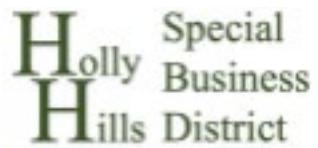


Notice is hereby given that the HHSBD Infrastructure Committee will conduct a meeting at 7pm at St. Stephen Protomartyr.



## Infrastructure Committee Meeting Minutes

### December 11 @ 7PM

#### **Meeting opening (5 minutes)**

- Gary made a motion to start the meeting at 7:02pm. Meghan seconded.
- Record member attendance – Meghan, Gary, Colleen, Alison, Daniel, Linda, Mechelle, Joe, Abby
- Request edits / approval of November Infrastructure meeting minutes – approved/seconded

#### **New Business (50 minutes)**

Linda nominated Meghan Cotner nominated to be the new Secretary for the committee for 2025. Gary seconded. The committee is thankful for Meghan's willingness to accept the position.

#### 1. Working group updates

##### **Traffic calming to encourage safe driving through district streets**

Trailnet (TN) is aggregating all the data collected during the pop-up demo. The committee will receive a preliminary plan in January. If the committee approves the preliminary plan, there will be a community meeting where the information will be presented. The final plan will be voted on at a community meeting. The plan will be a menu of recommendations that can be chosen or not chosen depending on cost and community input.

Someone at the last SBD board meeting expressed concern that something will be done in front of their house without them knowing about it. There will be ways for the community to learn about and express their opinions about the potential projects.

Once the plan is received, the beautification committee can help the infrastructure committee make the traffic calming measures attractive, so they fit into the neighborhood beauty. The beautification committee has contract hours with Ten8 to help with traffic calming design.

#### **A few traffic problem areas in the neighborhood were discussed that the alderwoman is going to implement:**

The intersection of Livingston and Bowen is going to get turn into a four way stop due to accidents at that intersection. There will also be a call for speed humps on each side of this intersection on Livingston.

There have been 3 cars in the past 8 years that have crashed into the fire hydrant and run up onto the homeowner's lawn at the northwest corner of the intersection. Anne Schweitzer put this on the board of Aldermen to vote on and will be paid for from Ward capital and not SBD funds.

### **Carondelet Park gates**

Gates will be repaired next week. The committee has decided to stick with the current design of the gates for now but discussed how the gates are breaking and all of the damage that has been done to them so far. Discussion regarding how to better protect the gates.

\$80,000 was spent on the gates. Repairs have cost \$12,000 so far and the gates have not been up for one year yet. The gates have significantly reduced tire squealing, donuts and gun shots.

Many people have noticed cars doing donuts in many intersections now and at all times of the day and night.

### **Signage and visual cues to signal the Holly Hills Neighborhood**

The beautification committee gave the members of the infrastructure committee a menu of items that the infrastructure committee can take on. Some of the projects need money, some need manpower.

Some projects mentioned:

14 light pole banners

Mural at Loughborough and Morganford

Entry marker at Bellerive

Bellerive raised planter beds

Colleen and Abby will put together a list of projects they would recommend we take on.

### **New topics not related directly to the working group projects**

There was a discussion of filling open seats on the committee. The committee is short 3 people.

Three areas of expertise that committee members expressed interest in are grant writing, tech guru and navigating city processes.

Having cameras installed inside the park was also discussed.

The committee discussed engaging a realtor to help find buyers or renters for empty buildings in the neighborhood.

### **Public comment:**

Jarred Gastreich attended the meeting. He asked the committee why the Carondelet Park gates are closed one week of the month. He has concerns about this and thought it was our committee that made this decision.

Committee members explained the history of the park being closed – began during the pandemic and many people liked having the park closed to car traffic. Once the pandemic subsided, the alderwomen for the two adjoining wards created a survey and sent it out to all of the surrounding neighborhoods to determine if citizens wanted the park open to car traffic again or stay closed. Survey results indicated that they had to come up with a compromise and it was decided to close the park for the first week of every month.

Jarred expressed concern about accessing the park for people renting pavilions. The parks department will

open the gates for people renting pavilions. He also mentioned that there is no information about why the park is closed one week out of the month and that the perception is that the Holly Hills neighborhood is gatekeeping the park so that the less affluent can't access it.

Several members of the infrastructure committee are also board members of the Friends of Carondelet Park organization. They said they want to bring people outside of the Holly Hills neighborhood to the park and mentioned that their organization could do another survey including all of the surrounding neighborhoods to see if people still want the park to be closed one week of the month. Additional questions could also be asked to help with future plans for the park.

The committee suggested Jarred speak with alderwoman Schweitzer for more information.

**Overview of Action items & adjournment**

Waiting on TN for preliminary plans

All committees of the SBD are meeting at the YMCA Rec Plex on Thursday, January 9 at 7pm

Gary made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:25pm. Abby seconded.