

Holly Hills SBD

Board Meeting Minutes

8.20.24

Meeting Opening

- Meeting began at 6:36 pm
- Board members in attendance briefly introduced themselves. Members included:
 - Brooks Goedeker, Nick Hartzler, Kay Glass, Brett Reinert, Mechelle Minden, Christy Street, and Jill Pace
- Motion to approve 7.18.24 – Reinert
 - Second motion to approve – Street
 - Motion unanimously approved

Treasurer's Report

- Balance \$459,551.96
 - Collected \$1,783 in interest
 - \$7,114.96 currently in outstanding real estate taxes
- Motion to approve Treasurer's Report – Mechelle Minden
 - Second motion to approve – Jill Pace
 - Motion unanimously approved

Safety & Security Committee

- Nick Hartzler served as the spokesperson and reported out on the following topics:
 - There's been an uptick of car break ins. SBD posted a statement about it on the website
- Major Benoist introduced himself and talked about crime in the city
 - Holly Hills stats, last seven days vs last year
 - ✓ Murder 0/0
 - ✓ Robberies 0/0
 - ✓ Aggravated assaults 0-3 / Year to date: 9
 - ✓ Burglaries– 1-0/ Year to date: 10
 - ✓ In the last 30 days:
 - 114 calls for police services – Majority of calls are for larceny, traffic issues, well-being checks, and rental property disturbances
 - 22 police reports taken in Holly Hills
 - 4 calls in Holly Hills for shots fired
 - Car break-ins are mostly done by kids who are looking for computers and guns
 - Kids have also been calling locksmiths and robbing them of their tools to make key fobs
 - Police can not chase people in vehicles due to city ordinances. If a firearm is presented, then they can chase the suspect
 - Best prevention: Turn lights on, take everything out of your car
 - Spike in city residents shooting at people vandalizing cars
 - Watch out for Airbnb as they're starting to rent them out to sell dope and it's difficult to get them out once they're in

- Police are averaging 25-35 shifts per month in Holly Hills, 9-11 shifts overnight
- Addicts can be found in the Lowe's area and these people are starting to walk our alleys. Keep garages closed.
- Nick Hartzler, Pierre Benoist, and Campbell Security work together to proactively address crime issues

Public Comments Regarding Safety and Security Update

- Resident asked Major Benoist for an example of when Campbell Security has stopped a crime incident from happening. Major Benoist gave an example
- Resident asked if we could get a list of field interviews (people who have been stopped in Holly Hills) from the city police department or Campbell Security
- Resident requested alley cameras in Holly Hills, just as other neighborhoods have for illegal dumping
- Resident asked for monthly breakdown of crime incidents vs vehicle accidents
- Resident disclosed that a bullet went through their second-floor bedroom window due to celebratory Fourth of July gunshots. Resident reminded meeting attendees that celebratory gunfire is illegal
- Resident inquired about house break ins. Major Benoist indicated it's probably the addicts who hang at Lowes. Vacant homes are being inhabited by homeless. If you see someone enter a vacant home, call the police
- Resident inquired about a specific house on Leona. Major Benoist said he would investigate this property and raise the issue to his Captain
- Resident inquired about a phone number to give to homeless people if they need help. She requested we post this number on the website. Major Benoist said the city offers a multitude of services and he will provide that information
- Resident inquired about the right person to call when we see a car break in or see something happening. Nick confirmed that the non-emergency line should be used when something has happened, so you can file a police report. If something is currently happening, he asked that everyone call 911, as that is the best way to get ahold of an on duty Campbell officer or SLMPD
- Resident inquired about the curfew and car hours for Carondelet Park gates. Major Benoist would prefer the park be closed 24/7 for vehicle traffic but understands that isn't possible
- Resident inquired about the impact Campbell Security has in Holly Hills. Major Benoist said there is a reason numerous neighborhoods are taking on this model. The police department is short staffed, and Campbell Security helps with those shortages
- Resident inquired where car crime is coming from and how many cars are involved. Major Benoist confirmed they're coming in from every area and in multiple cars
- Brooks asked if we could have an officer in an unmarked car sitting waiting for people to pull car handles

Beautification & Landscaping Committee

- Brooks Goedeker showed pictures of the beautification efforts in Holly Hills over the past year plus future plans

- Photos included planters, Leona Boulevard, Holly Hills and Leona circle, fire hydrants (55 completed with 22 remaining, currently considering doing all in the SBD boundaries), prototype signage (final signs to be installed in the next 30 days), planter beds + entry markers
- Future plans include installation of seating and a sculpture at the triangle located at Bowen and Leona, the addition of a Holly Hill Station sign at Bates and railroad tracks, addition of welcome to Holly Hills signage, concrete planters, matching grant from state of MO to remove invasive species at the park, Holly Hills centerpiece, street signs, crosswalk painting, and raised planter beds
- He also discussed the landscaping and maintenance needed for beautification efforts
- Angie Butz reported on the following:
 - Grand bridge is charging along, and repairs will be finished by end of week. City began painting the bridge today

Public Infrastructure Committee

- Brooks Goedeker showed pictures of Carondelet Park last year vs the results we've seen this year with the new gates installed
- Lorn Lang reported on the following topics:
 - 90 people have completed the TrailNet survey. He left a copy of the 8-page report for anyone who wants to read it
- Ryan Hanlon reported on the following topics:
 - Committee wants to add rip rock around the Grand Bridge
 - The committee developed an RFP and reached out to 9 companies, received one response
 - The bridge has erosion and has become an access point for tents and people
 - Recommendation is to have 18–21-inch boulders surround the bridge (6 ft wide area)
 - There was a discussion around if the entire bridge is in the Holly Hills SBD boundaries
 - Board asked that we table the discussion for another month so the infrastructure and beautification committees can discuss future plans

Public Comments

- Steve Butz gave an update on the following
 - Suggested Holly Hills signage be moved lower but city requirements will not allow it
 - Overviewed tips on how to decrease car vandalization – get cars off the street and don't leave fobs in car
- Resident inquired if there is a meeting for Holly Hills businesses to get together. Business is a tarot card reading and witch café
- Resident thanked the SBD board and volunteers for their efforts. He encouraged people to attend the Friends of Carondelet Park meeting on Aug 27 at 7 pm at the YMCA

Adjournment

- 8:07 pm adjournment
- Motion to adjourn – Hartzler
- Second motion to approve – Minden

- Motion was unanimously approved

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