B. At the October eating meeting, all nominees who have accepted the nomination will present their platform and give a brief speech before the vote.

C. Last minute nominations can be made from the floor as a write in candidate. Voting can be done in person at the Eating Meeting.

D. If a voting member is unable to make the meeting in person, they can vote via email, proxy, or USPS mail prior to the meeting.

E. **Election Meeting on October 21, 2025**

Join the SESHCA email list via MailChimp

Announcements

A. Please make sure to renew your membership!

B. Future General Meeting dates: October 21st, 2025

Resident Forum (1 minute per association member)

A. Rules: No political campaigning

B. Must be related to this or an adjacent neighborhood.

Motion to Adjourn Motion made by Rebecca Rosenthal, Seconded by Beverly Goddiess.

Adjourned at 7:52pm

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