

Holly Hills SBD Board Meeting Minutes

January 20, 2026

Meeting Opening

- Meeting began at 6:30 pm
- Board members attending: Brett Reinert, Mechelle Minden, Rachel Nast and Brooks Goedeker. Absent: Nick Hartzler and Jill Pace
- Minutes from the December meeting were not available for approval

Treasurer's Report

Nick Hartzler was absent but submitted this written report:

- Interest rates continue to drop. Our liquid high interest account is currently earning approximately 3.69%. This rate changes each week based on Federal guidance. I'm moving forward with pursuing a 9-month CD but have not closed on it yet. Goal is to have that in place within the next 3 weeks.
- We've received about \$353K in tax revenue for taxes owed 12/31/26. This represents about an 86% collection rate to date. The remaining 12-13% that is typically collected will come in over the next few months.
- Over the next few weeks, I will work on preparing the SBD Annual Report and have it ready for your review at the February Board meeting. As a reminder, an annual report must be submitted to the Board of Alderman by March 1st of each year.

Motion to approve Treasurer's report made by Brett Reinert

- Second motion to approve by Mechelle Minden
- Motion passed unanimously

Beautification and Landscaping Committee

- Angie Butz served as the spokesperson and reported the following:
 - The committee is creating a 2026/2027 plan for goals/costs to prioritize projects

- The committee requested the following:
 - Funding \$10k for two additional hedgehog sculptures, bringing the total to 6
 - Brett made the motion to approve. Rachel seconded and the motion passed unanimously.
 - Funding not to exceed \$16k for additional limestone planters (\$1200 per planter) to be placed along Grand and Bates.
 - Brett made the motion to approve. Mechelle seconded and the motion passed unanimously.
 - Tree pruning contract (separate from current contract for residential street trees/MDC grant) for Davey Tree to work on trees in the Holly Hills Boulevard, not to exceed \$16k.
 - As this is a separate contract exceeding \$3,500 two additional bids need to be obtained per the HHSBD procurement policy.
 - Request was tabled pending bids.
 - Brooks submitted an RFP for board consideration: 2026/2027 combined growing seasons for consolidated services on mowing, watering, and maintaining landscaping projects within the SBD.
 - Brett made the motion to approve the RFP release. Rachel seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Infrastructure Committee

- Ryan Hanlon served as spokesperson and reported the following:
 - All SBD funded speed humps have been installed. The concrete hump on Leona will be reviewed to determine if it meets specifications, after some community concerns that it was too low.
 - The committee will develop a FAQ portion for the HHSBD website
 - The committee is exploring painting the roadway before a hump to enhance visibility.

- The committee is also exploring decorative painting of crosswalks. The city requires standardized white striping, but the SBD could include neighborhood colors between the white stripes.
- Brooks and traffic calming subcommittee met to discuss the intersection of Holly Hills and Leona. Prior to any definite construction plans, the committee will seek community meetings, with enhanced 3d renderings (pictures). March is the target date.
- The committee has requested three bike racks to be placed within Carondelet Park. Alderwoman Anne Schweitzer will fund these City designed racks from Ward capital. The committee is exploring additional racks that could be customized.
- Carondelet Park traffic flow is being reviewed. Old maps of the park show traffic was designed to go counterclockwise, one way only.
- The committee has experienced some resignations and is looking for additional members. The application is on the website at <https://hollyhillssbd.com/about/>

Safety and Security Committee

Nick Hartzler was absent but submitted this written report:

- I did not receive November 2025 until just this week, so please see both the November and December 2025 crime reports for the SBD. I've also attached the December 2025 GPS records.
- The Safety & Security Committee is announcing a voluntary camera registry. The purpose of this registry is to create a central list that can be provided to SLMPD for use in the event of a crime. This is not taking access to the cameras but simply creating a registry for future reference. A similar program was done with the Shaw Neighborhood Ownership Model (NOM) organization (see example link here: <https://shawnom.org/register-with-the-nom/>). We will have the link ready to share in the coming weeks and will be pushing this out on social media.

SLMPD Captain Karnowski attended as the representative of the contracted HHSBD security company, The City's Finest. He provided a presentation and crime data for the past two months, which are also on hollyhillssbd.com. Some points of interest:

- The SBD's crime is trending lower than the 5-year average
- Uptick in crime on the East side of the railroad tracks, patrols will be concentrated in this area
- Board member mentioned that unhoused/transient encampments are along the railroad tracks between Arendes and Dewey. Others also mentioned encampments in Carondelet Park. Capt. Karnowski will reach out to the Park Rangers.
- Hyundai car owners with ignitions that utilize a key should use a club to further safeguard their cars from theft.

Public Comments

- Resident appreciated Christmas garland and light pole decorations.
- Resident wanted access to the Davey tree inventory. A reminder that the city's CSB (citizen's service bureau) should still be utilized to report tree problems.
- Reminder of combined Ward meeting on January 31st at the Carondelet library.

Adjournment at 8pm