



# DISSTON HEIGHTS CIVIC ASSOCIATION

## General Member Meeting Minutes

**Date: January 10, 2017**

**7:00 P.M.**

| <b>Executive Board</b>                    |                    | <b>Present</b> |
|---|--------------------|----------------|
| President                                 | Jennifer Joern     | x              |
| Vice President                            | Janet Brooks       | x              |
| Secretary                                 | Heather Hoe        | x              |
| Treasurer                                 | Betsy Boynton      | x              |
| Sergeant at Arms                          | Gail Hebert        | x              |
| <b>Board of Directors</b>                 |                    | <b>Present</b> |
| CONA Liaison                              | Mike Copley        | x              |
| Board Member                              | Steven Hoe         |                |
| Director of Communications & Social Media | Pam Huff           |                |
| Board Member                              | <3 open positions> |                |

**Call to Order 7:00 P.M.**

**Pledge to the Flag**

**Welcome and Introductions**

**Swearing in of the Board by Amy Foster**

**Crime Report Officer Christian**

In December: 2 armed robberies, 15 auto thefts, 17 residential burglaries, 66 vehicle burglaries, city wide increase of vehicle burglaries, spike is attributed to kids being out of school for holiday break. Key suggestions: Lock vehicle doors and roll up windows, remove all valuables or keep them out of site.

**Meeting Sponsor Janet Brooks**

**Board Member Reports**

Board Member – Mike Copley, CONA Liaison

New officers were voted into positions

Board Member – Jennifer Joern for Pam Huff, Director of Communications & Social Media

Donations to homeless by Disston Heights Cares to be taken to Cliff Smith of

Veterans Department of Social Services and will be packaged and handed out around Ruby Lake on the 20<sup>th</sup>

Board Member - <3 positions open>

**Executive Board Member Reports**

Sergeant at Arms – Gail Hebert

Nothing to report

Treasurer – Betsy Boynton

Balance: \$994.83

Renewed [www.disstonheights.org](http://www.disstonheights.org) domain name and upgraded web builder tool for 2 years with GoDaddy

Secretary – Heather Hoe

Nothing to report

Vice President – Janet Brooks

Disston Heights Beautification committee to meet on Wed, Jan 18<sup>th</sup> regarding Ruby Lake Mural Project; future project ideas to consider: neighborhood sign maintenance, Kerouac house shutter designs; will be going to area businesses to get advertising and meeting sponsorships; organizing welcome bags for new homeowners (includes new rental neighbors which residents should inform board of, to get them welcome bags)

President – Jennifer Joern

State of the City address by Mayor Kriseman on Saturday January 14<sup>th</sup> at the Paladium; North Kenwood neighbor Chris Ashley had a house fire Christmas Eve and lost everything, donations being collected via a GoFundMe account; Possible new Dunkin Donuts/Basking Robbins going up across from Biff Burger (Derek Oberschall of CPC Properties)

**Program Speaker:** Brian Nieman: Florida Friendly Landscaping™

Florida Yards and Neighborhoods public education and outreach program workshops are offered statewide through the University of Florida IFAS Extension offices, go to <http://ffl.ifas.ufl.edu> for more information and to find a local extension

**Announcements**

Next month's speakers are Melissa Ems and Katherine Howington on the topic of Homeowner and Flood Insurance

**50/50 Drawing \$19 and Home Depot Gift Card Drawing**

**Adjourn 8:06 P.M.**

35 attendees, plus speaker



# DISSTON HEIGHTS CIVIC ASSOCIATION

## General Member Meeting Minutes

**Date: February 14, 2017**

**7:00 P.M.**

| <b>Executive Board</b>                    |                    | <b>Present</b> |
|---|--------------------|----------------|
| President                                 | Jennifer Joern     | x              |
| Vice President                            | Janet Brooks       |                |
| Secretary                                 | Heather Hoe        | x              |
| Treasurer                                 | Betsy Boynton      | x              |
| Sergeant at Arms                          | Gail Hebert        | x              |
| <b>Board of Directors</b>                 |                    | <b>Present</b> |
| Board Member                              | Steven Hoe         |                |
| Board Member                              | Mike Copley        |                |
| Director of Communications & Social Media | Pam Huff           |                |
| Board Member                              | <3 open positions> |                |

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### **Express Speaker Derek Oberschall, CSC Properties**

Dunkin Donuts/Baskin Robbins proposed at 3934 49<sup>th</sup> street N, applying for special variance to back onto property zoned residential (behind location) sending out info to residents within 300 feet for a hearing in April on the proposal

### **Crime Report Officer Christian**

Numbers are down, 10 Auto theft, 2 commercial burglaries, 8 residential burglaries, 44 vehicle burglaries (only 4 were forced entry); Total of 84 arrests; 11 for auto theft, 3 for vehicle burglary, 6 drug related; These are arrests made within the neighborhood and may not have been as a result of crimes committed within the neighborhood boundaries; Park, Walk, & Talk program is still in effect, 70 instances documented in our neighborhood at all hours of the day and night; 71 calls for suspicious persons or vehicles

### **Meeting Sponsor Urban Restaurant Group**

### **Board Member Reports**

Mike Copley has stepped down as CONA Liaison; but, remains as a Board Member. Richard McDaniel will take his place as the new CONA delegate, but will not be on the board.

Board Member – Pam Huff, Director of Communications & Social Media  
Please sign up for the newsletter, if you haven't already

Board Member - <3 positions open>

### ***Executive Board Member Reports***

Sergeant at Arms – Gail Hebert

Applied for permit for Easter Egg Hunt being held Saturday, April 8<sup>th</sup> at Gladden Park; Need donations of money for candy and gifts, gift cards, baskets, etc for raffle prizes; expecting between 75 & 100 kids and stuffing about 1200 eggs

Treasurer – Betsy Boynton

Balance: \$1143.83

Members, please remember to pay your dues for renewal and ask new neighbors to sign up for membership

Secretary – Heather Hoe

Nothing to report

President – Jennifer Joern

Requested neighborhood wide code enforcement report for last month; 279 violations reported online, by phone, and via SeeClickFix app; 100 property maintenance and 37 yard parking issues; will post info online; Coffee with a Cop Friday 02/17 at Mickey's Café on Central Ave 8-9 a.m.

### ***Committee Reports***

Beautification Committee -- Alicia Hoe, Teen/Student Delegate

Went over project information discussing how to work with and recruit artists and get information on the owners of the lots along the wall at Ruby Lake

### ***Spotlight Speakers: Melissa Ems, Janice Goodall, Katherine Howington***

Covered the importance of having flood insurance, despite being in an "X" Flood Zone; X zones account for about 30% of paid flood insurance claims; In a disaster, without a presidential declaration of emergency and no flood insurance you receive NO assistance, WITH declaration FEMA will pay out up to \$30K but move to demolish and this does not cover contents of home; Flood insurance for renters is contents only, for owners of rental property can be made for the structure only; In case of flooding, it's a good idea to take small valuables and place them in air tight zipper bags or containers and store in your dishwasher, as it's created to keep water in during a wash cycle and can keep water out and valuables safe during a major flood. [www.melissaems.com](http://www.melissaems.com)

### ***Announcements***

Next month's Spotlight Speaker is St. Pete Police Department Chief Holloway and is sponsored by Tom Elman of Jade Tree Wellness

***Adjourn 7:55 P.M.***



# DISSTON HEIGHTS CIVIC ASSOCIATION

## General Member Meeting Minutes

**Date: March 14, 2017**

**7:00 P.M.**

| <b>Executive Board</b>                    |                    | <b>Present</b> |
|---|--------------------|----------------|
| President                                 | Jennifer Joern     | x              |
| Vice President                            | Janet Brooks       | x              |
| Secretary                                 | Heather Hoe        | x              |
| Treasurer                                 | Betsy Boynton      | x              |
| Sergeant at Arms                          | Gail Hebert        | x              |
| <b>Board of Directors</b>                 |                    | <b>Present</b> |
| Board Member                              | Steven Hoe         | x              |
| Director of Communications & Social Media | Pam Huff           | x              |
| Board Member                              | Mike Copley        |                |
| Board Member                              | <3 open positions> |                |

### **Call to Order 7:00 P.M. Pledge to the Flag, Welcome and Introductions**

#### **Express Speakers Tom Elman and Tiffany Rudkin**

Jade Tree Wellness Center at 3039 49<sup>th</sup> Street North; Tom (owner): acupuncture and Chinese medicine and herbal therapies; Tiffany: Licensed Massage Therapist; relaxation & deep tissue massage, as well as cranial sacral and other therapies. Mention DHCA for 50% off your first appt. Tiffany offers discounts for LEO, EMT, Military & Teachers

#### **Spotlight Speaker: SPPD Chief Anthony Holloway**

City has the lowest crime rates in 6 years with a 10% decrease in all crimes (including violent), 21 car burglaries in the last month, ALL HAD UNLOCKED DOORS; APAD (Adult Pre-Arrest Diversion Program) in place, within 24 hours of their minor misdemeanor offense, adults can register with the Sheriff's Department to complete the program to avoid a criminal record; St Pete has a gang issue, but not like on TV, mostly kids from the neighborhood getting together SPPD is targeting these groups to try to get kids back on the right track or arrest them; New SPPD station breaking ground on April 20<sup>th</sup> and will take about 18 months to complete; Park, Walk, & Talk Program is still in effect and going well

#### **Crime Report: Officer Christian**

21 auto burglaries **ALL UNLOCKED DOORS**, 2 auto thefts, 7 residential

burglaries, 1 armed robbery (by Long John Silver's); 50 arrests within DHCA (DOES NOT mean that their crime was committed in DHCA); **DO NOT LEAVE YOUR CARS UNLOCKED OR RUNNING UNATTENDED ANYWHERE**

**Meeting Sponsor Jade Tree Wellness (food from Toby's Little Italy Pizza)**

**Board Member Reports**

Board Member-- Steven Hoe

Nothing to report

Board Member – Pam Huff, Director of Communications & Social Media

Interacting online primarily through DHCA Facebook Page (most up to date info)

Board Member - <3 positions open>

**Executive Board Member Reports**

Sergeant at Arms – Gail Hebert

Easter Egg Hunt on April 8<sup>th</sup> at Gladden Park; Derek Oberschall of CSC

Properties donated money for filling eggs; K-9 Unit confirmed; Still need items or money donated for raffles

Treasurer – Betsy Boynton

Balance: \$1054.02

Secretary – Heather Hoe

Nothing to report

Vice President—Janet Brooks

Mural Project at Ruby Lake is moving forward, contacted property owners and they're on board, need to get written agreement with them; Meeting for Grant information and application on 03/28; Committee Meeting on 04/19

President – Jennifer Joern

St. Pete TV wants to promote DHCA; 2<sup>nd</sup> Sewer Symposium 03/15 Azalea Rec Center 6-7:30 p.m.; Codes update (first since 2007) 77 proposed updates, presentation 03/16 8 a.m. City Hall; Codes Report: 88 open cases since 2005, 68% of cases via citizen complaint, 14% reported via SeeClickFix app (please utilize more), #1 violation is property maintenance, distant #2 is yard parking, reports will be posted to DHCA site when complete

**Announcements**

Keep St Pete Healthy event 04/01 family event Fit City celebration with events, info, 5K and 1 Mile fun run/walk; 03/18 DHCA Breakfast Social at The Burg Diner 8-9:30 a.m.; April Spotlight Speaker Dave Goodwin from City Economic Development; April Spotlight Speaker Councilwoman Amy Foster; May Spotlight Speaker Author Cathy Salustri

**Adjourn 7:58 P.M.**

31 attendees, plus SPPD Chief Holloway, Sergeant Detty, and Major Gilliam

Minutes prepared by: Heather Hoe





# DISSTON HEIGHTS CIVIC ASSOCIATION

## General Member Meeting Minutes

**Date: 04/11/2017**

**7:00 P.M.**

| <b>Executive Board</b>                    |                    | <b>Present</b> |
|---|--------------------|----------------|
| President                                 | Jennifer Joern     | x              |
| Vice President                            |                    |                |
| Secretary                                 | Heather Hoe        | x              |
| Treasurer                                 | Betsy Boynton      | x              |
| Sergeant at Arms                          | Gail Hebert        | x              |
| <b>Board of Directors</b>                 |                    | <b>Present</b> |
| Board Member                              | Steven Hoe         | x              |
| Board Member                              | Renee Mott         | X              |
| Director of Communications & Social Media | Pam Huff           |                |
| Board Member                              | <3 open positions> |                |

**Call to Order 7:00 P.M. Pledge to the Flag, Welcome and Introductions**

**Express Speakers Jennifer, manager of Tyrone Mall**

SEARS is coming down next week; bringing in a Dick's Sporting Goods, Lucky's Market, PetSmart, Longhorn Steakhouse, Pollo Tropical, Chili's, and Medici Italian; store fronts start opening March 2018 and should be complete around June

**Spotlight Speaker: Dave Goodwin, Director of City Planning & Economic Development**

St. Pete population is around 260,000; 5 areas of economic opportunity: data analysis/financial services, specialized manufacturing, medical device manufacturing, creative arts and culture, and marine/life sciences; Major development projects coming up: The Pier, SPPD Headquarters, Tropicana Field, Al Lang Stadium

**Crime Report: Officer Christian**

Numbers for the neighborhood are down, again; 72 arrests, 10 for narcotics- Not all crime committed within DHCA boundaries; 1 auto theft; 7 residential burglaries; 22 vehicle burglaries; shooting at the church on 49<sup>th</sup> street and 26<sup>th</sup> avenue was drug related, still investigating; **DO NOT LEAVE YOUR CARS UNLOCKED OR RUNNING UNATTENDED ANYWHERE**

## **Meeting Sponsor Rubio's Coastal Grill at Tyrone**

### **Board Member Reports**

Board Member-- Steven Hoe

Nothing to report

Board Member – Pam Huff, Director of Communications & Social Media

Board Member – Renee Mott

New member Welcome

Board Member - <3 positions open>

### **Executive Board Member Reports**

Sergeant at Arms – Gail Hebert

Thank you for the help with the egg hunt, photos of the event are on DHCA site and DHCA Facebook

Treasurer – Betsy Boynton

Balance: \$1137.80

Secretary – Heather Hoe

Nothing to report

Vice President—Vacant

Janet has resigned

President – Jennifer Joern

Janet Brooks has stepped down and vacated her board positions; Beautification Committee will continue; Special session for expanding 5 year lease to 20 years for Al Lang Stadium on 05/02; New CONA leadership next year; How to Grow Your Neighborhood CONA Workshop 05/06 at Bay Vista Rec; St. Pete TV wants to promote DHCA via interviews with some residents, will email everyone on email list with the information for a July segment

### **Announcements**

04/15 DHCA Breakfast Social at The Burg Diner 8-9:30 a.m.; Coffee with a Cop 04/15 10 a.m. at Tyrone food court; May Spotlight Speaker Councilwoman Amy Foster, Express Speaker from Gladden Park for summer programs; June Spotlight Speaker Author Cathy Salustri, Express Speaker Pinellas County voter education and voter registration; September Express Speaker Shawn Kashren of Gulfcoast Properties on 6,000sf Disston Heights Publix Expansion

### **Adjourn 8:02 P.M.**

33 attendees, plus SPPD Speakers, Sponsor, and Officer Christian

Minutes prepared by: Heather Hoe





# DISSTON HEIGHTS CIVIC ASSOCIATION

## General Member Meeting Minutes

**Date: 05/09/2017**

**7:00 P.M.**

| <b>Executive Board</b>                    |                    | <b>Present</b> |
|---|--------------------|----------------|
| President                                 | Jennifer Joern     | x              |
| Vice President                            | Renee Mott         | x              |
| Secretary                                 | Heather Hoe        | x              |
| Treasurer                                 | Betsy Boynton      | x              |
| Sergeant at Arms                          | Gail Hebert        |                |
| <b>Board of Directors</b>                 |                    | <b>Present</b> |
| Board Member                              | Steven Hoe         | x              |
| Director of Communications & Social Media | Pam Huff           | x              |
| Board Member                              | <3 open positions> |                |

**Call to Order 7:00 P.M. Pledge to the Flag, Welcome and Introductions**

**HAPPY 62<sup>ND</sup> BIRTHDAY, DISSTON HEIGHTS CIVIC ASSOCIATION!**

**Express Speakers Chris Lampley, St. Pete Parks & Rec, Gladden Park**

Summer camp registration open with payment plan available; in and outdoor activities; grants are available, but are currently wait listed; teen grants available, if qualified; Board certified teachers on staff for tutoring, tutoring available M-F 4-6 p.m. for free; licensed year-round child care facility for up to 250 children; StPeteParksAndRec.org

**Spotlight Speaker: Councilwoman Amy Foster, District 8**

- \*Infrastructure update- wet season can prove to cause problems, \$300 million on going, long-term plan; water rate increase is likely, projected at 9%;
- \*Pier- had a budget and a timeline, didn't make either; construction to begin soon; city has contracted with a company to find businesses to fill spaces
- \*Al Lang- will be allowed to negotiate for a 25 year lease, IF we get MLS team
- \*Land Development Regulation- 60 changes to take place with hearing open to the public coming in June

**Crime Report: Officer Christian**

82 arrests, Not all crime committed within DHCA boundaries; 5 auto theft; 12 residential burglaries; 24 vehicle burglaries; Summer is coming and when kids are out of school, crime rates rise; Residential burglaries typically happen during

the day with vehicle burglaries at night; **LOCK YOUR DOORS AND WINDOWS AT HOME AND DO NOT LEAVE YOUR CARS UNLOCKED OR RUNNING UNATTENDED ANYWHERE**

***Meeting Sponsor Maurie Lung of Life Adventures Counseling & Consulting***

***Board Member Reports***

Board Member-- Steven Hoe

Nothing to report

Board Member – Pam Huff, Director of Communications & Social Media

Nothing to report

Board Member - <3 positions open>

***Executive Board Member Reports***

Sergeant at Arms – Gail Hebert

Treasurer – Betsy Boynton

Balance: \$1142.80

Secretary – Heather Hoe

Nothing to report

Vice President—Renee Mott

Nothing to report

President – Jennifer Joern

CSC Properties holding a public hearing Thursday, May 18 6 p.m. regarding Dunkin Donuts going in a Big Shots location on 49<sup>th</sup> street; Living Local TV being invited to August Porch Party; Watering restrictions are in place for the city of St. Pete, INCLUDING RECLAIMED WATER, due to drought; St. Pete RunFest Ribbon Cutting ceremony on Tuesday, May 23

***Announcements***

Renee Mott moved into VP position and will be a part of beautification committee and will be leading June's meeting, as Jennifer will be out of town.

***Adjourn 8:07 P.M.***

24 attendees, plus Speakers, Sponsor, and Officer Christian

*Minutes prepared by: Heather Hoe*



# DISSTON HEIGHTS CIVIC ASSOCIATION

## General Member Meeting Minutes

**Date: 06/13/2017**

**7:00 P.M.**

| <b>Executive Board</b>                    |                    | <b>Present</b> |
|---|--------------------|----------------|
| President                                 | Jennifer Joern     |                |
| Vice President                            | Renee Mott         | x              |
| Secretary                                 | Heather Hoe        |                |
| Treasurer                                 | Betsy Boynton      | x              |
| Sergeant at Arms                          | Gail Hebert        | x              |
| <b>Board of Directors</b>                 |                    | <b>Present</b> |
| Board Member                              | Steven Hoe         |                |
| Director of Communications & Social Media | Pam Huff           |                |
| Board Member                              | <3 open positions> |                |

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**Express Speaker: Elaine Carr with Supervisor of Elections, Pinellas County**

Pinellas County Primary August 29<sup>th</sup> and vote for Penny for Pinellas is in November

**Spotlight Speaker: Author Cathy Salustri of Gulfport, FL**

Back Roads of Paradise, available for purchase for \$24.95 +tax

**Crime Report: Officers Christian and Cardinal**

70 arrests; 15 for Narcotics; 11 auto theft; 3 residential burglaries; 8 vehicle burglaries **LOCK YOUR DOORS AND WINDOWS AT HOME AND DO NOT LEAVE YOUR CARS UNLOCKED OR RUNNING UNATTENDED ANYWHERE**

**Meeting Sponsor John & Jennifer Wagner of Tri-State Mechanical**

**Executive Board Member Reports**

Sergeant at Arms – Gail Hebert

Treasurer – Betsy Boynton

Balance: \$1227.35

**Announcements**

No meetings in July and August; Porch Party is August 12<sup>th</sup>

**Adjourn 7:45 P.M.**

Minutes taken by: Colleen Simko



# DISSTON HEIGHTS CIVIC ASSOCIATION

## General Member Meeting Minutes

**Date: 11/14/2017**

**7:00 P.M.**

| <b>Executive Board</b>                    |                | <b>Present</b> |
|---|----------------|----------------|
| President                                 | Jennifer Joern | x              |
| Vice President                            | Renee Mott     | x              |
| Secretary                                 | Heather Hoe    | x              |
| Treasurer                                 | Betsy Boynton  | x              |
| Sergeant at Arms                          | Gail Hebert    | x              |
| <b>Board of Directors</b>                 |                | <b>Present</b> |
| Board Member                              | Steven Hoe     |                |
| Director of Communications & Social Media | Pam Huff       |                |
| Board Member                              | Gloria Payne   | x              |

**Call to Order 7:00 P.M. Pledge to the Flag, Welcome and Introductions**

**Express Speaker: Officer Williams, SPPD**

11/21 Coffee with a Cop at McDonald's 4<sup>th</sup> Street & 18<sup>th</sup> Ave S; DHCA largest neighborhood in St. Pete, 39 crime tracts ideal to have a crime watch for each-crime watch separate from DHCA and volunteer based with a lead for each tract/area

**Spotlight Speaker: Heather Joy (Local Shops 1) & Michelle(?) Intensity Academy**

Shopapalooza 11/18 & 25, 130+ vendors Shop Local-In Spring Tiny Home Festival is coming-Starting up DTSP night market  
Intensity Academy of Sauces: TB Business woman of the year, has won 63 national awards voted #1 BBQ sauce in the country; offers cooking classes, listed online; IntensityAcademy.com or on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter as @SaucyQueen

**Crime Report: Officers Christian and Cardinal**

4 auto theft; 8 residential burglaries; 12 vehicle burglaries; 3 robberies; Last month was 7 residential burglaries, 5 vehicle; 3 auto theft; 1 robbery; 52 arrests, 9 for Narcotics; 60% of these crimes that were committed with guns were guns obtained from being unsecured in vehicles; **REMOVE FIREARMS FROM VEHICLE- LOCK YOUR DOORS AND WINDOWS AT HOME AND DO**

**NOT LEAVE YOUR CARS UNLOCKED OR RUNNING UNATTENDED ANYWHERE**

***Meeting Sponsor Kim Harr & Associates Insurance***

***Executive Board Member Reports***

Sergeant at Arms – Gail Hebert

Treasurer – Betsy Boynton

Balance: \$1294.35

President – Jennifer Joern

CONA meetings are 3<sup>rd</sup> Wed every month at Sunshine Center and open to the public, leadership applications are open for developing leadership skills starting January 8<sup>th</sup> with 12-13 classes for \$125 fee; Still looking for leader for Beautification Committee to help with art projects and other upcoming DHCA projects, also leader for Welcome Committee for new members and businesses; Disston Cares looking for donations for homeless, toiletries, socks, etc. See Pam Huff, 11/18 breakfast social at The Burg Diner and community Lake cleanup at Leslee Lake immediately after; Church donation \$300- Motion Heather, 2<sup>nd</sup> Gail, majority in favor

***Announcements***

No meetings in December; Porch Party 12/2 5-9 p.m.

***Adjourn 7:53 P.M.***

*Minutes taken by: Heather Hoe*

*24 attendees plus speakers and sponsor*