

Holly Hills Special Business District Infrastructure Committee
Meeting Minutes for June 14, 2023

Meeting began at 7:02. Members in attendance:

Linda Callahan, Meghan Cotner, Ryan Hanlon, Eric McMahon, Loren Lang

Brett Reinert and Mechelle Minden, ex officio members.

Ed Papes arrived after the meeting began but the time is unknown.

Meeting Opening:

Ryan asked if there were any requested changes to the minutes from the May meeting. There were none. He moved to approve the minutes and Ed approved.

New Business:

Installation of new gates for Carondelet Park: Ryan gave an overview of the Carondelet Park Advisory Board meeting that was held on June 5. It was well attended by community members and the contracted vendor DJM was there to answer questions from the CPAB members. Kim Haegele of Parks requested a complete presentation packet to be sent to her for her superior's review and final approval of the gates initiative. Brett suggested that we ensure the approval is clear and in writing before going forward. Ryan will ensure the emailed packet goes to Parks ASAP. One change was noted in construction plans for the gate at Loughborough and Leona- it will need to be moved back in order not to obstruct the existing Park signage. Ward 1 will pay for the "sixth (YMCA)" gate.

Signage: No members of the IC subcommittee were present to give details, but the firm awarded the

HHSBD signage and branding contract, Ten8, will be meeting this week to start the process. Loren is a member of the Holly Hills Improvement Association (HHIA) and will be acting as liaison. There was brief discussion about the overlap between HHIA and HHSBD with events, such as the Sunday night concerts. Perhaps a representative of HHSBD can be introduced to greet the crowd and give a brief update to the public.

Traffic calming (not Park): Ryan and Loren met recently with TrailNet. TrailNet's focus is on biking and pedestrian friendly infrastructure improvements and are looking forward to working with the HHSBD IC. Their website has a glossary of infrastructure terms and many local examples of completed projects. There are many planning options available, all for no cost to the HHSBD (free service). TrailNet will also conduct any public presentations necessary. Eric asked if they do traffic studies. This is unclear but will be clarified in further contact with them. Meghan suggested Ten8 be looped in on any plans, to keep district signage and branding cohesive. Brett reiterated the need to have prospective plans brought to the public for a comment period. Also, we need to keep Alderwoman Schweitzer in the loop. Loren will act as primary liaison between HHSBD IC and TrailNet for the subcommittee.

There were no members of the public in attendance for questions or comments.

Action items:

- Ryan will email the presentation package to Kim Haegele.

- Ryan would like “Gates” subcommittee to switch focus to traffic calming with the Park as the gates initiative is nearing completion. He will start exploring options that won’t affect the bike races.
- Loren will reconnect with TrailNet and start exploring options.
- Mechelle shared an FYI regarding flooding along Arendes and Bates. She is working her way up the ladder with MSD officials and eventually would like to have a meeting with the MSD planning department regarding flood mitigation, including infrastructure changes.

There was a motion to adjourn the meeting; it was seconded.