



Neighborhoods Strong

**MINUTES OF THE
MONTHLY MEETING OF THE MEMBERSHIP
OF THE
Council of Neighborhood Associations of Southern Pinellas
County, Inc. (CONA)**

January 15, 2020

President Jennifer Joern called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

Mike Jefferis, Leisure Services Administrator, lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

WELCOME CITY STAFF & SPPD:

- Mike Jefferis, Leisure Services Administrator from Parks and Recreation announced that Historic Uptown NA has a new park being proposed, remodeled Shore Acres Recreation Center is opening, expansion of Abercrombie Park with the Kuttler property is nearly ready; Remodel of the main library (3745 9th Ave N) is done and shortly will be renamed the President Barack Obama Library.
- Rob Gerdes (Neighborhood Affairs Administrator) and Robert Barto (Neighborhood Specialist - Community Services) and Amanda Kubisiak (Administrative Assistant - Community Services) announced that the Mayor's Neighborhood Awards will take place on March 3, 2020, at the Shuffle Board Courts.
- Chris Claus of Water Resources announced Florida Style Landscape Seminars with the next scheduled for February 6, 2020. Register at www.floridastyle.eventbrite.com
- Rene Flowers, Pinellas County School Board member and candidate for Pinellas County Commission, was present and recognized by the President.
- SPPD members present included Sgt Gainer (D1), Sgt Deary (D2), and Sgt Lopez (D3). Coffee with a Pop will take place on February 11, 2020.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Marlene Murray, CONA Leadership Committee Chairperson, announced that CONA's Leadership Program is off for MLK Day and has had its first two classes and is well underway.

SWEARING IN OF NEW EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

Deputy Mayor Kanika Tomalin swore in the newly elected Executive Committee members.

EXPRESS SPEAKER - ST. PETE PIER™:

Will Michaels, Chair of CONA's Pier & Downtown Waterfront Master Plan Committee, presented a review of the goals set in 2016 and revised in 2019 for the new Pier.

SPOTLIGHT SPEAKER - ST. PETE PIER™:

Chris Ballestra, City of St. Petersburg Managing Director of Development, gave a presentation on the status of the Pier construction. Keep up with Pier construction progress through drone videos [at this link](#).

NEIGHBORHOOD ANNOUNCEMENTS:

GPPCA announced Acoustic Sunset to be held at the Magnuson Hotel on February 14, 2020. For detailed location and event information, [select this link](#).

COMMITTEE UPDATES:

Membership: Several neighborhoods need to get their dues in for this year.

Multi-Modal Transportation: Flyer for Complete Streets should be ready for the next meeting.

Codes: Next meeting is January 29, 2020.

Leadership: No class on MLK Day, but is off to a good start.

CONA PRESIDENT UPDATES:

Last year CONA participated in Earth Day, SPPD National Night Out, SPFR Annual Block Party, Local neighborhood events and Shopapalooza. For 2020 CONA seeks to increase its community presence and add participation in Come Out St Pete (10/17/2020), Neighborhood Shuffle Showdown (11/1/2020), CONA Education Workshops (with the first Goals Workshop being 1/25/2020, at Center for Health Equity, 2343 34th St. S.), Earth Day (4/4/2020).

CONA's Goals Workshop will take place 1/25/2020, at the Center for Health Equity, 2343 34th St. S.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:31 p.m.

Attendance: 35

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

Stephen M. Waters, Secretary

Approved: February 19, 2020