



# DISSTON HEIGHTS CIVIC ASSOCIATION

## General Member Meeting Minutes

**Date: 09/11/2018**

**7:00 P.M.**

<b>Executive Board</b>		<b>Present</b>
President	Jennifer Joern	x
Vice President	VACANT	
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	
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: 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/1<sup>st</sup> 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*