Old Pasadena Neighborhood Association General Meeting
September 10, 2025
West St. Pete Community Library, Room L101, 6700 8th Ave N, St. Petersburg, FL 33710

Attendees
Joan Walker
Howard Knapp
Janet Knapp
Kristin Brett
David Brett
Karen Birnkrant
Arthur Birnkrant
Holly Edwards
Robert Dickinson
Merre Dickinson
Quinn Lundquisht
Rod Arrington
Karin Deleuran
Erika Fant
Chloe Hill

Guests - all from City of St Pete
Ryan Addelberg (for Council Chair Copley Gerdes)
Officer Mencyznski, Police Department
Jennifer Joern, Neighborhood Services
Suzy Ajoc, Neighborhood Services

Shannery: Call to Order: 6:15 pm

Shannery introduced our Community **Officer Mencynzski**

- National Night Out – family-friendly events during our National Night Out celebration outside Tyrone Square from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 5, in the mall parking lot at 6901 22nd Ave. N. There will be free food, giveaways, family fun, and plenty of other activities hosted by the St. Petersburg Police Department. All free. He encouraged all to attend.

- Eagle Eye is an St. Petersburg Police Department initiative to enlist the help of community members in the fight against crime. Citizen-provided security camera footage is increasingly becoming an invaluable asset to the police, helping establish leads and identify suspects. By

voluntarily registering your contact information with SPPD through this site, detectives will know how to reach you if a crime occurs in the vicinity of your property.

- Rod mentioned that the lights are not always working at the crosswalk at 73rd and Central. Also 1st and Park St. There is also concern about people speeding on Park Street. Officer M. said he will make a note for it to be monitored.
- Officer M. noted that approx. a quarter of their calls are about auto accidents.

Janet Knapp, Treasurer: Janet announced that we have $1121 in our account. She talked about recent expenses of $393.94 leaving a balance of $727.06 . We are working on our 501 c 3. This will allow people to get tax deductions on donations and allow us to apply for grants.

Ryan Adelberg, aide to St. Pete Council Chair Copley Gerdes: He discussed a new website that shows floodplains and flood zones throughout St. Pete. There are good resources on Hurricane information as well.

He brought two sheets with QR codes to direct people to information about the current budget and the new utility rate increase, which will take effect October 1.

Janet asked whether The Garden Club will be demolished. Ryan said they haven't decided what will be done with it, that Engineering is taking a look and he will let us know.

Rod gave kudos about the mosaic at Sunset Park and asked about when it will be completed and unveiled. Ryan said they are almost done with it, but there are places in the middle that need to be complete. It should be complete in October.

Update on the Trop roof. Three panels are up and there are about 25 panels total.

Main Library on 9th Ave. N. will re-open on Sept. 27th.

Joan asked about a flyer she received about utility being buried. Jen said that it's likely for T-Mobile, since they are digging in the neighborhood.

71st and 1st Street has stayed flooded and recently, sand has been poured in, but doesn't appear to help. Ryan said he would look info it and follow up.

Jennifer Joern:

The city has money for mini-grants, Partnership Grants and a Youth Engagement Grant. City grants are available to us now and we don't need to be a registered non-profit. We can use volunteer hours for matching requirements. We have a year to use volunteer hours. Grants don't have a deadline – applications are rolling.

St. Pete Paws – Jen brought leashes, collapsible bowls, poop containers and bags. She also brought information about pet care; emergency care, keeping pets safe in heat, etc.

Adopt a Drain – can adopt a drain. City will provide a kit with gloves, bags, hat and sign (available while they last). Also they provide drain markings. This would be a great neighborhood project. Quinn

commented on his family's experience with the program. They are helping with 4 drains. There is an app to use to take pictures, and monitor progress.

Neighborhood Dept. has a rack card that explains their work. They have a web address; neighborhood support.org. Can sign up for newsletters.

Neighborhood summit – this Saturday

Neighborhood President's orientation – for socializing and education the evening of Oct. 29th

Neighborhood Awards – Neighborhoods are recognized for communication, collaboration, heart, spirit, neighborhood of the year and President of the Year. Think about what we might apply for. Two neighborhoods have a competition on which is doing the best job with social media.

Shannery Barnes:

Shannery reported that we recently had a Food Drive sponsored by CONA. We brought in 14.5 lbs and would like to see more, as we are at the lower end of all the neighborhoods in terms of donations.

The Sunshine Senior Center, 330 5th Street N, is having an open house on Sept. 12th.

She mentioned the Lateral Lines program and we will have a speaker at a later meeting to provide more information.

Shannery asked the group for ideas for speakers, events and activities. Email call or text any of the board members.

Holly Edwards:

Holly announced that we have two events coming up. First, an informal happy hour at Vino Simpatico – date TBD. The other, is a Halloween Happy Hour and Family Fun Festival on Nov. 1. Please bring a dish to share, BYOB. Event activities include a chili cook-off in honor of Dick and Twinkle Price, who always had chili at Halloween, a kid's costume parade and cake walk. There will be a craft table and other activities.

Jen mentioned that the mini-grant can help with supplies. Application is available on line.

Meeting adjourned at 7:27 pm

Board Members:
Shannery Barnes, President
Holly Edwards, Vice President
Kristin Brett, Secretary
Janet Knapp, Treasurer
Mary Beth Singh
Quinn Lundquist
Joan Walker
Chloe Hill
Carol Binding