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Since 1980, St. Petersburg Neighborhood Housing Services, Inc. now doing business as Neighborhood Home Solutions (NHS), has helped thousands of families in Pinellas County and other counties in the Tampa Bay area.

NHS holds the prestigious designation as a HUD APPROVED HOUSING COUNSELING AGENCY. All NHS housing counselors are certified and meet all requirements of National Industry Standards. They are professionals and experts in housing counseling and related services. They go the extra mile for their clients and provide one-on-one counseling for the service provided.

NHS counselors are here to assist those in need of the following services:

- Foreclosure Intervention Advocacy
- Homebuyer and Homeowner Education
- Financial Fitness Education
- Education to Avoid Predatory Lending
- Fraud and Identity Theft Education

Emphasis in this issue is on Mortgage Foreclosure Intervention Advocacy.

As part of the National Foreclosure Mitigation Counseling Program, NHS is able to provide free foreclosure counseling services to all residents of Florida. Difficult times do not discriminate so help is available to all income levels and all backgrounds.

If you are currently behind in your mortgage, you are probably being inundated with junk mail and telephone calls from people and organizations claiming they can help you. There is no need to pay a private company for these services. Don't Delay.

Contact us today. Please share this information. We are here to provide FREE HELP!

Call 727-821-6897 or visit [www.nhsfl.org](http://www.nhsfl.org).

## FREE HISTORIC HOMES WORKSHOP

**Saturday, November 19, 2011 - Noon- 6 PM**

St Petersburg Shuffleboard Club

559 Mirror Lake Drive North, St. Petersburg, FL

Followed by a porch party

at Craftsman House, 2955 Central Ave

### SCHEDULED WORKSHOPS:

#### ***Restoring Your Old Windows***

Steve Quillian, Wood Window Makeover

#### ***Repairing & Refinishing Wood Floors***

Dennis Prieur, Through the Woods Fine Wood Floors, Inc.

#### ***Choosing Appropriate Exterior Colors***

Jo-Anne Peck, Historic Shed

#### ***Ad Valorem Tax Benefits***

Kim Hinder, City of St. Petersburg, Historic Preservation Department

#### ***Heart Pine 101***

Carol Goodwin, Goodwin Heart Pine

#### ***Florida Friendly Native Landscaping***

Michael Manlowe, Twigs & Leaves

#### ***Front Porch Renovations***

Bob Jeffrey, Historic Preservationist

#### ***Interior Details***

Jeff Danner, St. Petersburg Council member

#### ***Researching Your Home's History***

Emily Elwyn, Saint Petersburg Preservation

#### ***Increasing Energy Efficiency in Historic Homes***

Kathryn Younkin, Architectural Preservation Specialist

#### ***The Craftsman Style***

Joseph Poltorak, Joseph Furniture Company

#### ***Souvenir of St. Petersburg, Views from the Vinoy***

Robin Gonzalez & Robin Reed,

Historic Old Northeast Neighborhood Association

#### ***Why Archaeology is Important to your Historic Home – Examples from the Driftwood Neighborhood***

Jeff Moates, Florida Public Archaeology Network

### ADDITIONAL EXHIBITORS

Historic Roser Park Neighborhood Association

Historic Kenwood Neighborhood Association

Layman's Used Merchandise

Architectural Salvage

### SPONSORED BY:

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Wood Window Makeover

# CONA BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING MINUTES

The Sunshine Multi-Service Center - September 21, 2011

- President Mike Gulley opened our meeting leading us in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Asking if there were any corrections for our August CONA Board Minutes; hearing none Mike declared our August Minutes approved as published.
- CONA Public Safety Chairperson, Lisa Brown introduced Lt. Antonio Gilliam of the S.PPD. Street Crime Unit.
  - The Lieutenant briefly described the eight year history of his unit as well as the special activities, (and uniform), of his squad that distinguish it.
  - They are not part of the SWAT team, nor are they normally covert in their operations. Lt. Gilliam provided his cell phone number to reach him directly - 423-3501.
- City Councilman Jim Kennedy made a presentation regarding proposed Pinellas County Legislation that would overrule any local community ordinances as they apply to county property, (i.e. "County Wide Importance").
  - He was joined by David Goodwin, (Development), and Mark Winn, (Legal), City Staff Members.
  - Belated public hearings have been scheduled for this legislative proposal for September 27th and October 11th
  - A Charter Amendment, (and public voted approval), would be required to implement the proposed county authority.
  - We heard an extensive list of local community ordinances, (Sign Codes, Permitting, Flood Plans), that could be abrogated on any county land parcels or county thoroughfares that are contained within our metropolitan city limits.
  - We were told that this proposed legislation was provoked by a plan to circumvent certain Largo City Ordinances that stand in the way of a County approved development project.
    - Moved, (Jarman- Bay Way), that CONA advocates that Pinellas County Commissioners delay or cancel voting of the proposed legislation to supersede all local ordinances as applied to county properties. [Motion Approved]
    - It was suggested that CONA convey our concerns on this question to our north county counterparts, the Council of North county Neighborhoods, (CNN).
- The focus of our program then changed to the issue of how our E.M.S. System can best be organized. Leading the discussion was Steve Knight, Chief of Fire Rescue Operations for our St. Petersburg Fire Department. He was joined by two officers of other municipal fire departments.
  - Looking back to 1974, our ambulance operations were entirely community supported by the individual municipalities.
    - A 1980 referendum massively approved combining all ambulance operations under a single county authority.
    - Originally funded by ad valorem taxes, the revenue stream has been reduced by the legislative tax capping measures. These reductions, (\$8M), of county level funding have been borne by St. Petersburg disproportionately.
- The discussion then turned to a revised management system termed Fire Based Medical Transport.
  - The proposed new management system is based on stationing an ALS Unit at every Fire House in the county. Thirty five ambulances would be located at the busiest fire stations. The average response time of 4min/30sec will be continued, [i.e. dispatch time to your driveway].
  - 71% of Florida communities currently use fire based medical transport. 94% of ambulance patients are carried to local hospitals.
    - Moved, (Donley- Grand Central), CONA supports the proposed plan for fire based medical transport to the hospital. [Motion Approved].
- Speaking for CONA's LDR & Hist. Preservation Comm., Travis Jarman reviewed the growing support for our appeal to apply for historic designation status for the Jenny Hall Pool culminating in the Mayor's withdrawing his efforts to delay the application for historic status.
- Our Treasurer, April Gausman, reported a current balance of \$2,075.90.
- We were reminded of the Better Bungalow Fest and Art Show in Historic Kenwood on November fifth.
- There will be a hearing, by the Nuisance Abatement Board, to close the Mosley owned motel on 34th. Street. City Council will discuss this case at their October 12th. meeting
  - Moved, (Heyen- Historic Kenwood), urges that the Economy Express Motel on 34th. Street be shut down. [Motion Approved].
- There will be a Workshop on restoring old homes in Historic Roser Park on November 19th.
- City Councilman Karl Nurse announced a new plan to reorganize the city department of Codes Inspections.
- City Councilman Wengay Newton appealed for volunteers to restore the grounds of the Black Cemetery in Gulfport.
- Judy Landon of Harris Park read and distributed a position paper on the pending Florida Redistricting legislation. She appealed for the public distribution of the proposed redistricting maps be made no later than early December to allow public to review and consider. There is a legal requirement for the maps to be finalized by January tenth.
  - Judy is seeking to coordinate our CONA efforts with the League of Women Voters.

- We should propose to the legislature that the redistricting issue be scheduled for vote in the first week of the 2012 session in order to reduce the redistricting impact on the 2012 elections.
  - Our mapping legislators should be reminded of the Federal Dept. of Justice Guidelines.
  - The St. Petersburg District should not include voters outside Pinellas County.
- The Snell Isle Garage Sale will be October 15th. On November 5th. they will hold a Chili Bowl Cook-off between our Police and Fire Departments.
  - The Riviera Bay Cleanup will be October 6-7-8th.



Our meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.  
 Conrad Weiser, Secretary

## CONA is now on Facebook

CONA is now on Facebook and all newsletter articles are uploaded there first along with news that is of interest to neighborhood representatives. Please “like” us to get up-to-the-minute news that is relevant and important.

You can easily find the page by searching for CONA in Facebook.

Hope to see you online.

Tim Martin, Historic Kenwood/Grand Central



## Neighborhood News In Brief from around the country

### Does Your Neighborhood Rock?

Chattanooga, Tenn. – Chattanooga Neighborhood Enterprises and the Association of Visual Arts in that city are providing \$5,000 for the neighborhood association that submits the best video entry in the “My Neighborhood Rocks” video contest. Neighborhoods are given 5 minutes maximum for video time and entries will have been submitted by the time you read this. We thought it was an interesting concept to pass along to CONA representatives.

### How about a Neighborhood Mural Project – on the Street?

Boulder, Col. – The Goss Grove neighborhood in this city just finished overseeing the painting of a mural – on the pavement. According to the web site, dailycamera.com, “a new Boulder permit system approved in the spring, to paint a permanent mural on the road. The city piloted the “paint the pavement” program two years ago in the Martin Acres neighborhood, after a resident came up with the idea for a neighborhood mural.” The project was designed by a neighborhood artist and brought together individuals, families and retirees to work on the project. The application process is much like the application process for a block party in the city of Boulder and there is no application fee required although residents must rent barricades to close off the street there. We thought this might be something worth considering for St. Petersburg since it is such an arts destination.



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**Frequently Called Numbers**

Animal Control: 582-2600  
City Council: 893-7117  
Codes Compliance: 893-7373  
County Commission: 464-3377  
Mayor's Action Line: 893-7111  
Neighborhood Partnership Office: 892-5141  
Sanitation: 893-7334  
SPPD: 893-7780  
(non-emergency)

**Florida Abuse Hotline: 800-962-2873**

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St. Petersburg, FL 33733-3693**

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## CONA LEADERSHIP REUNION

**Monday, October 17, 2011  
6pm - 8pm**

freeFall Theatre  
6099 Central Ave  
St. Petersburg, FL 33710

Join us in freeFall Theatre's black box theatre and see the set construction of William Shakespeare's "Comedy of Errors" combined with a short, fascinating tour of this wonderful space. Do not miss this occasion to make new friends and meet new ones!

**RSVP**

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