Old Pasadena Neighborhood Association General Meeting
June 11, 2025
St. Pete College, 6605 - 5th Ave N, St. Pete

Attending:
Members
Shannery Barnes
Kristin Brett
Karen Corr
Eric Douglas
Staz and Denise Guntek
Chloe Hill
Janet and Howard Knapp
Mary Beth Singh
Rocky Tingler

Guests - all from City of St Pete
Firefighters/EMTs
Ryan Addelberg (for Copley Gerdes)
Brejesh Prayman
Claude Tankersley

Shannery: Call to Order: 6:06 pm

Shannery introduced our local Firefighters/EMTs

- Hurricane season has started June 1
- They brought hurricane guides to distribute
- Recommended that residents check stpete.org for latest storm information
- Discussed home safe program for installing door alarms and fire alarms Call 893-SAFE and fire rescue will set up free of charge.
- Question - Why so many fires after storms – they suggested residents keep breaker off during storms so appliances don't get damaged and have electrician come and check things out
- If you have generator, get set up properly with an electrician

- Go to Baycare Urgent care for minor issues and to Orlando Health across the street on 66th Street if more is needed.

Shannery thanked the Sabo's for hosting the last porch party on April 3rd, which was a great success. Next Porch party will be at Vino Simpatico on Thursday, June 26th.

Shannery was invited to tour neighborhood by the city and Tampa Bay regional task force. Consensus was we don't have a ton of flooding in our neighborhoods. A tour was conducted May 31st to see opportunities for improvement. Retention ponds will be assessed.

Ryan Adelberg, aide to St. Pete Council Chair Copley Gerdes: He discussed hurricane season and sandbags. On any workday, you can get up to 10 sandbags at Transportation Dept. on 9th Ave N. between 17th and 18th Street. Bags are filled, tied and will be loaded to your car. The sandbag distribution location hours are Monday - Friday and the second Saturday of the month from 7 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Learn about proper sandbag use here.

Claude Tankersley, City Public Works Administrator: He talked about stormwater and related requirements for new construction. He said that it is the footprint, not the building's height that impacts stormwater. In Florida, developers must insure that the stormwater caused by the development is the same as prior to the development. Vaults are built under buildings to hold excess water. The law exempts single family homes from having to do this. Example was given about the Shore Acres Recreation Center, that has a major vault for underground water storage.

There's a state law governing stormwater at single-family homes. When permits are applied for, the permitter checks to see if impervious property Is adequate.

Brejesh Prayman:

Talked about city codes that regulate water quality and quantity. Stormwater quality is regulated bythe State's Clean Water Act.

Water quantity is tightly regulated by Southwest FL Water Management District and the State Dept. of Environmental Protection. There are updated requirements, effective July of this year.

A lot has changed over the past 20 years in terms of tides. Average high tides are significantly greater than 20 years ago. The system was designed in the '50's not for today's weather systems and tides.

Our ground soil can absorb water at a rate of about 3" per hour and we are getting significantly more.

He also talked about the new medians with concrete instead of green space and when questioned about why we are losing green space, he said this is a traffic safety consideration and that drainage systems were also added.

Questions about the flooding on 1st and 71st. This is a project that impacts 50,000 residents and regards the replacement of the force main that transfers 5 million gallons of wastewater on an average day. Phase I and II are complete. They are in Phase III and it should be completed by Sept. 2025.

There was a question about 72nd and Villagrande: corners that are "open". Brej said he will check and report bac to Shannery. .

Pond on church property: City has contacted the water management district and they will look into why the drainage system doesn't seem to be working.

Janet Knapp, Treasurer: Janet announced that we are now an "official" organization and registered with the State of FL. We have applied to the IRS and have to file every year. We have initial officers and board members.

Officers:
Shannery Barnes, President
Holly Edwards, Vice President
Kristin Brett, Secretary
Janet Knapp, Treasurer

Additional Board Members:
Mary Beth Singh
Carol Binding
Quinn Lundquist
Joan Walker

Janet stated that our next goal is to get our non-profit status up and running, the board needs to ratify our by-laws and open a bank account. Many expressed thanks to Janet for organizing our registration.

Holly Edwards: Holly would like to start a Yard of the Season program. If anyone is interested, please let Holly know.

Meeting adjourned at 7: 25 pm.