

Pine Hills Neighborhood Improvement District (NID) Advisory Council Minutes

Meeting: Pine Hills Neighborhood Improvement District (NID) Advisory Council

Date & Place Wednesday, June 2nd, 2021

Board Members In – Person, Participants Virtual – Online via WebEx

Time: 9:03 a.m.- 10:01 a.m.

“Track by” **Date** **Description**

For Record

In Attendance

Pine Hills Neighborhood Improvement District (NID) Advisory Council:

In – Person: Vice-Chair Nicole Farquharson, Luis Cordero, Michael Strayhorn, Pamela Seetaram

Virtual:

Staff: Sam Weekley, Ramil Celestin, Daniel Kilponen, Daniel Vanegas, Rose-Nancy Joseph, Captain Dennis Ela, Tracey Greene, Yvette Luckett

Welcome and Introductions

Call to Order: Quorum was not present at beginning of meeting. Sam Weekley introduced Pamela Seetaram, new Advisory Council member, representing the Pine Hills Community Council

Visitors

Bertina Busch
Ken Dwyer
Landra Wormack
Patricia Rumph
Roselyn Clouden
Ramil Celestin
Dr. Latanya Nichols
Jeff Reine
Mark D. (no last name)
Mike (no last name)
Call-in User_2

Public Comment and Community Updates

- Ken Dwyer invited people to attend upcoming Pine Hills Safe Neighborhood meeting on Thursday, June 8. Mentioned false homeownership information reported in Orlando Business Journal. Suggested the NID and Safe Neighborhood work together to create an investment brochure.
- Nicole mentioned buyers in Pine Hills residential real estate are mostly investors who are able to buy at above market rate who fix up the houses and rent them versus individuals being able to afford them. She mentioned if there could be a program to assist individuals wanting to purchase houses.
- Sam mentioned the current state of the housing market. He stated the quarterly reports are going to address some of these issues – negate bad press (from OBJ, etc.)

Approval of Minutes

There was a meeting quorum. Meeting minutes were adopted.

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Safety Update

Captain Denis Ela

- Year to Date crime down 28% overall, including all types of burglaries (residential burglaries down 33% YTD; commercial burglaries down 33% YTD; auto burglaries down 38% YTD)
- Trend of increasing persons crime all over Central Florida, not just Pine Hills
- Traffic complaints – YTD >1,700 traffic stops, 630 citations, Hiawassee and Silver Star
- Sam mentioned quarterly reports he will be releasing with statistical information about Pine Hills
- Strayhorn asked Ela if he can attribute decreasing crime to something – Ela thinks that community meetings to hear concerns from the community help

Code Enforcement Update

- Trash and debris along Pine Hills Road, will focus more on sign violations (relaxed enforcement during pandemic, now that things are opening up, will again enforce illegal banners, etc.).

Pine Hills NID – Neighborhood Services Division

- NID Annual Report accepted by BCC on May 18
- Upcoming Vision 2050 town hall meetings in June and July
- Mid-block crossing rehab on Pine Hills Road
- Applied for DEO grant for Pine Hills Road master planning – expect to hear in 1 ½ - 2 weeks
- Utilities expects to use Rescue funds to do part of Pine Hills Road wastewater project; plus, new grant application (DEO Florida Jobs Growth Grant) – to at least get the engineering done
- Nicole – how does wastewater project fit with President Biden infrastructure plan?
- Michael – A work session (among the Advisory Council) about infrastructure is important; asked for refresher on the Pine Hills Road wastewater project
- Daniel Vanegas (Commissioner Moore aide) spoke about septic to sewer projects near Apopka and the communication efforts made to residents (town hall meetings)
- Michael – What were some objections? Daniel V. reported cost; how would construction take place (how disruptive); and lack of knowledge about wastewater systems were top three concerns
- Workforce Development project moving forward – Rod Love, other meetings with groups – likely to roll out in July

Old Business

Old business discussed during PHNID Staff updates.

New Business

No new business

Meeting Adjournment

Vice-Chair Farquharson adjourned the meeting at 10:01 AM.

Next NID Meeting – July 7th, 2021

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Meeting Minutes Certification

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Prepared by Samuel T. Weekley

Date: _____

Date: _____

Tim Haberkamp, Chairman