

Pine Hills Neighborhood Improvement District (PHNID) Advisory Council Minutes

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

Date & Place Wednesday, 8.13.25
Multi-Cultural Center, 7149 W. Colonial Drive, Orlando, FL 32818

Time: 6: 06 p.m.- 7:21 p.m.

“Track by” **Date** **Description**

For Record

Visitors

Artena Greene, West Orange Chamber of Commerce
Brian Harris, Citizen
Charles Abbatantuono, LYNX
Dr. Brian Agard, HUG Real Estate School
Dr. Harriet Roberson, Faith Cathedral Church
Grennett Service, Citizen
Kenneth “Ken” Dwyer, Pine Hills Safe Neighborhood Partnership
Kenneth “Ken” Leeming, Orange County Highway Construction
Lt. Shawn McCook, Orange County Sheriff’s Office (OSCO)
Pastor Richard Joes, Faith Cathedral Church
Rosemarie Diehl, Resident
Shereece Sanchez, Butterfly Lifestyle
Victor Rivera Toro, Orange County Code Compliance

Welcome

Call to Order: 6:06 p.m. Quorum was not met.

Public Comment

- Ken Dwyer
 - Does the PHNID have a date for the H-Mart opening?
 - Can you bring the OC Planning division to a meeting to speak about the 2050 plan?

Approval of Minutes

Quorum was not met.

In Attendance
Pine Hills Neighborhood Improvement District (PHNID) Advisory Council:

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

Staff: Tamara Johnson, Krista Taraszewski

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Community Updates

Code Compliance

- Handed out a one pager of good code compliance tips
- Provided some safety reminders on what is and is not allowed in the community
 - Semi-Trucks, grass over 18", boats on grass, excess storage in carports and food trucks
 - Reminder that Code Compliance cannot enter a home without permission from homeowner or tenant

OCSO (Lt. Shawn McCook)

- A speed study was conducted on Silver Star Road in two different spots
 - WB 152,000 vehicles, average speed 40 mph/top speed 99mph/ 3.5% over 55mph (23 days)
 - EB 192,000 vehicles, average speed 43 mph /top speed 100 mph/6.5% over 55mph (16 days)
- Crime in almost all categories is down 11% but auto burglaries are still up

PHPHNID Staff Update (Tamara Johnson)

- The Pine Hills Community Center (PHCC) had some flooding; the PHPHNID staff are working out of IOC-1 temporarily. They expect to move back to the PHCC by September 2025
- The Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government Accountability (OPPAGA) performed an audit of the Pine Hills PHNID. Overall, the PHPHNID did well. The recommendations are as follows:
 - Notices should be advertised locally in addition to the government website, recommend newspaper
 - Creating a social media plan in tandem with the PEDS PIO.
 - Encourage posting the short- and long-term goals of the PHPHNID for the public
- Reminder that Septic to Sewer construction takes place during the overnight hours, just because you do not see them during the day does not mean work is not being done.
- Renderings (concept pictures) of what Pine Hills could look like in the future will be shared at the Community Information Fair in January 2026.

Public Works (Ken Leeming)

- This project is designed to improve traffic and pedestrian flow along Pine Hills Road, Colonial Drive to Bonnie Brae Circle
- A study was performed to review the roadways and recommendations were made to add a median, mid-block crossings, bike lanes and sidewalk improvements
 - Phase 1: Intersection of Silver Star Road @ Pine Hills Road & From Figwood Ln to Belco Drive, including gateway features
 - Phase 2: From Colonial Drive to Figwood Ln
 - Phase 3: Belco Drive to Bonnie Brae Circle

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- Phase 1 completed
- Phase 2 under construction, PW completed the bulk of the work & paused to allow Utilities to perform the septic to Sewer conversion. We anticipate returning sometime in Fall 2025 to mill and resurface. Expected to be finished by end of 2025
- Phase 3 will introduce a raised median and multi-use trail on the east side of the road. We expect to start this project in September 2025

Lynx (Charles Abbatantuono)

- The Pine Hills Transfer Center opened on Sunday August 10th
- There are not any public restrooms or concessions on site. The hours of service will range from 3:50 am to 1 am.
- The customer service center will be added later, and they plan to have a ribbon cutting soon

Old Business

PHNID Tech position - The Director of OC PEDS department has recommended hiring a service to assist with clean-up instead of existing part-time position. More to come on this item in the future.

New Business

Ken Dwyer requested an update on the FDOT project on Silver Star Road (project :445696-1), Tamara will contact FDOT for additional information

Announcements

- Ken Dwyer - Pine Hills Safe Neighborhood meeting Thursday August 14, 2025
- Dr. Agard - OC public schools offers a mentoring program. He has participated in the past and encourages business owner/neighbors to join. The offer hour sessions about once a month
- Tamara announced:
 - Healthy Pine Hills will be held November 25th (tentatively)
 - A community clean-up for October
 - Launching a new comment card with survey shortly for feedback from the community

Meeting Adjournment

Michael Strayhorn asked for a motion to adjourn. Pamela Seetaram made the motion; Melissa Service seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:21 p.m.

- Next PHNID Meeting – September 3, 2025, at 6:00pm at the Multi-Cultural Center.

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Meeting Minutes Certification

_____ Date: _____

Prepared by Krista Taraszewski

_____ Date: _____

Chairperson Michael Strayhorn

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