Old Pasadena Neighborhood Association General Meeting
March 10, 2025
Kopper Kitchen 5562 Central Ave

Meeting Recap:
Shannery Barnes, President:

Welcome and thank you to our neighbor Fred Tirabassi, owner of Kopper Kitchen for generously allowing us to use this space for our meeting.

Please support Kopper Kitchen – open for breakfast and lunch. Hours: M-F 7 am – 3 pm; Sat. 7 am – 2pm; closed Sunday.

Shannery also recognized the passing of some of our members since the last meeting:

Dick Price of 400 Villagrande Ave S.

Mark Olson 6929 Bougainvillea Ave S.

David Walker 300 Park St S.

Joyce Deabreu 7227 5th Ave S.

She brought copies of the obituaries for members to read.

City of St. Pete Community Officer L'Esperance

In last month:

- No Auto thefts or burglary
- Approx. 12 traffic stops
- No other incidents to report

Manny Leto, Executive Director, Preserve The Burg

Manny talked about the purpose of his organization, which was founded in 1977. He said they exist to provide advocacy and celebrate the historic buildings in St. Petersburg. He talked quite a bit about the process to become a St. Petersburg designated Historic District, including the pros and cons and what steps are involved. Should OPNA decide to pursue an application with the city, we should meet with him and a few others to go over the process in greater detail. St. Pete presently has `10 Historic Districts, with many of them in Old Northeast and Kenwood.

Copley Gerdes, City Council Chair, District 1 Councilmember, was unable to attend, however his legislative aide, Ryan Adelberg

Ryan stated that the Garden Club is being repaired however did not have a timeline on completion.

He also said that the city's Agile Resilience Plan is being moved from a 5-year plan to a 2-year plan. You can read more here.

He talked about the overhaul of the city's sewerage storm systems. They are going to be taken underground, and all lateral lines are being replaced. We will receive letters from the city to let us know when this work will take place and what we will need to do. We must hire a plumber to move the lines, similar to what many of us did with the water lines last year. Then the city will reimburse us the cost.

When asked about the water that's gushing out at 1st Ave. S. and 72nd street, he said the city is pumping the water out to get the new pumps in. Hopefully, the work will be completed soon.

Reach out to Council Chair Gerdes or Ryan with questions:

copley.gerdes@stpete.org | Legislative Aide: Ryan Adelberg ryan.adelberg@stpete.org | 727-551-3528

Shannery discussed upcoming events:

1. Food Drive March 28-29. Drop off at the Barnes' residence: 318 72nd Street South
2. Porch Party April 3 6pm-8pm. Saba Family 430 72nd Street South. Thank you to Trish and Macy Johnson for hosting our last party in November

Neighborhood News

1. Speed bumps requested by a resident for Park St S between 5th Ave S and Villagrande. Petition handled between that resident and City of St. Pete. Questions or concerns let me know, and I will try to address them.

2. Forming Committees and need volunteers for:

Beautification: Yard of the Season (Spring, Summer, Halloween, Holiday)

Social Committee: Porch Parties etc.

Reach out to Shannery or Holly if interested in any of these committees.

3. City Storm issues (substantial damage info, high water bills etc.), please reach out to Shannery for direction and resources. Permitting fee waiver extended to June 30, 2025

4. Mayor's Annual Neighborhood Awards January at Sunken Gardens

We received the following:

- **Civic Engagement and Community Collaborations** - for voicing our concerns over a recent rezoning application.
- **Informed Decision Making**
- **Neighbor with Heart:** awarded to Shannery Barnes

5. Pasadena Community Church Update - in development approval stage. Nothing more to update.

6. Real Estate Update:

Property for Sale:

- 400 72nd St S, 7301 2nd Ave S
- 540 Villagrande Ave S, 561 Park St S
- 7201 and 7209 Park St S
- 7218 Park St S
- 524 Park St S

Janet Knapp, Yard Sale, Saturday, March 22:

Let's get the community out, meet new neighbors, and simply have a fun day. This will be an association fundraiser for our organization's state registration and to host future family fun neighborhood events.

- No registration fee. We ask that each participating household donate 10% of sales
- Each household runs their own sale
- Have stuff to donate, but don't want to run a sale? Contact Janet to drop off items
- Contact Janet with name, address, phone and key items for sale