Old Pasadena Neighborhood Association (OPNA)
General Meeting Minutes

January 10, 2026
Location: Bella's Bagels and Cafe, 7100 Central Ave, St. Petersburg, FL 33707
Call to Order: 10:15 a.m.

Attendance

Board Members Present: Shannery Barnes, President; Janet Knapp, Treasurer; Mary Beth Singh, Board Member; Quinn Lundquist, Board Member
Guest Speakers: Ryan Adelberg, Legislative Aide to Councilmember Gerdes; Jennifer Joern, Neighborhood Relations, City of St. Petersburg

President's Welcome & Public Safety Update

President Barnes welcomed attendees and reported on a Christmas Eve incident involving attempted vehicle break-ins. Police were notified and video footage was shared with neighbors via OPNA's Facebook page.

Janet Knapp reported concerns regarding two apparently abandoned vehicles near the former soccer field. Police were contacted and a street-storage notice was posted. Mr. Adelberg reviewed City regulations regarding street parking, registration, insurance, and vehicle habitation.

A recent instance of a homeless individual sheltering near the soccer field was discussed. Ms. Joern advised contacting the City's PATH (Program to Assist the Homeless) team.

Treasurer's Report

No new progress on the 501(c)(3) application. OPNA received $499.92 reimbursement from the Mayor's Mini-Grant Program on December 29, 2025. Current bank balance: $681.35.

Guest Presentations

Ryan Adelberg – Councilmember Gerdes' Office: The City Council is currently focused on the municipal budget. Groundbreaking for the new Science Center has occurred; demolition and construction remain subject to permitting and funding. Residents were advised to report illegal

dumping through City Sanitation or SeeClickFix. Stormwater hazards at Vilagrande Ave. and 72nd St. S. were discussed, with guidance provided for continued reporting. Street sweeping operates on an approximate five-week rotation.

Jennifer Joern – Neighborhood Relations: Ms. Joern provided an overview of her department and announced staff updates. The St. Pete PAWS and Adopt-a-Drain programs are temporarily paused, though supplies remain available. Residents were encouraged to submit City Employee Achievement Award nominations.

Community Discussion

Phil Apple suggested OPNA engage Mattamy Homes regarding traffic planning for upcoming developments. Janet Knapp reported outreach attempts and will continue follow-up.

Annual Elections

Officer Elections (Uncontested): In accordance with Article VI of the bylaws, officers were elected unanimously by acclamation and seated immediately: President – Shannery Barnes; Vice President – Holly Edwards; Secretary – Kristin Edwards; Treasurer – Janet Knapp.

Director Vacancy – Emergency Election: Following the resignation of Joan Walker, Rod Arrington was elected unanimously by acclamation to serve as Director through January 1, 2027.

Announcements & Requests

Voting is open for the 2025–2026 City of St. Petersburg Mayor's Neighborhood Awards through January 31, 2026. A recap of the successful Halloween and Holiday events was provided, and volunteers were requested for future events and speaker suggestions.

Upcoming Events

Next Porch Party: Late February at Debbie Friley's home (details forthcoming).
2nd Annual Neighborhood Yard Sale: Saturday, March 7, 2026, 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Participation is free; participants are encouraged to donate 10% of sales to OPNA.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 11:02 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet Knapp
for Kristin Brett, Secretary
Old Pasadena Neighborhood Association