

**Pine Hills Community Council General Meeting
February 7th, 2023
6408 Jennings Road, Orlando, FL 32818**

Welcome

President Sandra Fatmi-Hall - welcomed officials, guests, and community members to the Council's Monthly General Body Meeting. Attendees were invited to mingle and socialize before the meeting officially started.

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m., followed by prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance

Secretary and Treasurer's Reports

Secretary Report – Director-At-Large Julien Serrano-O'Neil gave the report - On a motion by Kenneth Dwyer with a 2nd by Jody Mahonik, the Minutes for January 2023 were unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report – Presented by Evangeline Richardson stating the Total Fund Balance as of January 31st was \$35,386.82. The Treasurer's Report was unanimously approved with necessary corrections on a Motion by Dennis Hall with a 2nd by Jody Mahonik.

President's Report

Sandra Fatmi-Hall – Indicated that she attended several community events representing the Pine Hills Community Council, namely, the Evans High School Community Partnership School's 10th Anniversary Celebration. Mrs. Fatmi-Hall delivered a brief synopsis of the Council's 2023 goals and objectives. A portion of the President's report was given to Mr. Jason Henry, District Director for Congressman Maxwell Frost, FL-D10. Council members were invited to Congressman Frost's ceremonial swearing-in. Mr. Henry identified Congressman Frost's four priority areas: Arts & Culture, Healthcare, Gun Violence, and Housing. Mr. Henry mentioned a Housing Roundtable open to the public to discuss common issues related to housing. Mrs. Fatmi-Hall discussed priorities within her Homeowners association and the partnership capabilities the Council can have with the association.

Orange County Sheriff's Office (OCSO)

Deputy Travis Ratagan – Reported an overview of what the Sheriff's office is doing within the community – reporting no significant increase in crime. Deputy Ratagan opened a Q & A session where community members asked about relevant topics to continue focusing on community safety. Deputy Ratagan reinforced the message of last month's meeting, "Be sure to "say something if you see something"...be a proactive OCSO community partner!" Deputy Ratagan introduced a new Crime Prevention Deputy assigned to the Pine Hills Community, "Deputy Burket."

New Business

Treesilience Community Grant – Christianah Oyenuga, Sustainable Cities Manager, presented the significant impact preservation of life can have on our environment and infrastructure and its positive statistical significance on community health. USDA Forest Service, Infinite Zion Farms, Pine Hills Community Council, The Nature Conservancy, IDEAS For US, and Davy Tree Care Company applied for the Walt Disney World Resort grant to implement a Treesilience program in Pine Hills—funding to promote healthy trees and tree canopy on public and private property. Sustainable Cities Manager Oyenuga explained how community members could utilize this program.

Orlando Business Journal Article – "Orange County Pine Hills Community has much to offer for those seeking business opportunities."

Guest Speaker

Jasmine Burney-Clark, Founder/Consulting Director, Equal Ground Florida – Mrs. Burney-Clark presented and answered questions about the 2022 General Election and provided a 2023 Florida Legislative Update. Mrs. Burney-Clark delivered a well-rounded presentation that included information on voter suppression laws in Florida, the 2019 Senate Bill 90, and the 2022 Senate Bill 524. Mrs. Burney-Clark also provided strategies to promote and increase voter education, engagement, and awareness. After the guest speaker presentation, the Council allocated time for a Q & A session.

President's Remarks

President Sandra Fatmi-Hall – Closing remarks and announcements delivered by the President Fatmi-Hall, Immediate Past President Patricia Rumph, and Director-At-Large Kenneth Dwyer.

Adjournment

President Sandra Fatmi-Hall thanked everyone for attending, and the meeting ended at 8 p.m.

Julien Serrano-O'Neil, PHCC Director-At-Large
On Behalf of Mrs. Bertina Busch, PHCC Secretary