

# Pine Hills Neighborhood Improvement District (NID) Advisory Council Minutes

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

**Date & Place** Wednesday, May 1, 2024  
**Dolphin Room, Barnett Park, 4801 W. Colonial Dr.**

**Time:** 6:10 p.m.- 7:08 p.m.

**“Track by”** **Date** **Description**

For  
Record

**Visitors**

Captain Ashley Strange, Orange County Sheriff’s Office, Sector 1

- Travonte Kitchen
- Wendall Smith
- Claudia Rosado
- Myles Nance
- Cory Krantz
- Julia Smith
- DS Givens
- DS J. Velez
- DS F. Castro
- DS Trinidad
- DS Berggren
- DS M. Robinson
- DS T. Hall
- DS C. Ambiano
- DS C. Lopez
- DS S. Emely
- Sgt. Amanda Easter

Onetha Mason, Center Supervisor, Pine Hills Community Center

Daisy Townsend, Pine Hills Community Council

Selina Carter, Resident

Joyce Norman, Resident

**In Attendance**

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

**In – Person:** Michael Strayhorn, Chair, Jeff Reine, Melissa Service  
Pamela Seetaram

**Staff:** Tamara Johnson

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## Welcome

**Call to Order:** 6:10 pm. Quorum was met.

## Public Comment

Selina Carter discussed safety within the community. She wanted to publicly thank law enforcement for the work they do within the community. Selina talked about how much easier an encounter will be if everyone remains calm and complies with instructions.

## Approval of Minutes

Quorum was met. February, March, and April 2024 meeting minutes were reviewed and signed.

## Community Updates

### **Orange County Sheriff's Office**

Captain Strange says there continues to be a decline in criminal activity. If anyone sees crime in the PHNID report it and it can be anonymous.

### **Code Compliance**

Jemoral Jackson discussed the continued efforts to remove snipe signs as they are a big issue. This time of year, the grass is getting high Code Compliance is trying to stay on top of this issue. He asked that the public be patient with them as their department is short-staffed.

- Daisy asked if their office was having an event and if signs were used would they be violating code compliance. Jemoral explained this does not apply to County events.
- Chair Michael asked if there were other signs that go out after tax season. The answer is yes from various businesses.
- Jeff asked Code Compliance to go out and share what they do and their processes. Jemoral said this is ongoing.
- Onetha – Who do they call when they see a house with junk outside? Jemoral said call 311 and they will take the next steps.

### **NID Staff Update**

Executive Director Johnson thanked Sector 1 and Captain Strange for coming out. She had hoped more people would attend the meeting as it was a great opportunity for information to be shared, questions could be answered, and partnerships built. Tamara gave an update on the Pine Hills Trailhead Park; Ideas for Us is committed and next steps will be shared later.

Chairman Michael Strayhorn, spoke about the Pine Hills Road project and Lynx make for a safer outcome for residents. These improvements change the look and safety of our community. This also makes outcomes for officers better. He also shared the 4 goals of the PHNID and shared our role.

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## **Presentations**

The Officers of Sector 1 attended this month's meeting. An open discussion was had on a variety of topics centered around law enforcement.

- Daisy – Businesses are going to have to change by making certain law enforcement can see in and out of the businesses.
- Chair Michael with school being out within the next 30 days what do we need to share with the community?

Keep your child busy.

Lock your car and homes

Is there a PAL near us? Captain Strange said yes.

What can the Board do to support the businesses? Captain Strange shared the following:

Gaining Entry

Real time video

Registering with dispatch (making certain that the alarm company POC is current)

- Onetha – Shared that un-housed individuals are gaining into cars at the traffic lights. Captain Strange shared the Orange County does not have a panhandling ordinance. However, they have a group that specifically works with this population from a holistic standpoint.
- Joyce – Resides in Hiawassee Landing but when people try to back onto Hiawassee, it is difficult to get in and out without getting hit. Captain Strange reports that they are working on issues such as this are always being evaluated in the hopes of finding a remedy.
- Jeff – Once the Lynx station is open it will have CCTV. He states that in the past these devices have worked in other areas
- OCSO – Lock your vehicles at night and suggest LED lights this will decrease issues
- Open to meeting with businesses within the PHNID
- If there is an issue say something

## **Old Business**

Executive Director Tamara Johnson shared that the community event will be moved to the fall due to multiple events being scheduled during the month of May and June.

## **New Business**

None.

## **Meeting Adjournment**

Michael Strayhorn asked for a motion to adjourn. Jeff Reine made the motion; Melissa Service seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 7:08 pm

Next NID Meeting – June 5, 2024, at 6:00pm at Barnett Park.

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## Meeting Minutes Certification

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Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Prepared by Tamara P. Johnson**

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Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Chairperson Michael Strayhorn**

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