

HRA Minutes
August 12, 2019

Attendance: Marian Boyd, Lisa Davis, Janet Flegel, Jim Hathaway, Toni Johnson, Karen Konarski-Hart, Luke Kramer, Laurel Lawrence, Nancy Leonhardt, Eric McDaniel, Barbara Miles, Beth Phelps, Pittman Ware

Absent: Nathalie Coulter, Karen Konarski-Hart

Note: Since the board meeting, Nathalie Coulter has resigned from the board due to a new job and commitments.

Minutes

Motion by Barbara Miles to approve as written; seconded by Jim Hathaway.

Motion passed unanimously.

Treasurers Report

July report was presented by Beth Phelps. We currently have \$15,934.62 in the bank and \$635.05 in PayPal for a total of \$16,569.67.

Elected Officials

Director Kathy Webb update:

- Homeless
 - Bridge to Work Program (homeless work with Public Works Dept) – 350 participants; 118 locations; 23 received health insurance; 10 family reunifications. The City will vote in September whether they will continue project for next year. Exceeded expectations.
- Study to review Markham Road Diet passed.
- Study to single use plastic passed; report by end of year
- Heights Tree Ordinance – making some minor tweaks
- Parks Task Force already meeting; Zoo also doing a strategic plan. We are looking for ideas
- Be Mighty LR (summer feeding program) – grant to get kids to meals resulted in 16,000 rides on buses, included passes for parents.

Rep. Tippi McCullough update:

- Reported on conference in Nashville, TN
- Reminded residents to be aware of cyclists on the streets

President's Comments

- Tree watering started in July
- Partnered with HMA to purchase a brick for Dreamland Ballroom to fund elevator
- Thank you to non-board members for serving on committees: Carol, Ren, Becca

- September 9 meeting speakers: Christie Clark, COO, UAMS and Greg Gallus, LR Code Enforcement Officer

Program: Trude and Peter Kumpe on bees and pesticide poisoning

New Business

- Volunteer needed for pancake breakfast
 - **Note: Since board meeting, Nancy Leonhardt and Barbara Miles have agreed to chair the pancake breakfast**
- Parking in not getting better due to increase in businesses along Kavanaugh. Contacted Rock Region Metro regarding ideas for community.
- Request to sponsor the Jericho Way Sleepout on October 12th for \$300 (Sleeper Sponsorship). Discussion followed regarding does not follow the mission of HRA and instead we could encourage board members and residents to give individually.
 - **Motion made by Luke Kramer to promote a project/nonprofit in each newsletter. Seconded by Marian Boyd. Toni Johnson amended the motion to promote through our communication outlets nonprofits that impact our neighborhood and community at large. Amendment was approved and seconded by Pittman Ware. Motion passed unanimously.**
- Need a volunteer to drive an event committee to host Neighborhood USA sometime during May 20-23 visit. No volunteers came forth.
- Jim Hathaway revised the Ace Glass letter and sent out to the board.
 - **Motion to send letter made by Jim Hathaway. Seconded by Lisa Davis. Motion passed unanimously.**
- Entergy open to meeting with HRA to discuss options regarding tree trimming. Contact Eric if you are interested in serving on a committee to develop a strategic plan for Hillcrest. Beth Phelps recommended Entergy do a presentation.

Committee Reports

DOD – Bruce McMath reported. Committee looked at establishing a historic district and determined it would be difficult to get consensus. The committee suggested reviewing the DOD and using modifications to help preserve historic district. The committee also suggested adding an educational component. They are working with Brian Minyard at the City regarding changes. They surveyed 20-30 houses recently modified to see how DOD modifications could correct. Goal is to set parameters. Can only set objective criteria such as setbacks and square footage.

Planning –

- Toni Johnson handed out a draft of the Hillcrest historic neighborhood design handbook out to board members. The handbook will also be distributed to the HMA, Department of Heritage, City of LR, and others, for input. Any comments are due to Toni or Bob Keltner by August 27th). Books will be distributed to

residents and merchants free of charge. The committee will be requesting funding for printing and postage for 5,000-6,000 copies at the September board meeting.

- Zoning Requests – two of the requests were for Arbnbs to be zoned for short-term rental. Toni reported that backyard structures were historically intended for short-term use by help. This is a reuse for these structures.

Parks – Holding off on donation ask until understand when city will take care of retainer wall repair. Engineering study within a month to better access need and cost.

Membership – Marian Boyd reported for the committee.

- Original levels were \$20, \$50, \$100. Committee is requesting a change to the following:
 - Individual \$25 (1 vote)
 - Household \$50 (1 vote per adult, maximum 2 adults)
 - Supporter \$100
 - Booster \$200
- Toni concerned votes not matching property. Current bylaws read 1 vote per household.

Barbara Miles made a motion to approve change in membership dues as requested by the membership committee. Jim Hathaway seconded.

Toni – point of discussion, why not just have individual membership.

Motion passed, Lisa Davis voted nay.

- The committee suggested a reception/telethon/fundraiser to renew memberships. It was suggested each board member recruit a neighbor to participate. Tentative date is November 13, 5:30-7:30. Location TBD.

Safety – no report

Newsletter – Jim sent out the schedule to the board. HMA wants the newsletter sent out before HarvestFest.

Old Business

- Luke Kramer passed around a signup sheet for the booth at HarvestFest. The event is from 11am-7pm.
- Becca shared the transit map for Hillcrest. She will email an electronic version to Barbara.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45pm. Next meeting – September 9, 2019.