



## 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> |                |

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

#### **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.***

16 attendees, plus speaker

*Minutes prepared by: Heather Hoe*