

Holly Hills SBD

Board Meeting Minutes

7.21.26

Meeting Opening

- The meeting began at 6:32 pm
- Board members in attendance briefly introduced themselves. Members included:
 - Brooks Goedeker, Brett Reinert, Nick Hartzler, Rachel Nast, and Jill Pace
- Motion to approve 6.16.26 minutes – Brett Reinert
 - Second motion to approve – Nick Hartzler
 - Motion unanimously approved

Treasurer's Report

- Nick Hartzler served as spokesperson
 - Current: \$454,745.76
 - Interest earned last month: \$1,299.95
 - SBD delinquent property taxes total \$9,806.98. Collection rate is 99% in the SBD which is above the 95% collection rate the City of St. Louis budgets for itself
 - Notable transactions:
 - Goetz Group traffic calming options
 - Focal Pointe planters
- Motion to approve Treasurer's Report – Jill Pace
 - Second motion to approve – Brett Reinert
 - Motion unanimously approved

Beautification & Landscaping Committee

- Brooks Goedeker served as spokesperson and reported on the following:
 - Planters: Installing 10 more planters (6 on Grand and 4 on Bates) on Thursday morning
 - Holly the Hedgehog and Friends: First hedgehog has been placed on Bowen and Leona. Total of 6 hedgehogs will be placed throughout the neighborhood
 - Light Pole Crash: At Holly Hills and Leona, light pole was reinstalled and banner was replaced
 - Boulevards: The City's Forestry Department agreed to plant canopy trees in the boulevards where there are current gaps and missing trees if the SBD developed a tree plan. The Beautification committee received a quote from SWT for \$17,300 and a quote from Focal Pointe for \$1,110 to develop the plan. The Beautification committee plans to move forward with the Focal Pointe proposal. Horticulturists on the Beautification committee are also coming up with recommendations to add some flowering trees on the endcaps of some of the boulevards on Holly Hills and Bellerive. The beautification committee plans to come up with a watering plan for all new trees planted in the boulevards.

Safety & Security Committee

- Nick Hartzler served as the spokesperson for the committee and mentioned that crime is trending down.
 - City's Finest reported on crime stats in the SBD
 - ✓ Overall crime is down 10% compared to last year
 - ✓ Major crime consists of larcenies and vehicle thefts
 - ✓ Vehicle thefts are up 90% due to numerous reasons: Young groups of kids stealing cars, residents leaving their key fobs in their car, etc.
 - ✓ 7 am–11 pm is when most crimes happen/reported
 - ✓ Staff shifts overnight to help ensure that crime doesn't happen
 - ✓ Encouraged people to report crime, no matter how small, so SLPD can staff appropriately
 - ✓ Currently we have 6 less crimes than last year at this time
 - ✓ July 1 began second year of contract with City's Finest
 - ✓ City's Finest uses camera systems in other neighborhoods. Discussion around what other neighborhoods are doing with cameras.

Public Infrastructure Committee

- Brett Reinert served as the spokesperson and reported on the following:
 - Pork chop park installation: Goetz Group is scheduling surveys. Coordinating the project with Parks Commissioner, bike races, and fire chief
 - Holly Hills / Leona options: Drawing options are on the website. Options include high cost, mid cost and low cost
 - Crosswalks: Investigating pricing options to bring flashers and/or new paint to the Arendes and Livingston crosswalks into the park. Will have options to review next month.
 - Considering painting parking lanes in front of Woerner School
 - City said we'd have to put in lots of Citizens Service Bureau requests to repaint crosswalks to Woerner school

New Business

- Board positions: We've had an open renter position since January. We have an interested resident who's a renter. We will hold a special board meeting and do an interview with her in the coming month
- Flags: Jill Pace overviewed the flag options for both porch and garden flags. Holly Hills Improvement Association is interested in selling flags as a fundraiser and has potentially asked SBD to buy the initial order. The idea is that Holly Hills Improvement Association would pay the SBD back within a certain time frame
- Nick Hartzler suggested we discuss the size of committees and meeting dates as there has been a natural attrition in regard to attendance. Brooks suggested we add this to the special meeting agenda in the next month. Brett suggested we eliminate December and January committee meetings.

Public Comments

- Comment 1: What is the relationship between Holly Hills SBD and Holly Hills Improvement Association?
- Comment 2: Any more consideration about DJM evasive plant cleaning at the park?
- Comment 3: Friends of Carondelet Park is discussing the idea of hiring executive director
- Comment 4: Next HHIA is September 28
- Comment 5: Has there been any further discussion around what the park pork chops will be made of?
- Comment 6: What happened to the original investment of \$10,000 for the hedgehogs?

Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned at 7:48 pm
- Motion to adjourn – Nick Hartzler
 - Second motion to approve – Rachel Nast
 - Motion was unanimously approved