

Holly Hills SBD

Board Meeting Minutes

11.18.25

Meeting Opening

- The meeting began at 6:33 pm
- Board members in attendance briefly introduced themselves. Members included:
 - Brooks Goedeker, Christy Street, Nick Hartzler, Brett Reinert, Mechelle Minden, Rachel Nash, Jill Pace
- Motion to approve September minutes – Brett Reinert
 - Second motion to approve – Christy Street
 - Motion unanimously approved

Treasurer's Report

- Nick Hartzler served as spokesperson and reported on the following:
 - Current balance is \$304,333
 - Interest garnered this month is about \$962
 - Invoices paid this month for:
 - Carondelet mural on Holly Hills
 - Focal Point
 - Grass cutting
 - The City's Finest
 - Watering services
- Motion to approve Treasurer's Report – Jill Pace
 - Second motion to approve – Mechelle Minden
 - Motion unanimously approved

Beautification & Landscaping Committee

- Angie Butz served as spokesperson and reported on the following:
 - Leona and Loughborough: Damaged planter is scheduled to be repaired this week.
 - Park mowing: Contract is completed for the year. Three leaf removal / mulching sessions begin this Saturday.
 - Holiday decorating: Almost completed on Holly Hills and the four entry markers.
 - Lyle House: Planter is being redecorated for the holidays.
 - Hedgehog: Original artist opted out due to complications, so the hedgehog was moved to the company who does the SBD planters. Hoping to install in the Spring.
 - Holly Hills mural: Completed. Looking for a company to bid mulching the hill above the mural.
 - Bates and Morgan Ford: In conversation with the business owner to add a Holly Hills mural.
 - Tree maintenance plan: Committee is partnering with the infrastructure committee on the tree maintenance plan as trees are our number one asset. They hired Davey to conduct a tree audit, map out every tree in the SBD, and then triage and categorize every tree.

They submitted a grant to the MO Department of Conservation to prune the trees, and it was approved.

- Total cost: \$35,208
 - Once SBD funds the initial costs, the Dept of Conservation refunds \$25,000.
- Year one (Jan and Feb of 2026): \$31,030 of tree work will be completed + \$4,250 will be paid to Davey for a multi-year maintenance plan.
- Beautification and Infrastructure committee agreed to split the remaining \$10,208.
- Davey promised to maximize the work they do to help with as many trees as they can.
- Motion to move forward with the tree maintenance plan (\$35,208 in total costs with the understanding that SBD will be reimbursed \$25,000 from the MO Department of Conservation and then the infrastructure and beautification committees will split the remaining \$10,208) – Brett Reinert
 - Second motion to approve – Nick Hartzler
 - Motion unanimously approved

Safety & Security Committee

- Nick Hartzler served as the spokesperson and reported on the following:
 - Since August, there's been an uptick of incidents, so Nick reminded meeting attendees that if you see something, say something. The City's Finest and the SLPD shifts are determined by crime statistics so it's important Holly Hills' residents report crime.
- Captain Karnowski presented crime stats for the Holly Hills SBD, including:
 - Uptick in property crime (majority are car break ins), police are seeing this citywide
 - Encouraged owners of Kia's or Hyundai's to use a club to mitigate theft
 - 10.12.25: Auto theft on a Dodge Ram, car not recovered
 - 10.20.25: Bicycle stolen
 - 10.24.25: Hyundai stolen and recovered, stripped
 - 10.31.25: Great success with The City's Finest patrolling the SBD area
- Meeting attendee said she called 911 numerous times this weekend about speeding cars in park. Captain encouraged meeting attendees to keep calling 911 as District One is understaffed.
- Captain reminded people to keep valuables out of their cars and stay vigilant.

Public Infrastructure Committee

- Daniel Wyrock served as the spokesperson and reported on the following:
 - Neighborhood and park traffic calming updates:
 - ✓ Some of the humps have been installed
 - ✓ Holly Hills and Leona intersection: TrailNet gave recommendations. The Board of Public Service met with the committee and then gave their recommendations. The Board of Public Service needs funds to make improvements.
 - Brooks recommended an additional meeting to be scheduled for community discussion.

- Riprap around Grand bridge: Graffiti has increased so the committee is interested in picking this back up.
- Budget: In 2027, the committee is likely to exhaust their funds due to big projects.
- Infrastructure committee meets the second Wednesday of the month, at 7 pm, at St Stephen Protomartyr.

Public Comments

- Comment 1: Resident asked when the list of trees to be removed will be made available to the public? The answer: It will be posted on the SBD website.
- Comment 2: Resident inquired if the trees will be pruned on certain streets or all across the SBD? The answer: All across the SBD.
- Comment 3: Resident commented that when the City removes trees that they leave tall stumps. Response: Davey, the company that is cutting down the trees, will not grind the stumps either. Call CSV.
- Comment 4: Resident inquired about the cost of the bump out project discussed tonight. Response: Depends on what bump outs become part of the project.
- Comment 5: Friends of Carondelet Park is hosting a happy hour on Thursday at Pepper's. Everyone is invited to join. They received a \$10,000 matching grant.

Adjournment

- 7:44 pm
- Motion to adjourn – Nick Hartzler
- Second motion to approve – Mechelle Minden
- Motion was unanimously approved