

Pine Hills Neighborhood Improvement District (PHNID) Advisory Council Minutes

Meeting Pine Hills Neighborhood Improvement District (PHNID)
: Advisory Council

Date & Place Wednesday, 1.7.26
Pine Hills Community Center, 6408 Jennings Road

Time: 6:04 p.m.- 7:10 p.m.

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For
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Visitors

Aaron Lewis-Citizen
Angel Sanchez-Butterfly Lifestyle
Brian Harris-Orlo Vista Safe Neighborhood Partnership
Daisy Townsend- Pine Hills Community Center (PHCC)
Jody Mahonik-Resident
Kenneth Dwyer-Pine Hills Safe Neighborhood Partnership
Lt. Ryan Donovan-Orange County Sheriff’s Office (OCSO)
Onetha Mason-PHCC
Sandra Prevalus-Our Purpose Project
Shereece Mitchell-Sanchez- Butterfly Lifestyle
Tahajj Swan- Orange County Code Compliance
Vicki Vargo-Citizen

Welcome

Call to Order: 6:04 p.m. Quorum was not met.

In Attendance
Pine Hills Neighborhood Improvement District (PHNID) Advisory Council:

In – Person: Michael Strayhorn, Chair

Staff: Tamara Johnson, Ilisa Patterson

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Public Comment

Kenneth Dwyer announced that there are two new businesses in Pine Hills (convenience store and a meat/butcher shop)

Approval of Minutes

Quorum was not met.

Community Updates

OCSO

- There is a great reduction in crime in Sector 1.
- Only crime not dropping is auto burglaries.
- Please see attachment for 2025 Statistics as reported by OCSO.
- Reduction in crime is attributed to community involvement.

OC Code Compliance

- New lead, Tahajj Swan, introduced himself to the group. He mentioned he prefers citizens to utilize the proper channels (311) to report violations.
- Cars without plates is a main concern.
- Election signs are not allowed in the right-of-way.
- Chair Michael Strayhorn asked where does Pine Hills rank in comparison to other areas in Orange County in Code Compliance Citations. The answer to that question showed that Pine Hills is on par with other communities.

PHNID Staff Update

- The Executive Director's report was presented.
- 2025 Accomplishments include completion of long-standing projects, multiple partnerships and events to highlight business within the PHNID.
- There will be a contractor assigned to pick up trash and snipe signs within the PHNID.
- There is a delay with Septic to Sewer with a tentative completion date in Spring 2026.
- PHNID 2026 Plan Goals include media coverage improvements and safety.
- A vision for the future of Pine Hills was shared with meeting attendees. Questions regarding holding landlords accountable and keeping existing businesses in the vision. Some questions will be referred to City of Orlando and businesses within the PHNID will be included in any plans.
- Three new attendees were present (Sandra Prevalus with Our Purpose Project, Aaron Lewis, Candidate for District 7 Commissioner, and Shereece and Angel Sanchez with Butterfly Lifestyle).

Old Business

N/A

New Business

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Announcements

Pine Hills Safe Neighborhood Partnership is meeting on 1/8/26.

Next PHNID Cleanup will take place on 2/7/26 at 8:00 am.

Action Items

N/A

Meeting Adjournment

Michael Strayhorn asked for a motion to adjourn. Jody Mckonick made the motion; Angel Sanchez seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

- Next PHNID Meeting – February 4, 2025, at 6:00pm at the Pine Hills Community Center.

Meeting Minutes Certification

Date: _____

Prepared by Ilisa Patterson

Date: _____

Chairperson Michael Strayhorn

2025 Statistics

End of Year Statistics

COUNTYWIDE down 16%. Down in every Type 1 category (serious crimes such as Homicide, Robbery, Persons Crimes, Sex Crimes, Auto Theft, Residential / Commercial / Auto burglaries)

Sector 1	Year-To-Date Comparison		Jan 1 - Dec 31
	2025	2024	% Change
Homicide	<u>7</u>	<u>13</u>	-46%
Robbery	<u>131</u>	<u>170</u>	-23%
Persons	<u>356</u>	<u>419</u>	-15%
Sex Crimes	<u>79</u>	<u>111</u>	-29%
Auto Theft	<u>587</u>	<u>637</u>	-8%
Residential Burglary	<u>366</u>	<u>488</u>	-25%
Commercial Burglary	<u>174</u>	<u>254</u>	-31%
Auto Burglary	<u>728</u>	<u>709</u>	3%
YTD Total	<u>2,428</u>	<u>2,801</u>	-13%

Auto Burglaries up by 19 cases.

Responded to 40,206 calls for services

- Conducted over 27,000 self-initiated calls for service

- Investigated and worked 1,149 vehicle crashes

- Wrote 10,214 reports

 - Made 1,072 warrant arrests

 - 1192 arrests for felony crimes

 - 1221 arrests for misdemeanor crimes

 - Of which, 393 were drug related arrests

- Removed 143 firearms from the streets

- Conducted 7,982 vehicle stops

 - Yielding 1839 citations and 1442 courtesy notice

 - 52 drunk drivers taken off the roads

Increased staffing by 11% up to 127 deputies just for Sector 1

- 11 currently in training within the sector with more soon to come.

- Showing the desirability to come to work for the Sheriff's Office.

These numbers are a direct result of working together to keep the area safe from criminals and criminal activity.

Together we can continue to build upon this and make 2026 a good year.



Pine Hills Neighborhood Improvement District 2026 Plan

2025 Accomplishments

- Monthly Advisory Committee meetings
- Partnerships:
 - District Commissioner
 - Orange County Sheriff's Office
 - Chase Bank
 - Truist Bank
 - Central Florida Urban League
 - Neighborhood Center for Families
 - Operation New Hope
 - Cornerstone Connections
 - 26 Health
 - Coca-Cola
 - Orange County Community Action
- Code Compliance collaborations
- Positive news reports (WKMG News 6, OCFL Newsroom)
- E-Newsletter enhancements
- Pine Hills Gateway Features installation and maintenance
- Consistent branding of the Pine Hills Neighborhood Improvement District logo on all materials
- Litter clean-up events (April 2025 and November 2025 other dates)
- Orange County contributed \$1 million toward LYNX Transfer Center (opened August 2025)
- Pine Hills Trail extended through LYNX Transfer Center site
- Pine Hills Road Pedestrian Safety Project includes raised median, dedicated left turn lanes, dedicated bike lanes and shared-use path address pedestrian and bicycle safety

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