

CONA Newsletter

The Council of Neighborhood Associations of South Pinellas County

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Where Do We Stand?

Hey folks something really freaking big is coming down the pike that will likely have a lasting change on the entire culture, quality of life, public safety and the way our city is perceived by the rest of the world. This is a big deal. The City of St. Petersburg is proposing to designate most of Midtown as a community redevelopment area (CRA) and create two Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Districts within the CRA. What does this mean? Simply put a CRA is an area that the City and County can borrow against the increased value of all the property from the time the area was established until the time the money is borrowed. The TIF districts are where the borrowed money is allowed to be spent on tangible (construction, infrastructure, etc...) projects. Since property values in the proposed CRA are still at an all-time low this is the time to do it. The hopes are that the investments into the two TIF districts will create enough economic opportunity to turn around the socio-economic disparity that has plagued the south side during the entire history of Saint Petersburg.

Yeah that doesn't sound like it will be enough, but it is a start in the right direction. We need to understand what is going on and pay attention. In concert with this effort the Pinellas County's May 17, 2012, study entitled "The Economic Impact of Poverty" identified incredibly large sums of money being used to combat the effects of blight in South St Pete, we need to find ways to re-direct much of those funds to go after and end the causes of the blight so we won't have to continually waste the enormous sums of money used to react to or treat the symptoms of the blight. As I said this is a really big deal, it is the first time in Saint Petersburg's history that they are going to try to solve the problem. It has no hope of succeeding if the people (The Neighborhoods) don't get involved, pay attention and ensure

valuable resources don't get squandered. The City is going to unveil this momentous project on June 19th at our next CONA meeting, bring your brain, your heart and your calculator. FAQs, Supporting Documents and more can be found on CONAForums.org, if you haven't already done so, please sign up, get informed and be part of the solution.

Important dates – milestones:

Presentation to CONA June 19th CONA General Board Meeting
Sunshine Center, 330 5th Street N
(Doors open at 6:30, please be seated by 6:55)

City Council Approves Findings of Necessity (Blight Study) June 20th

Pinellas County BOCC Delegates
Redevelopment Authority July 9th

CRA Town Planning Meeting and
Presentation of Draft
Redevelopment Plan July TBD

Present Final Draft Redevelopment Plan to
Public October

Planning and Visioning Commission finds CRA Plan consistent with
Comprehensive Plan October 8th

City Council First Reading of CRA Plan and Redevelopment Trust
Fund November 7th

City Council Adopts CRA Plan and Redevelopment Trust Fund
November 21st

Kurt Donley, President CONA



CONA Board Meeting Wednesday, June 19, 2013

The SUNSHINE CENTER, 330 5th St. N.
Doors open at 6:30 pm; meeting starts at 7:00 pm

Agenda Items:

General Business – Committee Updates
New Business – Neighborhood Sharing

July 17 – Next Regular CONA Meeting
July 11-13 FL Neighborhoods Conference
2013 CONA Membership – Don't delay – Join today!

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We welcome articles, items of interest and meeting reminders. All submissions to the CONA Newsletter may be edited for clarity, taste and length.



SPPD Tip: Fireworks Safety

Fireworks are dangerous and their use is often illegal.

The Annual Effect of Fireworks

- In 2011, fireworks cause more than 9,600 injuries
- The Consumer Product Safety Commission has reports of four (4) non-occupational, fireworks-related deaths that occurred during 2011. Brief descriptions of the incidents are as follows:

A 31-year-old male from Illinois shot off a large, illegal 1.3G aerial firework device in the front yard of his house. The blast caused substantial trauma to his head and chest. The victim was pronounced dead at the scene. There were no witnesses to the incident—people were inside the house having a party for the New Year.

A 47-year-old male from Illinois transported a few illegal 1.3G 3-inch display fireworks to the parking lot of an industrial park. The victim apparently placed a 1.3G display firework on a homemade mortar launcher. The victim ignited the fuse, but the firework device did not go off. The victim looked over the end of the mortar tube, and the firework detonated and exploded in his face.

A 41-year-old male from North Dakota was decapitated in a Fourth of July fireworks accident. The victim ignited either a homemade firework or a professional display artillery shell. The firework explosion resulted in the victim's death.

A 51-year-old male from Pennsylvania lit an illegal homemade fireworks device the evening of July 4, 2011. When the fireworks did not go off, the victim looked inside the PVC piping. The device suddenly exploded.

- 26% of fireworks-related injuries are to children 14 and under
- Fireworks caused an estimated \$36 million in property damage according to NFPA.org.
- Annually, fireworks cause more than 24,000 fires

The laws related to the use of fireworks vary from state to state. Explosive devices known as M-80s, M-100s, blockbusters or quarter-pounders are illegal in

all states, and have been federally banned since 1966. These explosive devices do not show the manufacturer's name and are usually totally unlabeled.

Fireworks Safety Tips

- Always wear safety glasses when using fireworks.
- Do not wear loose clothing when using fireworks
- An adult should always be present and supervise the use of fireworks
- If fireworks are legal in your state, purchase them from a licensed dealer only. In many states, it is illegal to purchase mail-order fireworks.
- Know and follow your state's fireworks laws
- Read all labels and follow all instructions before lighting fireworks
- Use a "punk" (a substance that smolders when lighted – used to light fireworks) to ignite the fireworks. Punks burn without an open flame and provide a greater, safer distance between the hand and the fireworks.
- Light one firework at a time
- Have a fire extinguisher or a bucket of water on hand to extinguish an incipient fire.
- Never use fireworks inside or in a vehicle
- Never ignite fireworks while holding them. Put them down, then ignite them and walk away.
- Never confine fireworks begin ignited. Don't put fireworks in any container to ignite.
- Never assume an ignited firework that fails to explode is safe to approach. A delayed explosion has injured many people. Any malfunctioning fireworks should be abandoned.
- Never use fireworks while drinking alcoholic beverages. The slowness of response and impaired judgment will cause injuries.
- Never take fireworks apart or mix anything with their contents or make fireworks at home. The making of an explosive device is a felony, punishable by imprisonment and fine, if you live.

R 4 U: Resources for You

Neighborhood News Calendars

Use our local newspapers and websites to promote your meetings and events.

- Tampa Bay Times (formerly St Pete Times): E-mail your information to neighborhoodcal@gmail.com Deadline is 5 PM Friday for the next Wednesday
- St Pete Patch: E-mail your information to William Mansell at www.stpete.patch.com
- City of St Petersburg: E-mail your information to Beth Herenden at www.stpete.org

Neighborhood Concerns – CONA can help.

Questions? Need help? Don't understand something? Can't find the information you need? Please contact any CONA officer with your problem and you will be put in touch with a mentor who can help your association find a solution.

Garage Sale Leftovers?

Donate your unsold "treasures" at the end of your garage sale to the charity of your choice. Many charities will arrange pickup so you do not have to take anything to a drop off center. This is a win-win-win for everyone. Your home is now clean. The charity of your choice has newly used "treasures" to sell and the people the charity supports are getting a helping hand.

CONA's Citizen of the Month

Please send us your suggestions of leaders in your neighborhood who deserve special recognition for their contribution, time, and ideas to your neighborhood association. Not only is recognizing our super volunteers something we can never do enough of, it also brings new people into CONA and helps us continue to build our leadership base. So, please send in those names of the leaders who shine in your neighborhood association!

Frequently Called Numbers

Mayor's Action Line	893-7111
SPPD (non-emergency)	893-7780
FL Abuse Hotline	800-962-2873

Animal Control	582-2600
City Council	893-7117
Codes Compliance	893-7373
Community Services	892-5141
County Commission	464-3377
Sanitation	893-7334

CONA Newsletter ad rates – (Monthly Rates)

\$15	1/8 Page–Business Card Size
\$30	1/4 Page
\$100	Full Page
\$50	1/2 Page
Insert (Prepared by Advertiser) \$ 50.00	
Insert - Work-up	Time & Material
Pre-Pay for 6-9 Months-Get 1 Month Free	

SPPD Tip: Fireworks Safety continued from previous page

- Do not point or throw fireworks at other people
- Keep fireworks in a cool dry place, and not in the home.
- Always keep spectators a safe distance away, at least 35 feet for ground items. For fireworks novelties that move on the ground, always be alert and aim them away from spectators
- Never place any part of your body (especially your head) over a firework when lighting. Approach the item from the side and ignite it while keeping your body away from it
- Before lighting a firework, make sure it is sturdy and level. Do not place fireworks on uneven surfaces or

grass. Always shoot from a hard, level surface free of debris

- Never attempt to relight an item that has malfunctioned or not shot. Stay clear of the firework until sure it is completely out.
- Do not put devices that explode into metal or glass containers. Shrapnel can cause serious injuries.
- Dispose of fireworks only after you are sure they are completely out. If needed, spray them down with a hose and allow them to cool overnight. Treat them much as you would fireplace/stove ashes.

CONA Committee Reports

Treasurer's Report – April Gausman

CONA balance as of April 30, 2013 is \$3,560.48

Audit – Faye Jackson

The Audit Committee is currently completing the review of CONA financials for the year of 2012. Every year, money moves in and out of the bank account. The treasurer oversees all of this activity, but the entire executive board is responsible for the care of the money and must ensure that it is being handled properly. At the end of each quarter an audit is conducted of CONA's financial records. An audit is simply a detailed review of our organization's financial records, and verification of CONA's reported financial activity. An audit verifies the numbers, ensures accuracy, and identifies internal controls that should be implemented to improve the integrity of your financial structure. The yearend audit also provides closure for the previous year and sets a starting point for the New Year's activity. The primary benefit is the confidence it gives the board and members that CONA's financial house is in order.

CONA's Audit Committee members are Faye Jackson (Highland Oaks), Travis Jarman (Bayway Isles), Kai Warren (Historic Roser Park) and Mike Gulley (Coquina Key) who provide their expertise and commitment of time, and have at least one of the following areas or more of experience or background: experience serving on an audit committee, experience as a chief or principal financial officer, principal accounting officer, accountant, auditor, or position that involves performance of similar functions.

Communications Committee – Travis Jarman

The new CONA Forums are on the air! As of June 1, 2013 the old CONA Yahoo! Groups (CONA Reps Forum and CONA News) have been shut down. In their place are the modernized Forums and CONA News service at <http://conaforums.org/>

If you have not yet registered, please do so. The new forum software has many advantages over the mailing lists we have been using, not the least of which is the ability to pick and choose which topics you are interested in! A brief "Getting Started" guide – covering registration and with instructions for using the forums, is located here: www.conaforums.org/thread-42.html

Sign up now! We're looking forward to seeing everyone on the new forums.

CONA Leadership – Ingrid Comberg

Congratulations to our 2013 graduates for completing the program. We look forward to working with you as you help your neighborhoods. You will be featured in our July issue.

Codes – Robert Thompson

One requirement of our codes is having a ground cover present in your yard. Lawns require a lot of water. Many people use pesticides and fertilizers. This stuff becomes runoff into the bay during heavy rains. In Pinellas County stores cannot sell fertilizer in bulk during the rainy season for this reason.

With the use of ecological techniques including organic lawn management, the impact of lawns can be reduced. Such methods include the use of native grasses, sedges, and low herbs; higher mowing techniques; low volume irrigation, "grass-cycling" grass clippings in place; an integrated pest management program; exclusive organic fertilizer and compost use; and including a variety of trees, shrubs, perennials, and other plants surrounding the lawn. A positive benefit of a healthy lawn is it filters contaminants and prevents runoff and erosion of bare soil.

Check the St. Pete website for water conservation hints.

- www.stpete.org/water/outdoor_conservation1.asp

Check online for other popular websites to help you better plan your yard, conserve water, reduce chemical use and decrease environmental impact. Thank you for making a difference.

The codes committee meets monthly on the 1st Saturday, at approx. 9:30 AM at Maysters Cafe at 2444 Central Ave. Please join our meeting or e-mail Robby Thompson at rightspingle@yahoo.com with your concerns.

Court Watch – (Open)

Looking for a Chairperson and Committee members. Please contact Sue Heyen at mimsue@tampabay.rr.com or 727-251-2224

Membership – Tom DeMint

Welcome to our newest members: Airport Advisory Committee, Coquina Key, Eden Isle and Grand Central District. The membership committee is also looking for volunteers to visit neighborhood association meetings city wide and report back neighborhood issues and promote CONA. If interested, please contact Tom DeMint at TJD1@aol.com or 727-647-4239.

Nominating – Sue Heyen

Attention all Members. We are still in need of Committee members. Please consider helping out. If interested, please contact Sue Heyen at mimsue@tampabay.rr.com or 727-251-2224.

Pier & Waterfront Parks Special Committee – Will Michaels

"Downtown is everyone's neighborhood".

The Committee continues to monitor the new pier proposal and planning for a waterfront parks master plan. Persons wishing to participate should contact Will Michaels at wmichaelscona@tampabay.rr.com or 727-420-9195.

Public Safety – Lisa Brown

Operation Safe Summer (OSS) 2013 will be in effect for nine-weeks (June 10 – August 10, 2013) and again will address rises in property crimes and crimes of violence generally associated with youth and young adults who have limited access to structured activities during the summer.

Throughout the summer, the School Resource Officers (SROs) will be tasked as support personnel along with the Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) and Career Offender Tracking and Apprehension (COTA) Unit, Pinellas County School Board

Universal Curbside Recycling for St. Petersburg

By Timothy Martin, CONA 1st VP

A recent St. Pete Polls survey of our residents found that a large majority favor city-administered universal curbside recycling to the current privatized subscription-based service. That's significant because a grassroots campaign is currently underway to encourage the city to find a way to adopt it.

So what is universal curbside recycling? Well, to start, what it's not: mandatory recycling. Under a universal system the city would collect recycling as part of its sanitation services, but not force people to recycle with fines or other penalties. In most cities with such a program large recycling bins are placed near trash bins and either collected on trash day, or on another scheduled pick up day. Sometimes the recyclables are collected in one large bin (single stream). In other cities, separate bins are used for each material type (multi stream).

But you might be thinking, we already have curbside recycling in St. Pete, right? Actually, yes, but it's not good enough. With a subscription based service the burden is on residents to sign up, and right now only about 4,000 residents take part. As a result, there's a whole lot of recoverable material still entering the waste stream. The public also gets little input on bin type or collection preference, so we're stuck with the small bins in front of our house rather than covered bins in the alleyways. The reality is we have to make recycling as easy and attractive as we can in order to collect the maximum amount possible. We also need to get smarter about how we process the material we do collect; and when we do the end result will be profitable too.

Some other mindboggling facts that illustrate just how far behind the curve St. Pete is:

- out of the top 50 cities in Florida we're the only one that doesn't have city-sponsored universal curbside service in Pinellas just about everybody but us recycles, even small towns like Gulfport and Pinellas Park
- St. Pete has one of the highest sanitation fees in the county, yet we're one of the only municipalities that doesn't recycle

Speaking at a recent recycling campaign press conference, St. Pete Chamber President Chris Steinocher put it well when he said, "I don't know how you can make the claim of being Florida's first Green City and not consider what curbside recycling would do for us all."

Other large civic groups are on board too, namely the League of Women Voters - who recently commissioned a comprehensive feasibility report to help kick off the campaign, the Council of Neighborhood Associations (CONA), and the Sierra Club.

So what can you do to help? That's easy, like with most other local initiatives we need to go through city council. Call or email your local councilmembers and encourage them to take action. Some might tell you they want a more comprehensive plan, but we're encouraging the city to take the lead to figure out how we can live up to our Green City status and catch up to the rest of the country.

To learn more and/or volunteer, visit the People's Trash page on Facebook: www.facebook.com/PeoplesTrash

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(PSCB), Police Athletic League (PAL), and Inner City Operation to Recruit for Public Safety (ICORPS).

Each assignment is aimed to specifically establish positive bonds and a level of trust with the youth over the summer intended to be carried into the next school year, and to decrease youth-related arrests between court dates by monitoring and encouraging compliance to court sanctions. Let's have a SAFE summer!

Energy & Environment – Tim Martin

Check out the Universal Curbside Recycling article in our June CONA Newsletter.

Land Development & Historic Resources – Judy Landon

A few months ago, CONA passed a motion on the building behind the Bishop Hotel, to make sure that the proper application would be filed for a proposed demolition, and that time to study the history of the building be allowed. The building has been under a stay of demolition. St Petersburg Preservation has

now filed a landmark application by the May 15 deadline with the Community Preservation Commission (CPC), for both the Bishop Hotel and the building behind it; this action kept the stay of demolition from being lifted. This application will be included in the June 21 CPC agenda.

Word from city staff is that Council members have requested that staff look into which buildings in that block might be landmarked.

For those who are interested, the CPC recommended that the Endicott (Rahdert) building will go to City Council to be considered for landmark status. A Council date was not been assigned, yet. The building is in foreclosure, and the bank which owns it requested that the CPC defer the landmark process until the building has been sold; no doubt this will be brought before Council, as well.

CONA BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING MINUTES

The Sunshine Multi-Service Center - May 15, 2013

The May 15th meeting was called to order by President Kurt Donley at 7:00 pm.

Announcements by President

Barbara Heck will be leaving us soon and has resigned as CONA Secretary. She spoke briefly to thank everyone for all their hard work and help. She says we get lots accomplished when we work together.

Sue Heyen has agreed to be CONA Secretary for rest of this year. Motion made and seconded to accept Sue Heyen as new secretary. Motion passed.

President Kurt Donley did a "Jim Crow" presentation at Childs Park Association meeting and it was well received. Kurt will not be available for our June meeting so Vice President Tim Martin will chair our meeting.

Committee Reports:

Communications – Travis Jarman

Travis reported that they have settled on new software system and it has been tested and is ready to go live. This will allow the EC to meet by email. This will require changing the bylaws, approval of the entire board and 30 days notice. Vote will be held next month.

Public Safety – Lisa Brown

Lisa Brown and Kurt Donley plan to meet with Chief Harmon week of 5/24/13 to discuss city's crime statistics. They will ask him for a plan to deal with the crime in neighborhoods.

Membership – Tom DeMint

It was reported that our membership is going up each month. CONA currently has 42 members.

Environment – Tim Martin

Kurt reports that CONA supports universal curbside recycling and they plan to ask the city to figure out how to "Get it Done".

Codes – Robby Thompson

Kurt reporting for Robby. Snipe signs are out in force. We as a group need to discuss them and what can be done as city states that Codes Dept. is overworked.

New Business:

Judy Landon reported that the city provides classes in CPR as does the Red Cross.

Presentation from PSTA by Brad Miller on "Greenlight Pinellas". Brad explained what the future of transportation in Pinellas will be and how it will affect us. This project will be funded by a one percent sales tax increase. He also stated that they will come out to any neighborhood association meeting to give presentation.

Candidates:

Two candidates introduced themselves to the group. They were Robert Davis from Oak Park running for District 8 City Council seat and Dr. David McKalip who is running for District 4 City Council seat.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.

2013 CONA Membership list

Thank you to all those neighborhood associations who have paid their 2013 dues as of 5/15/13.

Airport Advisory Committee	Eden Isle	Maximo Moorings Civic
Azalea	Edgemoor	Meadowlawn
Bahama Shores	Euclid/St. Paul	MLK District
Bartlett Park	Fossil Park	Mobel Americana
Bayway Isles	Garden Manor	Northeast Terraces
Broadwater Civic	Grand Central District	Old Southeast
Child's Park	Greater Pinellas Point (GPPCA)	Riviera Bay Civic
Coquina Key	Harris Park	Roser Park
Crescent Lake	Highland Oaks	Snell Isle (SIPOA)
Crescent Heights	Historic Kenwood	St. Pete Preservation
Crossroads Area	Historic Old Northeast (HONNA)	Tropical Shores
Disston Heights	Historic Uptown	Uptown
Downtown Neighborhood (DNA)	Jungle Terrace Civic	Westminster Heights
Eagle Crest	Lakewood Estates Civic	Wildwood Heights

To everyone else – this is another gentle reminder to send your \$35 dues in today. Add \$15 to that check if you want to use the CONA postage permit for bulk mailing. Application forms and invoices are available at www.conastpete.org

CONA – Event Planning 101

Planning your Special Events

Plan . . . execute . . . evaluate. These are the three key words to a successful Event. OK, you have been delegated the duty for your special Event. Check first with your Association and make certain that the Event has the full support of your association members.

Plan: Next step is to develop a master plan. Start the planning very early. Set the Event date. Select the Chair and Executive Committee members who have broad representation. Develop subcommittees and organize volunteers for each of these subcommittees. Make a checklist or step-by-step guide for your Event.

Next, create a budget or a financial blueprint of your Event. What are the revenue opportunities? Are you looking for sponsorship? Are you asking for donations? Or are you selling tickets? What other expenses and fees will be involved? Are there city/county/state fees? Do you need permit or usage fees? What about insurance fees? What other Event costs will be involved? Do you need programs printed? Do you need food/supplies/utilities? Do you need cleanup afterward? Do you need security?

Execute: What are the logistics involved with this Event? Where will people park? Where are the bathrooms? What are your Police and Fire

Department needs? How will you best publicize the Event? Prepare a media blitz campaign using both newspapers and television. Provide a schedule of events. Then expand to all types media – traditional and social (church/school/civic newsletters, internet blogs, radio, cable TV).

Evaluate: It is critical that you develop ways to measure and evaluate the Event's success. You want to know was the Event worth it and did it accomplish your goals? What worked and what was missing? What do you recommend as changes, additions, deletions for future Events. What audience did you actually reach vs. your target audience?

Celebrate your success. This last extra step is very, very important. Send personal thank-you's to all who participated. Let them know this was very successful because of their help and participation. After the event, mail the printed program with an appropriate letter stating "we missed you and hope to see you next year" to those unable to attend. Post the "save the date" information so everyone will start thinking about your next coming event.

Congratulations on a job well done. You now have a wonderful blueprint for success for all your future Events.



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Your 2013 Resolution – Talk to the Mayor

Does your neighborhood have some issues or concerns or just some suggestions for City Mayor and staff? Go to *Breakfast with the Mayor* or *Mayor's Night Out*. Take advantage of these special events held throughout the year to meet and talk in person to the Mayor. Mark your calendars and then go !!! Additional details can be found on the city website at www.stpete.org

Mayors Night Out at 6 PM is a great opportunity to get extraordinary access to all the decision makers in the City. Speak one-on-one with the Mayor and other public officials and get the services you need from City Hall. If you have a problem that spans departments and you haven't made use of this one-stop-shop, the problem is on you for not trying. Mayor's Night Out starts at 6 PM (Jul 18, Aug 8, Sep 5, Oct 10).

Breakfast with the Mayor is held the 4th Wednesday of the month at 7 AM at various restaurants around the City. This popular forum is a great opportunity to talk informally with the Mayor about your concerns, enjoy a yummy breakfast and support our local host restaurants.