

## **Pasadena Bear Creek Meeting Minutes**

### **January 19, 2009**

#### Treasurer's Report (Mike Crosby):

- Mike announced the budget has slightly increased from the previous month due to dues from the association.
- Please see Mike about \$10 donation to the Association.

#### Neighborhood Updates (Old News) – Aaron Sharpe

- Tonilynn spoke to Michael Fredricksen, Mgr. of St Petersburg Department of Traffic. The city will be redoing crosswalk at 64<sup>th</sup> St S and 5<sup>th</sup> Ave S for Pinellas Trail. The construction will be starting this week and from the map provided to Aaron and Tonilynn from the city, it appears the area will be restriped and a turning lane will be added as well as a flashing crosswalk. Aaron will bring in map next session.
- Grace Bible Church Playground – The city of is currently working with their legal department to create a contract between the City of St. Petersburg and the Grace Bible Church to lease the intended playground lot from the Church. It has been speculated the playground will be finished in 2009, but nothing is definite.

#### Officer Arrison's Neighborhood Report:

- Officer Arrison presents the crime statistics from December 2008 to current date.
- Burglaries have been occurring in Pasadena Bear Creen on average of 1 -2 per week. 8 burglaries occurred in the past thirty days to include one commercial burglary and seven residential burglaries. The incidents occurred mostly during the daytime over the public school break.

#### Events of residential burglaries

- One burglary occurred due to a home owner leaving a partially opened window in home.
- Another burglary occurred due to a resident leaving a sliding glass door unlocked. Items stolen: Wii, I-Pod, sunglasses and paintball gun. Fingerprints have been taken and trying to find an appropriate match.
- Two incidents between 63<sup>rd</sup> St S. and 64<sup>th</sup> St S. (locations undisclosed)- two in-wall ac units taken.
- 6364 1<sup>st</sup> Ave S - back window left unlocked xbox, cash and marijuana taken.
- 6401 1<sup>st</sup> Ave S - Cell phone, mp3 player taken by known theif. Resident called suspect and got items back.
- 6021 1<sup>st</sup> Ave S - Chevy Capriseleft unlocked. TV and DVD Player left in car was stolen.
- Officer Arrison would like to advise all PBC residents to keep their doors and windows locked.
- Any time see something strange. Call the St Pete Non-Emergency Line at (727) 893-7780.

- If a citizen can not remember the emergency line number, they may also call 911 and they will transfer you to the non-emergency line.

#### Grant Updates and New Business – Aaron Sharpe

##### St. Petersburg Neighborhood Grant

- PBC has been awarded St. Petersburg Neighborhood Grant to get new street signs with logos.
- The board must go to the city to sign the contract for neighborhood signage.
- The signage needs to be developed. A committee needs to be organized to define the logo.

##### Tampa Bay Estuary Grant and Bear Creek Cleanup

- PBC has been awarded \$2000 to help pay for creek clean up. Currently deciding what to purchase for the clean up.
- The clean up will also be applied to St. Pete Neighborhood grant match hours and will occur twice a year.
- Volunteers needed for cleanup, but members who volunteer for the cleanup do not have to get in the water to help. They can assist with other duties like assisting like refreshment purchase and preparation or helping with cleaning up wild foliage growth on land at the water boundaries.
- Tonilynn and Aaron have been invited to a meeting hosted by District One City Councilman Herbert Polson and will mention they will “adopt” the creek and trail to be responsible for maintenance.

##### Neighborhood Garage Sale

- PBC Neighborhood Association would like to do have a Neighborhood Garage Sale twice a year.
- Create a map of the neighborhood and provide advertising.
- Saturday, March 14<sup>th</sup> 2000 was agreed upon to be the date for Spring Cleaning.
- Rules – Members are on the map. Anyone can participate. Signs for members to put in your yard. The garage sale is used to raise neighborhood awareness and not a fundraiser.

##### Website and Newsletter

- Aaron and Tonilynn would like to start a neighborhood website to host information about meetings and other neighborhood events. Steve Sirulnick was asked to begin to research and start the project. He informed the association that he would begin executing some ideas.
- Aaron and Tonilynn would also like to start a newsletter for advertising. PBC would like to charge for advertisements published in the newsletter which could be created and mailed or hand delivered.

##### Code Violations

- Please notify the Department of City Codes about parking in yard issues. Tickets will be written by the City Codes officer to offenders.
- It takes Codes a long time to process complaints. One member stated that the city can begin proceedings to ask the code violating citizen to clean up their property, but it is still the citizen's choice to act.
- PBC would like to hold the city accountable for code violations. Aaron and Tonilynn Sharpe intend on opening communications with city codes supervisor, Todd Yost, in the near future.
- If a complaint has been issued via the Mayor's HotLine (727-893-7171) and not been acted upon, it is possible to expedite the complaint with Todd Yost, supervisor of City Codes.
- If nothing can be done with codes, Aaron and Tonilynn would like to host a volunteer trail clean up from 58<sup>th</sup> St S to 64<sup>th</sup> St S..

#### Community Events

- New bank on 62<sup>nd</sup> St S and Central Ave will be opening March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2009.
- Swanholm Center development. It is skeptical whether the building project will be initiated in the near future.

**Next meeting February 16<sup>th</sup>, 2009 at 7pm.**

**Meetings are now the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of every month.**