



DISSTON HEIGHTS CIVIC ASSOCIATION

Candidate Forum

Date: 01/09/2018

7:00 P.M.

| Executive Board | | Present |
|---|----------------|----------------|
| President | Jennifer Joern | x |
| Vice President | | |
| Secretary | Heather Hoe | x |
| Treasurer | Betsy Boynton | x |
| Sergeant at Arms | Gail Hebert | x |
| Board of Directors | | Present |
| Board Member | Steven Hoe | x |
| 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: Council Member Amy Foster

Water rates increased 01/01/18; water plan involving waste, storm, and potable water passed last week; reclaimed water rates increased differently (city stopped subsidizing cost); newsletters will begin going out and forwarded in the next week or 2

Spotlight Speaker: Mo Venouziou, CASA Sr. Communications Director

Soup-er Bowl food drive event running Jan 15th through February 28th, food collection goal is enough food for a year at the shelter; 1/3 of all women are survivors of domestic violence; 1 out of 4 men are survivors of domestic violence; CASA has a 133 bed emergency shelter (about 1/2 are children), and a 24 hour hotline, all CASA services are available as both residential and non-residential services; Current needs are clothing, baby needs, and cleaning supplies; CASA Thrift Store at 1011 1st Ave N in St. Pete, 100% of the proceeds go directly to CASA to support their efforts and services; for more info, visit casa-stpete.org

Crime Report: Officer Christian

December stats are great; 3 auto theft; 8 residential burglaries; 7 vehicle burglaries; 10 narcotics arrests; crime is down citywide; pay attention in your neighborhood; Park, Walk, & Talk is still going strong; Over 30 crime tracts in

DHCA and each can and should set up their own crime watch; **REMOVE FIREARMS FROM VEHICLE- LOCK YOUR DOORS AND WINDOWS AT HOME AND NEVER LEAVE YOUR CARS UNLOCKED OR RUNNING UNATTENDED**

Meeting Sponsor Lisa Ansilio, Financial Advisor from Edward Jones

Executive Board Member Reports

Sergeant at Arms – Gail Hebert

Memberships are due: \$10 for single, \$15 for family, \$25 for business

Treasurer – Betsy Boynton

Balance: \$993.35

President – Jennifer Joern

VP position is open, recommend it stay open until elections, VP responsible for backing up the president securing speakers and sponsors for meetings, Motion to keep open: Heather Hoe, 2nd Steve Hoe, majority in favor; Speakers are confirmed through March and are set up to be confirmed for 2nd quarter; 3rd Saturday breakfast social 01/20 8-9:30 a.m. no lake clean up after; changing community lake clean up to quarterly (March, June, Sept, Dec) still immediately following breakfast social; Christmas tree pickup has ended, but special pickups can be scheduled with the city; Info on MLK Jr Day of Service can be found on city website StPete.org; Election/nomination committee needed for gathering members to run for executive board positions in November (President, VP, Treasurer, Secretary, Sgt at Arms); Audit committee needed for June audit of association finances

Announcements

Adjourn 7:47 P.M.

Minutes taken by: Heather Hoe



Date: 02/13/2018

7:00 P.M.

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

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Express Speaker: John Norris, St. Pete Dir of Stormwater, Traffic & Pavement

Ruby Lake is a draw for homeless, recently cleaned up a big mess; No Trespassing signs posted, please report debris or trespassing; Use SeeClickFix app to report city issues; will participate in community lake clean up with airboat 03/17

Spotlight Speaker: Cheryl Stack, St. Pete Transportation Manager

Complete Streets program underway to accommodate all modes of traffic and integrate a better way for all citizens and visitors to navigate the city, be it via car, bus, pedestrian, or cycling.

Crime Report: Officer Christian

StatMap available for crime statistics including an actual map, while keeping specific addresses private, includes date and time reported and type of crimes; 11 residential burglaries (all but 1 was forced entry and 3 were related, suspect identified, but not yet arrested); 1 armed robbery at Quality Inn, arrest made; 5 auto thefts, all vehicles recovered; 8 vehicle burglaries (all 13 vehicles unlocked) with 2 firearms stolen **REMOVE FIREARMS FROM VEHICLE- LOCK YOUR DOORS AND WINDOWS AT HOME AND NEVER LEAVE YOUR CARS UNLOCKED OR RUNNING UNATTENDED**

Meeting Sponsor Jennifer Joern, DHCA

Executive Board Member Reports

Sergeant at Arms – Gail Hebert

Memberships are due: \$10 for single, \$15 for family, \$25 for business; membership gives you the right to vote on neighborhood plans and issues to be solved as well as for board elections; Easter Egg hunt #16 on 03/24 at Gladden Park, will need volunteers and donations of money and raffle prizes

Treasurer – Betsy Boynton

Balance: \$1186.35

Director of Communications – Pam Huff

Been attending CONA Leadership to learn to better serve in neighborhood board capacity; Library is starting to offer museum passes that can be checked out

President – Jennifer Joern

SPPD Major Gilliam has been promoted to the District 3 Major, Sgt. Detty and Officer Christian will remain in our area; Sgt Houston is retiring; DHCA turns 63 this year and is the oldest officially recognized neighborhood/civic association in St. Pete as well as the largest, geographically and with number of residents; This month's sponsor is DHCA

Announcements

Dunkin Donuts/Baskin Robbins on 49th should be open in about a month, Culvers on 34th Street is expected to open in April

Adjourn 8:05 P.M.

Minutes taken by: Heather Hoe

36 attendees plus speakers and sponsor

**MARCH DHCA MONTHLY MEETING HELD ON MARCH 13, 2018
NO MINUTES DUE TO SECRETARY BEING ABSENT FROM MEETING**



Date: 04/10/2018

7:00 P.M.

| Executive Board | | Present |
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| President | Jennifer Joern | x |
| Vice President | VACANT | |

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| Secretary | Heather Hoe | x |
| Treasurer | Betsy Boynton | x |
| Sergeant at Arms | Gail Hebert | x |
| Board of Directors | | Present |
| Board Member | Steven Hoe | x |
| Director of Communications & Social Media | Pam Huff | |
| Board Member | Gloria Payne | x |

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Express Speaker: Olga Bof

Westfest is on Thursday 04/19 6-9 p.m. Celebrating the success of and drawing interest to West St. Pete businesses. Will have vendors, food, music, fun

Spotlight Speaker: Jessica Lewis, S.E.L.F. & Julia Herbst, Solar United Neighbors of Florida (Solar Co-Op)

Solar Energy Loan Fund can assist home owners in obtaining financing and contractors for solar energy transition as well as seniors and low income families to make needed repairs and upgrades to homes. There are also veteran and women’s specific programs. Please visit [SolarEnergyLoanFund.org](https://www.stpete.org/sustainability/solar_and_energy_loan_fund.php) for more info or https://www.stpete.org/sustainability/solar_and_energy_loan_fund.php for info on their work with the city.

Solar United Neighbors solar co-op has an info session 04/17 at 6 p.m. at the Sunshine Center regarding the local solar co-op

Crime Report: Officer Christian

StatMap available for crime statistics including an actual map, while keeping specific addresses private, includes date and time reported and type of crimes; 2 armed robberies at 7-11 on 49th street; 2 auto thefts, 1 recovered; 8 residential burglaries, 6 vehicle burglaries; 1 purse snatching (by her own drug dealer); St. Pete has the highest population in Pinellas County and SPPD going from 20 community officers to 6 due to need for more school resource officers. Officer Christian will be leaving us as of 07/01/2018 **REMOVE FIREARMS FROM VEHICLE- LOCK YOUR DOORS AND WINDOWS AT HOME AND NEVER LEAVE YOUR CARS UNLOCKED OR RUNNING UNATTENDED**

Meeting Sponsor Trey Malowany of Smith & Associates Realty and Patrick Anderson of CrossCountry Mortgage

Executive Board Member Reports

Sergeant at Arms – Gail Hebert

Easter Egg Hunt was a huge success. Thank you to all the volunteers and attendees, SPPD, Gladden Park, Dunkin, and all sponsors and those that donated

Treasurer – Betsy Boynton

Balance: \$1714.16
Director of Communications – Pam Huff

No report

President – Jennifer Joern

Nominated DHCA Member Paul Paine for Senior Citizen Hall of Fame through the Office on Aging, please support at the awards ceremony and dinner on 04/26 at the Sunshine Center; Lake clean up coming up June 9th, right after breakfast social

Announcements

March speakers are St Pete Leisure services, Teen Council and Gladden Park reps

June speaker is St Pete Museum of History Executive Director

Adjourn 8:03 P.M.

Minutes taken by: Heather Hoe

30 attendees plus speakers and sponsor

**MAY DHCA MONTHLY MEETING HELD ON MAY 8, 2018
NO MINUTES DUE TO SECRETARY BEING ABSENT FROM MEETING**



Date: 06/12/2018

7:00 P.M.

| Executive Board | | Present |
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| President | Jennifer Joern | x |
| Vice President | VACANT | |

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| Secretary | Heather Hoe | x |
| Treasurer | Betsy Boynton | x |
| Sergeant at Arms | Gail Hebert | x |
| Board of Directors | | Present |
| Board Member | Steven Hoe | x |
| Director of Communications & Social Media | Pam Huff | x |
| Board Member | Gloria Payne | x |

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Express Speaker: Jim Nixon, LGBTQ+ St. Pete Liaison, Metro Wellness and Community Centers

Working with the city for better and more successful inclusivity, PRIDE parade and Festival on 06/23 & 24, Metro Wellness and Community Center offers HIV+ Case Management as well as LGBTQ+ Youth services; Thursday 06/21 at City Hall at 10 a.m. was the PRIDE flag raising to celebrate the 2018 St. Pete PRIDE season

Spotlight Speaker: Rui Farias, Director, St. Pete Museum of History

Please come visit, museum is open even without a parking lot; Photo Archives are open to the general public Wed, Fri & Sat 1-5; Membership \$60/couple, \$75/Family of 4 and gives you discounts or admission to all events; Purchasing memberships helps with funds to expand the building to accommodate the collections

Crime Report: Officer Christian

Staying with us; 18 vehicle burglaries, 2 residential burglaries, 6 auto thefts, 1 home invasion (38th Ave Apartments, drug related); Coffee with a Cop at 4th Street Chick-Fil-A 06/17 10 a.m. **REMOVE FIREARMS FROM VEHICLE- LOCK YOUR DOORS AND WINDOWS AT HOME AND NEVER LEAVE YOUR CARS UNLOCKED OR RUNNING UNATTENDED**

Meeting Sponsor: Jenna Malowany, GoForTheGreen.org

Dave Monroe, Nominating Committee Chair

Elections coming in November, asking for nominations for the board and executive board members, please contact Dave for information on responsibilities/commitment of each position

Executive Board Member Reports

Sergeant at Arms – Gail Hebert

Treasurer – Betsy Boynton

Balance: \$1446

Director of Communications – Pam Huff

President – Jennifer Joern

Lake clean-up was cancelled due to transient presence and grass height;
Presidential Porch Party on Aug 4th 6-9 p.m. potluck, please bring something to share, it's also a school supply drive for Stuff The Bus for PCS, please bring school supplies to donate

Announcements

District 8 City Council Member Amy Foster: Transient/homeless population is increasing near 34th street Wawa and increasing litter, working to come up with solution with Wawa manager

Breakfast Social 07/21 at The Burg Diner

Adjourn 8:05 P.M.

Minutes taken by: Heather Hoe

**NO DHCA MONTHLY MEETING IN JULY
SUMMER BREAK**

**NO DHCA MONTHLY MEETING IN AUGUST
SUMMER BREAK**



DISSTON HEIGHTS CIVIC ASSOCIATION

General Member Meeting Minutes

Date: 09/11/2018

7:00 P.M.

| Executive Board | | Present |
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| President | Jennifer Joern | x |
| Vice President | VACANT | |
| Secretary | Heather Hoe | x |
| Treasurer | Betsy Boynton | x |
| Sergeant at Arms | Gail Hebert | |
| Board of Directors | | Present |
| Board Member | Steven Hoe | |
| Director of Communications & Social Media | Pam Huff | x |
| Board Member | | |

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Meeting Sponsor: Publix at Disston Plaza

Spotlight Speaker: Dr. Alcock, Prof Political Science,

State Constitutional Amendments up for voting November 6, 2018

1. Property rights for homestead exemption to, currently exempt up to 25K mark and then again for 50k-75K. Proposing to allow additional for 100-125K
2. Non-homestead exemptions: keeps 10% cap on exemptions, proposal to make permanent (set to expire 2019)
3. Voter approval for casino authorization, currently done by city initiatives. Currently only allow casinos on tribal lands, with very few exceptions
4. Restoration of felon voting rights: Proposes automatic restoration upon completion of sentence WITH THE EXCEPTIONS of murder, rape, violent crime convictions. Currently, the clemency board must review individual cases. Florida is 1 of only 4 states without automatic voting rights restored.
5. 2/3 super majority required to raise taxes and fees. Currently, whatever passes by majority is put into law. Proposal would require 2/3 of house AND 2/3 of Senate to pass tax/fee increases. Also requires taxes/fees to be held as a single issue, as opposed to attaching to or burying in other bills.
6. PACKAGED VOTE WOULD PASS OR FAIL ALL AT ONCE: Marsy's Law; Mandatory Retirement Age increase for judges; Agency interpretation of statutes.
In short: Marsy's Law to require regular updates to all progress on cases involving victims or their families, throughout the criminal process. Mandatory retirement age to be extended to 75 years old, currently at 70. Agency Interpretation not explained but is extremely important.
7. PACKAGED VOTE WOULD PASS OR FAIL ALL AT ONCE: Military/1st Responder Death benefits, 2/3 Super majority for tuition/fee increase at universities. First expands state level benefits to families of fallen military and first responders (ex. Tuition). Second requires 2/3 super majority of both house and senate to approve tuition and fee increases for state universities.
8. REMOVED FROM BALLOT
9. PACKAGED VOTE WOULD PASS OR FAIL ALL AT ONCE: Ban Offshore Drilling; Ban indoor Vaping. Offshore drilling ban would be limited to state owned

waters and submerged lands. Vaping ban would ban any vapor/smoke like item from indoor use.

10. PACKAGED VOTE WOULD PASS OR FAIL ALL AT ONCE: State Administrative Functions. State would manage Disabled Veterans Affairs, would establish state counter-terrorism, changes legislative date to January, requires all Florida counties to hold elections for official constitutional offices and disallows any county from abolishing offices
11. PACKAGED VOTE WOULD PASS OR FAIL ALL AT ONCE: Deletes and removes obsolete and discriminatory language AND allows changes to criminal statutes that work retroactively. Allows sentencing for criminal charges via draconian and questionable statutes.
12. Ethics move: Adds 2 year lobbying restriction to former public officers and would expand definition of "public officer"
13. Greyhound racing ban, statewide by 2020. Would also effect gambling allowed at Greyhound racing facilities.

Crime Report: Officer Christian

August: 10 vehicle burglaries, 5 residential burglaries, 1 unarmed robbery, 3 auto thefts, exceptional numbers for summer. **REMOVE FIREARMS FROM VEHICLE- LOCK YOUR DOORS AND WINDOWS AT HOME AND NEVER LEAVE YOUR CARS UNLOCKED OR RUNNING UNATTENDED**

Meeting Sponsor Jenna Malowany, GoForTheGreen.org

Dave Monroe, Nominating Committee Chair

All board positions are open for nominations, voting open to paid current members of DHCA only. 1 vote for \$10 membership, 2 votes for \$15 membership, 1 vote for businesses

Executive Board Member Reports

Sergeant at Arms – Gail Hebert

No report

Treasurer – Betsy Boynton

Balance: \$1,496.25

Director of Communications – Pam Huff

No report

President – Jennifer Joern

Breakfast social on Saturday, Sirmons Lake clean up to follow, CareFest 09/29/2018 DHCA Doggie Wash and Cat supplies donation drive, set up at 7:30 a.m., Wash starts at 8:30 a.m., break down at 12:30 p.m., gone by 1:30 p.m.

Announcements

Fundraiser for The Friends of the Jack Kerouac Jouse at Flamingo Resort on 10/20, Candidate forum on 10/09, no speakers or sponsor.

Adjourn 8:20 P.M.

Minutes taken by: Heather Hoe

**DHCA OCTOBER MONTHLY MEETING HELD ON OCTOBER 9, 2018
NO MINUTES DUE TO HOSTING CANDIDATE FORUM**



DISSTON HEIGHTS CIVIC ASSOCIATION

General Member Meeting Minutes

Date: 11/13/2018

7:00 P.M.

| Executive Board | | Present |
|---|----------------|----------------|
| President | Jennifer Joern | x |
| Vice President | VACANT | |
| Secretary | Heather Hoe | x |
| Treasurer | Betsy Boynton | x |
| Sergeant at Arms | Gail Hebert | x |
| Board of Directors | | Present |
| Board Member | Steven Hoe | |
| Director of Communications & Social Media | Pam Huff | x |
| Board Member | | |

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

Meeting Sponsor: Dr. Johanna Hartley, Atlas Chiropractic 5503 38th Ave N

Spotlight Speaker: Sean King, Habitat for Humanity of Pinellas County, Director of Community Relations

New Habitat office on 22nd St. S; Home repair program offered to serve the same income guidelines as the homes program (13-30k for single, 16-40k for couples) available for critical repair, aging in place, weatherizing, "brush with kindness" program to paint homes within certain communities, need weekday volunteers

Crime Report: Officer Berger

August: 16 vehicle burglaries, 5 residential burglaries, 2 Commercial burglaries (same property) **REMOVE FIREARMS FROM VEHICLE- LOCK YOUR DOORS AND WINDOWS AT HOME AND NEVER LEAVE YOUR CARS UNLOCKED OR RUNNING UNATTENDED**

Executive Board Member Reports

Sergeant at Arms – Gail Hebert

Motion for \$400 church donation (Heather Hoe 2nd) Majority in favor with some abstaining

Treasurer – Betsy Boynton

Balance: \$1,693.25; Donating \$400, Spending \$125 on sponsoring CONA Leadership applicant, Scott Drouin

Director of Communications – Pam Huff

No Report

President – Jennifer Joern

Presidential Holiday party, potluck, Dec 1, 2018 5-9pm; CONA: FEMA map is changing, updates on StPete.org; 2019 Leadership Program applications due 12/10 Sponsoring Scott Drouin from Gladden Park Recreation Center (now at Shore Acres RC); Ben Shirley from St. Pete Director of Sanitation wake scheduled Thursday, funeral is Friday 1pm, will send collages of lake clean up events to his family to thank for his 48 years of service; West Central St. Pete Streetscape project on Central Ave from 58th to Park Streets, city to review project and wants suggestions; Saturday DHCA Breakfast Social; DHCA Dog wash fundraiser to be held in May separate from Carefest for \$5/dog donations, will receive Wag Bags (dog treats); Carefest will be another community cleanup event, not private citizen; Will send info out on proposal for digital info boards city is considering; New sidewalks to be placed on 49th Street between now and September 2019; 2018 Neighborhood Partnership awards for DHCA: Honorable mentions multiple neighborhood partnership, effective communication, president of the year, and neighborhood of the year.

Announcements

BOARD ELECTION: Dave Monroe: looks as everyone voted for the only candidates on the ballot; Motion to present the slate: Jennifer Joern; 2nd Dave Monroe, all in favor

2019 incoming DHCA Board: President: Pam Huff, Vice President: Vacant, Sergeant at Arms: Gail Hebert, Treasurer: Betsy Boynton, Secretary: Vacant, Board members: Jennifer Joern, Dave Monroe, Rhonda Steele, Fr. Robert DePugh, Heather Hoe, and Alicia Hoe, DHCA CONA delegate: Tim Huff

Adjourn 7:55 P.M.

Minutes taken by: Heather Hoe

27 attendees, plus board, sponsors/speaker and officers

***NO DHCA DECEMBER MONTHLY MEETING
HOLIDAY POT LUCK & PRESIDENTIAL PORCH PARTY***