

MAGNOLIA HEIGHTS



NEIGHBORHOOD

Magnolia Heights Neighborhood Association

General Meeting – MINUTES – Tuesday, August 15

7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. by Video Conference Call

- I. Welcome & Call To Order
- II. Police Report: Officer Samantha Reeder
 - A. Officer Reeder is absent but Warren has the list of calls for the month
 - A. Petty theft July 20th , stolen tag from a car
 - B. Noise complaint for a loud band
 - C. Abandoned vehicle
 - D. Illegal parking
 - E. Suspicious person, just moved into area and walked into wrong yard
- III. 30th Avenue Bike Lane Improvements Presentation: Cheryl Stacks (cheryl.stacks@stpete.org) & Brian Pessaro
 - A. Presentation
 - A. Widened out 30th Avenue to add a bike lane, paint was not done with the usual more permanent paint so changes will be easier
 - B. Complete streets implementation plan wants to make interconnected networks and neighborhood greenways as alternatives to larger, faster streets
 - C. Presentation will be sent as a pdf at the end of the meeting (see documents on website)
 - D. Additional crossing requested at 12th St
 - E. Car lanes are at a 10 ft minimum for most of the corridor, precluding the addition of buffered bike lanes
 - F. Excessive speeding is a concern of the neighborhood and analysis has shown that crashes are significant
 - G. There will be a public meeting for 60% plans
 - B. Q&A
 - A. Has the city considered vertical control measures (i.e. trees) along 30th?
 1. Yes, the city will look into it. May require inter-departmental cooperation
 - B. Cyclists would prefer skinnier bike lanes than wider ones if the skinnier ones are protected
 - C. E-bikes - is the city considering future changes?

1. Operating width is the same on e-bikes as pedal bikes, so bike lanes will likely not have to be widened
2. Could consider "passing lanes" for e-bikes
- D. Can we do partial protected bike lanes where feasible?
 1. Yes, can do them where possible (i.e. 1st avens N and S)
- E. Will there be a sidewalk on both sides of 30th?
 1. This project does not include sidewalks
 2. City may do a sidewalk master plan, will get in touch in the future
- F. Concerns about encouraging people to drive in the correct direction in bike lanes
 1. City will look into design solutions to get people to bike with traffic, i.e. "wrong way" signage

IV. President's Report: Warren Willingham

- A. Discussion about in-person vs remote meetings
 - A. Church site \$50 bucks a meeting
 1. They mentioned that the price may be flexible
 - B. They usually don't have meetings on the nights that we meet, and if they do have a conflict it will be communicated
 - C. Has the option of a room that has a zoom camera/mic setup for the possibility of hybrid meetings or a remote presenter.
 - D. Jessica has had good experiences there volunteering with their summer camps
 - E. Allendale UMC does make a lot of social justice comments and tends to be more provocative. We can go for a couple months to see if people show up.
 - F. Doug - General manager for the business BOTE offered up his building for neighborhood meetings, they have seating and a bar
 - G. Woodlawn neighborhood association has hybrid meetings at their church
- B. Should we do fully remote, hybrid, or in-person only? How can we survey people?
 - A. "Which of the following would you attend?" Check all that apply
- C. Dues. Drop \$20 in an Envelope with your name in the gray box on the front porch of 3619 15th St N or [via PayPal CLICK HERE](#)
- D. Looking for Porch Party Volunteers as the weather will eventually cool down.
 - A. Jessica - November, January, or February

IV. Vice President Report: George Sykes

- a. Had a great meeting this past Sunday
- b. Reviewed the spring block party and made a game plan for the fall
- c. Next block party: Saturday October 28th
 - i. Combination of Halloween
 - ii. Condensed the hours (4pm - 8pm)
 - iii. Games for adults and kids
 - iv. Music
 - v. Food
 - vi. Membership sign up
 - vii. Vendors
- d. Next planning meeting is September 10th, 5pm at George's house
 - i. Focus on promoting the fall block party
 - ii. Costume contest, trunk or treat
 - iii. Will take place in the same area

V. Treasury Report: Lindsay Petty

- a. \$3571.46 in the treasury, plus a check from the City for reimbursement
- b. Membership is currently 77 people

- i. Pre-covid we were in the 40s, then in the 50s
- VI. Secretary Report: Madison Rice
 - a. Minutes and documents from meetings will be posted on the website for those who are interested
- VII. Membership Committee Update
 - a. Will begin to hand out welcome letters to new neighbors soon
- VIII. Neighborhood Concerns & Suggestions
 - a. Construction crews have been showing up around 6-6:30 am, Chris would like to know who to contact
 - b. Likely best to contact the St. Pete Police non-emergency line and file a noise complaint
 - c. Warren will send Officer Reeder's contact information: samantha.reeder@stpete.org
- IX. Adjournment: Next meeting will be held via Zoom on Sept 19, 2023

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30th Avenue North Complete Streets Improvements

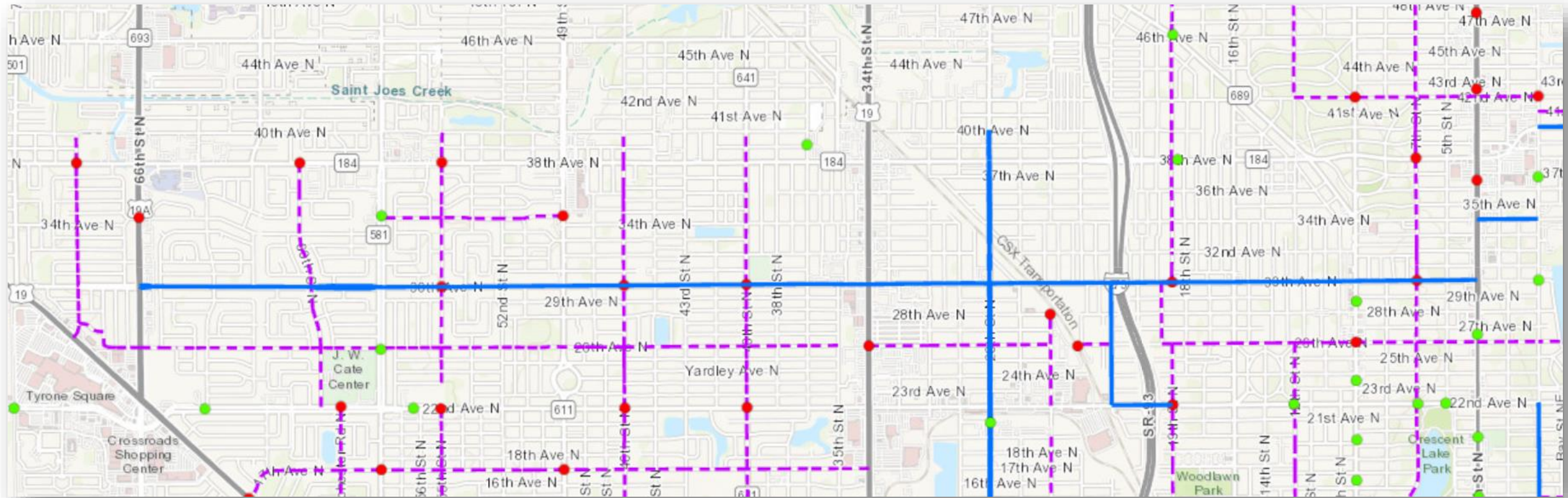
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Implementing Complete Streets Connected Networks

- Remove barriers and connect neighborhoods
- Level of Traffic Stress for bicyclists
- Neighborhood Greenways
 - Leverages historic grid of streets
 - Parallel, comfortable routes to arterial and collector roadways
 - Leverages prior investments in neighborhood traffic calming
 - Strategic investment in improved crossings of major streets
 - “Toolbox” development under way



Implementing Complete Streets Connected Networks



Implementing Complete Streets City Capital Projects – Design Underway

30th Avenue North Bike Lane Improvements – 58th Street to MLK Street

- Bike Lane on 30th Avenue N
- Neighborhood Greenways on cross streets
 - 55th Street
 - 46th Street
 - 40th Street
 - 19th /18th Street
 - 7th Street
- Additional Crossing Requested at 12th Street (likely to become a Neighborhood Greenway with Complete Streets Implementation Plan Update)



30th Avenue North Improvements

Schedule (10-12 month duration)

- Survey is completed
- Preliminary review with staff completed
 - Crash analysis
 - Feasibility review
- Initial Plans (30% design) pending
- Large Community Meeting planned following 60% Design plans submittal
- Design to be completed in 2024

30th Avenue North Improvements

Preliminary Findings:

- Lane widths may preclude development of a buffered bike lane for long stretches of the road
- All planned crosswalks are feasible
- Speeding and excessive speeding are concerns resulting in a significant number of traffic crashes in the last 7 years
- City staff to perform a supplementary review of traffic control devices to see if changes are needed to mitigate crashes
 - All-way stop analyses
 - Posted speed limit

30th Avenue North Improvements

Next Steps

- City staff review of traffic control devices
- Consultant submittal of 30% plans
- Preparations for Public Meeting to garner input and feedback on 60% plans



Thank You!

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