



**Magnolia Heights Neighborhood Association**  
**General Meeting – AGENDA – Tuesday, October 21st, 2025**

7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. in Person at Golden Isles Brewery

- 1) Welcome & Call To Order
- 2) Attendance: 30
- 3) Police Report from Officer Reeder: [samantha.reeder@stpete.org](mailto:samantha.reeder@stpete.org)
  - a) Community hazard - construction truck blocking road then moved
  - b) Illegal parking, construction blocking alley
  - c) Suspicious person cutting weeds
  - d) DUI and road rage incident, suspect arrested
  - e) No vehicle burglaries or thefts
    - i) Always lock your car!
    - ii) Do not leave valuables in your car
  - f) New open carry law
    - i) No firearms in government buildings, schools. Private property has the right to tell you to leave, if you don't it's considered armed trespassing.
    - ii) The City has no jurisdiction over guns, controlled by state
- 4) President's Report: Warren Willingham
  - a) We have Lisset Hanewicz, our District 4 City Councillor here to talk to us about what's going on in City Hall
    - i) Representative of our neighborhood
    - ii) Legislative aide: Elizabeth Moore
      - (1) If you reach out to Lisset, you will be reaching out to Elizabeth first
      - (2) Feel free to reach out with questions!!
    - iii) Stadium news!
      - (1) We are contractually obligated to fix the stadium, even if it's not going to be used by a team
      - (2) What happens if we don't? The Rays sue us and we will be in breach of contract, we will have to do it anyway plus pay damages.
      - (3) We still don't know where the Rays will be playing (here, Hillsborough, Pinellas, etc.) so if they need a stadium before their new one is built, we will be on the hook to provide the Trop to them
      - (4) Right now they are obligated to play here until 2028
    - iv) Unsolicited proposal for Tropicana Field development
      - (1) The City has to open up the stage for other proposals now that we have received one offer, which shows that they're interested
      - (2) In mid-November, other parties will be allowed to propose

- (3) This entire process is initiated by the mayor, city council is not involved. City council only gets involved when it comes to approving funding.
  - (4) Lisset will want an appraisal before approving anything, wants citizens to be involved because it's such an impactful project.
  - (5) Question: Rays & Hines pulled out, why?
    - (a) Decided after the hurricanes that it wasn't feasible
  - (6) Question: Is the city going to go after the Rays to try to keep them?
    - (a) She knows as much as we do right now, the City just announced today that they're going to entertain the unsolicited offer
  - (7) Question: What does the City/Council want the site to look like?
    - (a) Citizens need to reach out to let them know what they want
    - (b) Waiting on results from Urban Land Institute
  - (8) Question: How do we make sure the developers actually care instead of flipping and selling the land?
    - (a) That's why Lisset said no to the original deal. The contract would allow them to just sell the land and the city would have no control over the land after.
  - (9) Murals were taken by FDOT, a city councilmember proposed that we should change our flags. However, the state has already been controlling municipal flags so we could be preempted anyway. Lisset tends to look at things through a legal and practical lens.
  - (10) Duke energy - there have been discussing the city taking over Duke's operations
    - (a) We're not close yet, it's up to the administration
  - (11) Senate Bill 1730 - Live Local Act
    - (a) Zoning on 16th St is CCT, senate bill allows for more density on 16th
    - (b) Allows for an expedited process if developer provides a certain percentage of "affordable" units
  - (12) Senate Bill 180
    - (a) Being contested, state is taking away city/county rights on their own land
    - (b) State made law post storms that preempts cities/counties from preventing development post storms through Oct 2027
    - (c) We can't even require that new houses in new floodplains build higher
  - (13) Question: Did DOGE impact the city?
    - (a) They only found some small things, like cleanup after the Pride Parade, etc.
    - (b) They're probably not done, the city provided all of their budget information
  - (14) There is a city budget book that you can look at online to see where our taxes and fees go
  - (15) Lisset sits on the board for Tampa Bay Water
    - (a) We've been using the same amount of water even with all of the development due to water saving technology
- b) Halloween improvements in place of a Halloween block party
- i) We will have an official Halloween Trick-or-Treating event!
  - ii) Our trick-or-treating map has over 1900 views!

- iii) There are currently 34 houses on the map, and it's not too late to add yours if you haven't already.
- c) Block Party will be held April 18th from 4-8 pm. Expect free food, live music, kids activities, games, and more.
- 5) Vice President Report: George Sykes
  - a) We get a grant from the city to run an annual block party
  - b) We need volunteers to help set it up and run it! The most important place is food prep!
- 6) Treasury Report: Lucas Lima
  - a) 69 active members
  - b) \$2600 in the account
  - c) Moved to another bank
  - d) Possible sponsor for the block party
- 7) Membership Chair Report: Sandy VanderWeerd
  - a) 35 houses signed up for trick-or-treating!
  - b) Sign up online.
- 8) Secretary Report: Madison Rice
  - a) Minutes will be posted on the website.
  - b) The Pinellas Park Civic Orchestra will be having two free concerts next week at the Pinellas Park Performing Arts Center.
    - i) Thursday October 30th @ 7:30 pm
    - ii) Sunday November 2nd @ 3 pm
    - iii) See website for more information: <https://www.pinellasparkcivicorchestra.org/>
  - c) Halloween on Central event this Sunday from noon-5  
<https://www.grandcentraldistrict.org/halloween-on-central/>
- 9) Neighborhood Concerns & Suggestions
  - a) Lindsay Cross having a fundraiser tomorrow night at 5:30 here at Golden Isles!
- 10) Adjournment: **Next meeting will be held IN PERSON at Golden Isles November 18th.**  
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