Magnolia Heights Neighborhood Association

General Meeting – AGENDA – Tuesday, October 20th, 2026

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

1) Welcome & Call To Order
2) Police Report from our community Officer: Nicholas Panella
    a) Wagon stolen from backyard, not fenced in and had alley access
    b) E-bike stolen, someone cut the lock. GPS was able to track it down
    c) Put a tracker in a hidden spot on your bike
    d) Please lock your car. Officer Panella has never personally been to a vehicle burglary where they forced entry, it's always been unlocked cars
    e) Know the serial number of your bike. You can register your bike with the police to make it easier to find
3) President's Report
    a) Special Guest: Richie Floyd, District 8 City Councillor
        i) His first time talking to our neighborhood!
        ii) Studying moving away from Duke Energy
            (1) Feasibility study on having a publicly run power company
            (2) Study is kicking off and will last until about next year
            (3) Clearwater found out that they would have gotten cheaper utility rates almost instantly, but somehow they voted against leaving. Duke gets 10% RR on every project they do.
            (4) Everything stays the same until we start a new agreement (like a month-to-month lease)
        iii) Review the City's contract with Flock
            (1) Conversation will happen on November 5th in public services and infrastructure committee
            (2) Flock contract was on the consent agenda and Richie wasn't in town for it so he couldn't vote
            (3) He wouldn't continue the use of them based on the abuses he's seen
            (4) There are organizers speaking to neighborhoods about Flock cameras and privacy concerns
        iv) Pedestrian and bicycle street safety
            (1) Complete streets -> street safety
            (2) Made it easier to get a speed bump on your street, it's now 5 mph above your speed limit. Has increased the amount of speed bumps by 16%, and they cost ⅓ of what they used to

(3) More funding for safety projects in general. Increased parking ticket fees and all of the new funding goes to street safety projects
(4) Will raise $350k in the next budget cycle for safety projects
(5) New bike lane protector on 1st Ave N, it's much cheaper than pouring a concrete curb
(6) New money in South St Pete CRA for crosswalks
(7) Lime Bikes and Scooters will be more common at bus stops

v) PSTA & Transit money
(1) Richie is on the board now
(2) A few people on the board don't believe in public transit so it's an uphill battle
(3) There is now a route that goes over 275 to get to the airport

vi) Public Arts committee
(1) Ordinance to expand public arts out of downtown and into neighborhoods

vii) Bond referendum
(1) More transparency, will be a citizen oversight committee to make sure that stormwater spending is done well

viii) Amendment 3
(1) If it passes pretty much everything he talked about will go away

ix) Questions
(1) If we get a new mayor, he will be able to re-open the RFP for the tropicana field site
(2) Increases in taxes in the city are due to inflation on construction costs and employee wages and healthcare. If we lose property taxes we will lose government services
(3) Amendment 3 is only taxes to your city and county, St Pete will lose $54 million. We would have to reduce services from police and fire
(4) Permitting is a nightmare, Richie's house flooded and he had to get a ton of permits.
(5) City has a new technology system for the way you get permits, hopefully it rolls out in Spring 2027
(6) We now have contracts with about a dozen private providers to increase plan reviewers from 6 to 18. We still need to expand the building department. If you're having permit troubles, contact your city councillor.
(7) It makes sense to invest in the building department as a revenue generator for the city
(8) If a storm drain is not draining, document as much data as you can. If city isn't responding to it, reach out to city councillor and she'll help.

b) Voting in upcoming elections
i) The general election will take place November 3rd. Early voting started yesterday!
ii) Please renew your request for mail-in ballots here if you wish to vote by mail: https://www.votepinellas.gov/ You can also check if you are already registered if you are not sure.

c) Future Guests
i) No guest in November, we will be having elections for our board
ii) A full list of speakers through 2026 can be found on our website here: https://magnoliaheightsneighborhood.com/events/

d) Halloween!

i) We are promoting Trick-or-Treating in our neighborhood by creating a map that can be used to find houses where candy will be handed out
ii) Add your house to the Trick or Treat map. Click Here if you want to participate!
iii) View the map HERE, it's going to be a great time!

e) Block Party in the spring
i) 5th year! We've grown it from 50 to 600 people
ii) Fun, family-oriented event
iii) Tentatively will be the second Saturday of April
iv) We can't sell anything at the block party, everything is free
v) Will be on 12th St between 34th and "33rd"

4) Secretary Report: Madison Rice
a) The presentation by last month's guest, Elizabeth w/ Friends of Boyd Hill, is posted on our website with the minutes from September
b) Minutes will be posted on the website here: https://magnoliaheightsneighborhood.com/documents/

5) Adjournment: **Next meeting will be held IN PERSON at Golden Isles November 17th**

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