

Hillcrest Residents Association Minutes February 10, 2020

Attending: Jim Hathaway, Karen Konarski-Hart, Eric McDaniel, Luke Kramer, Barbara Miles, Janet Flegel, Laurel Lawrence, Antoinette Johnson

January Minutes approval, **moved by Luke, 2nd by Barbara, unanimous yea**

Treasurers Report; given by Eric income \$1831.00, expenditures \$1,032.55, total assets \$11,636.17
Luke moved, Toni 2nd to approve, unanimous yea

Tippi McCullum gave dates for legislative activity
Apr 8 (fiscal session), Mar 4 (Jt Budget Committee begins), Mar 3 Primaries, Feb 18 (early voting)

Kathy Webb gave schedule of upcoming city board activities

Feb 11 (discussion) Feb 18 (voting)

subjects: makeup of city board, right of mayor to hire/fire, short term rentals, property & sales tax, plastic bag ban

mayoral rights will be an internal board action, the city board makeup may come to a public vote in November

Justice candidates Peggy Egan, Shawn Johnson and Amy Johnson introduced themselves

Becka Green stated that info regarding the judicial contest could be found VIPVoter.org/judicial

Christine Clark from UAMS will speak at the April 13 HRA meeting regarding the UAMS Energy project

Bob Keltner spoke on the progress of the committee on short term rentals. Mar 4 the city will receive the report from Planning. If anyone has comments please direct them to bkeltner@cromwell.com or contact Toni Johnson, Luke Kramer or Kathy Webb before the first week of March

Eric has some potential chairpeople for the Neighborhood USA national visit in May. HC would like to host one of the side tours for NUSA. If anyone would like to help, contact Eric.

The HRA annual meeting will be May 11. The HRA spring newsletter will be delivered by mid April announcing the meeting and the nominees for officers. **The suggested nominating committee is Jim, Eric, Toni & Marian Boyd. Karen moved, Luke 2nd for approval, unanimous yea**

The positions for board officers will also be decided at that meeting. The membership votes for the board members. The board votes for its officers.

Jim will be leaving the Board and leaving as editor of the newsletter. We are looking for someone with editorial experience but also someone for ad sales. Contact eric@hillcrestresidents.org if interested. March 1 is the ad and article deadline for the spring issue.

HC tree planting will take place Sat Feb 22 at 10 am. Meet in the Rosalias parking lot. **Jim moved, Toni 2nd that the cost would be split with HMA with HRA's portion to not exceed \$500. unanimous yea.** Hocotts may also help supply some of the trees

Barbara reported on the Safety Committee which met with other crime prevention stakeholders in HC. The report on that meeting can be read at hillcrestresidents.com blog. Some issues discussed were lighting, neighborhood watch signs, involvement with Kroger, cameras and alley maintenance as well as increased exchange of information among Hillcrestians. Barbara Miles can be reached at barbamiles@yahoo.com

There are 3 upcoming city meetings that have relevance to HC

- 1) HC Neighborhood watch Mar 5 5:30 pm at Holy Souls Parish Hall
- 2) 12th Street LRPD March 12 6 pm 3917 12th Street
- 3) Citizensconnect.littlerock.gov

Eric reported for Marian that HRA dues are now on a calendar year schedule so if you have not paid please do so. You must be a member to vote or speak at HRA meetings. See Hillcrestresidents.com to join.

Eric reported for Lisa that the Parks Committee will meet on Saturday Mar 14 at Knoop Park for clean up. E-blasts will be sent out for reminders.

Luke will be overseeing the HC preparation for the April 8 2024 total eclipse

Karen (HMA liaison) reminded everyone to think locally for Valentine's day gifts or dining. The LR Marathon will run its toughest leg through HC on Sun morning Mar 1. If you are participating, remember HC restaurants for carb loading or after race brunch. Also HC churches hold communal Lenten services on Fridays in Lent beginning at Pulaski Hts Presbyterian on Feb 28. The location changes each week. Service is 12 noon with a lunch at 12:30. Check hillcrestmerchants.net calendar for the schedule. All are welcome

Luke moved, Toni 2nd to adjourn, unanimous yea.