

# Holly Hills SBD Board Meeting Minutes

April 21, 2026

## Meeting Opening

- Meeting began at 6:30 pm
- Board members in attendance: Mechelle Minden, Nick Hartzler, Brett Reinert and Brooks Goedeker. Absent: Rachel Nast and Jill Pace
- Minutes from the March meeting were approved unanimously. Motion made by Nick Hartzler and seconded by Brett Reinert.

## Treasurer's Report

Nick Hartzler reporting:

- Davey Resource Group bills paid for tree pruning and management.
- Focal Pointe is a monthly ongoing invoice for landscaping work.
- The SBD earned \$1,323 in interest via MOSIP last month. The account is currently paying 3.69% interest. Nick has not made any movement on certificates of deposit.

Motion to approve Treasurer's report made by Mechelle Minden, seconded by Brett Reinert and passed unanimously.

## Beautification and Landscaping Committee

Angie Butz reporting:

- Mowing and other landscaping activities have begun.
- The Russian sage plants in the circle at Holly Hills/Leona were removed and repurposed.
- Mulch will be applied to the area between the "white wall" and the mural in the park along Holly Hills. It is a steep embankment and might have mixed results.
- The committee is exploring small trees to be planted at the endcaps on the boulevard along Holly Hills.

## **Infrastructure Committee**

Brett Reinert reporting:

- The Goetz group was contracted for traffic calming renderings for the Holly Hills and Leona intersection. They are a work in progress.
- The committee is researching and pricing both painting and restriping crosswalks across the SBD and lighted signals for particularly hazardous intersections.
  - Possible decorative colors may be yellow, green with the required white stripes.
  - Two members of the public shared near misses from walking into the park, especially along Arendes/Holly Hills and Livingston/Holly Hills.
- Working with Ten8, exploring painted designs in advance of speed humps, to enhance visibility and add to neighborhood branding. Permits may depend on interpretation between street improvements vs. art.
- Mechelle Minden and Angie Butz reported on tree maintenance: pruning has ended but now work on a new grant for 2026/2027 has begun. The 37-page Tree Maintenance Plan has been uploaded to the website.

## **Safety and Security Committee**

Rob Betts attended as the owner/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](http://hollyhillssbd.com). Some points of interest:

- Crime year to date is down 8% from last year. February and March 2026 are the lowest for total crimes in the last five years. More patrols were deployed to combat car break ins and thefts, with the arrest of teenagers in March. St. Louis Hills has been hit hard in April. Videos of these crimes show a number of young people working in tandem, carrying guns. Call 911 if you see this happening and do not intervene.
- The time period of 3pm to 11pm has the most reported crimes.
- Catalytic converter thefts are again on the rise.
- TCF will ensure that patrols go through the park to cut down on speeding and burn-outs/donuts.

- As a matter of interest, the City received federal grant dollars (from funds allocated for World Cup security) for drones. They will allow the police to respond more quickly and are less expensive than helicopters.
- Q&A from the public:
  - Q: Stolen cars- are they primarily used in other crimes or stripped down for sale?
    - A: Expensive, luxury vehicles are more likely to be sold on.
  - Q: Do the police do anything to curb black market guns?
    - A: The ATF and other federal agencies are more active. The SLMPD will confiscate if they come across them.
  - Q: Car break-ins? Mostly cars parked on the streets?
    - A: Yes. If you have a garage, use it.

## **Public Comments**

Request: Can the SBD explore a stop sign at Arendes and Holly Hills?

**Adjournment at 7:50 pm**