

Pine Hills Neighborhood Improvement District (NID) Advisory Council Minutes

Ilisa's Minutes

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

Date & Place Wednesday, 1.8.25

Pine Hills Community Center, 6408 Jennings Rd, Orlando, FL 32818

Time: 6: 09 p.m.- 8:15 p.m.

“Track by” **Date** **Description**

For Record

Visitors

Artena Greene, West Orange Chamber of Commerce
Brian Harris, Pine Hills Safe Neighborhood
Cheryl Rayburn, OC Code Compliance
Daisy Townsend, Pine Hills Community Center
Jae Fortune, Citizen
JC Walker, Citizen
Linda Flynn, Cultural Planning Group
Onetha Mason, Center Supervisor, Pine Hills Community Center
Peggy Gustave, Office of Maxwell Frost
Michael Scott, District 6 Commissioner
Nicholas Taylor, Florida Steps
Vicki Landon, Orange County Arts and Cultural Affairs

Welcome

Call to Order: 6:09 p.m. Quorum was not met.

Public Comment

Brian Harris: Safe Neighborhoods Partnership meeting 1/8/25 (Barnett Park).

In Attendance

Pine Hills Neighborhood Improvement District (NID) Advisory Council:

In – Person: Michael Strayhorn, Chair

Staff: Tamara Johnson, Ilisa Patterson

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Jae Fortune: Pine Hills will help lead a Bob Marley celebration in Florida. Has received permission from the Marley Family and Commissioner Scott. Will confirm dates and hope to have celebration at Multi-Cultural Center. Hopes that Pine Hills will be included in the cultural plan for both Orange County and Orlando. Wants to reimplement Taste of Pine Hills.

Nicholas Taylor: Unhoused seniors and most resources are outside of Pine Hills. Wants to know if there is affordable housing for seniors who fall below the poverty line.

Approval of Minutes

Quorum was not met.

Community Updates

Code Compliance

Cheryl Rayburn reported there are a lot of housing violations mostly with landlords not taking care of properties. There have been lot cleanings, abandoned cars. There are quite a few businesses without proper credentials to operate a business.

OCSO

No report

NID Staff Update

- Invited to participate in a focus group to speak about Black History Month. BBIF is interested in assisting other small businesses with funding. They would like to help with financial literacy.
- NID Staff toured the Lynx superstation.
- Lunch and Learn will take place at the Pine Hills Community Center either February 18 or 25.
- Evans High School will make the Business Corridor Cleanup the Evans Trojan Day.
- We are still canvassing to the NID Businesses

Chair Michael:

Chair Michael asked about the position that cleans the corridor. Lynx progress is evident as well as the gateway. ED mentioned that there is a delay with the pedestrian crossing due to constant collisions. Septic to Sewer is progressing, but we can't get in touch with a lot of property owners.

Presentations

Arts and Cultural Affairs (Vicki Landon) and Linda Flynn from Cultural Planning Group (CPG). The office invests at least 15 million dollars in art activities. CANVAS is a cultural plan for the City of Orlando and Orange County.

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Planning goals include assessments, hearing residents, advancing cultural equity, and setting strategic framework. We are currently in Phase 2 of the plan that includes engagement and research. Will utilize the 6 Pillars to include the NID and Pine Hills in the Cultural Plan.

Community Survey is available until the end of January and there is a Vision Board for people to upload pictures of locations and art someone may want to see in Pine Hills. The artwork should identify the artist and the purpose to attract people to want to come and see them. Could possibly add a placard with a QR code for residents and visitors to see images of the artwork that used to be on the Powers wall. There are federal dollars for public artwork. Want to honor history, implement digital and cutting-edge art, art trails, supporting young artists, celebrating the contributions from Pine Hills. Tie into Evans High School.

Commissioner Mike Scott: Swore in new officers, redistricting committee is being formed and there may possibly be an additional commissioner in Pine Hills. People can email resumes if they would like a full-time job with benefits as an admin aide.

Old Business

None

New Business

Congressman Frost is interested in community engagement and finding out how he can help residents. Asked that we register for his newsletter. The Townhall and Resource Fair is upcoming.

February 7 6:30 to 8:30. United Way will present a Movie at the Pine Hills Cultural Art Center.

Meeting Adjournment

Michael Strayhorn asked for a motion to adjourn. Jae Fortune made the motion; Oneatha Mason seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Next NID Meeting – February 5, 2024, at 6:00pm at the Pine Hills Community Center.

Meeting Minutes Certification

Date: _____

Prepared by Ilisa Patterson

Date: _____

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Chairperson Michael Strayhorn

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