

HRA Minutes  
July 8, 2019

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

Absent: Laurel Lawrence, Barbara Miles, Pittman Ware

Minutes

**Motion by Jim Hathaway to approve as written; seconded by Beth Phelps. Motion passed unanimously.**

Treasurers Report

June report was presented by Beth Phelps. We currently have \$16,466.59 in the bank and \$280.80 in PayPal for a total of \$16,747.39

Presidents Comments

- Thank you to Jim for chairing the June meeting and Karen for taking minutes.
- Central AR Water's open house had over 200 visitors attending to get an update on the project.
- Connected Barbara with HMA to coordinate communications between HRA and HMA.
- Lu Smith called asking for help with tree watering in Hillcrest. The HC Garden Club, HMA, and HRA are each paying \$156 to cover the contract with Beemis to water July through September. Eric McDaniel authorized HRA's commitment of \$156.
- There will be a focus on parking in the near future, part of DOD to address this issue, especially with the development of new restaurants.

Elected Officials

Director Kathy Webb gave an update:

- Entergy shared their tree policy with Kathy. A tree ordinance will be presented to the City Board of Directors in a few weeks.
- Street Lights - lots of comments with some misinformation provided. There is a process based on a neighborhood desire. It is not a city director decision.
- Input is wanted/needed on War Memorial. Kathy encouraged everyone to 1) take the survey (she has a link on her Facebook page), 2) attend public meetings; and 3) if you are not able to attend the meetings, send Kathy your comments/ideas.
- Congratulations to HarvestFest for winning best festival in Little Rock
- If you are out of town on vacation, call police and ask for vacation service. They will come by 2x/day and check the perimeter.

- City has selected a bike share company and is currently negotiating contracts. Expect to deploy bikes by the end of the year. Kathy encouraged HRA to circle back with City BikePed person to remind him that HC would like to be a drop off point.
- Kathy supports HRA writing a letter regarding glass recycling
- Parks and Recreation has been behind on mowing due to floods and expects parks to be mowed 1/week.
- Estimated ballpark figure of \$20K for west and east end repair of retainer wall. Sending out for bids for a geotechnical engineer to determine why deterioration is occurring, estimate an additional few thousand dollar cost. Project has not been included in the current budget for FY20.
- Recommended residents use LR311 app instead of calling.

### New Business

**Motion by Jim Hathaway to adopt the following committee chairs and members as amended.; seconded by Karen Konarski-Hart. Motion passed unanimously.** Eric will forward the list to the Communications Committee to post on the website.

Communications: Barbara Miles (chair), Jessie Bates, Janet Flegal, Pittman Ware

Membership: Marian Boyd (chair), Luke Kramer, Laurel Lawrence, Barbara Miles, Carol Vick, Lisa Davis

Schools: Nathalie Coulter (chair), Nancy Leonhardt

Planning/Preservation Committee: Laural Lawrence (chair), Antoinette Johnson, Bob Keltner

Newsletter: Jim Hathaway (chair), Arthur Powel Bowen

Safety: Barbara Miles (chair), Karen Konarski-Hart, Chris White

By-Laws: Jim Hathaway (chair), Antoinette Johnson, Karen Konarski-Hart, Eric McDaniel, Beth Phelps

Design Overlay District: Bruce McMath (chair), John Burnett, Antoinette Johnson, Carolyn Newbern, Chris Parker, Bill Rector, Scott Smith

Parks: Lisa Davis (chair), Marian Boyd, Carol Vick, Ren Bressinck

HarvestFest - Luke Kramer will be responsible for coordinating volunteers. Eric asked all board members to commit to at least 1 hour if they are in town. Luke will attend the HarvestFest Committee meeting on Tuesday, July 9th at Aspire Realty at 5:30.

Tree Trimming - Eric called the Planning Department , Norman Hodges invited Eric to attend a meeting with Entergy July 22nd regarding their policies and what can be done. Energy contacted Eric and invited him to attend the meeting

### Old Business

Sculpture: There was much discussion about the process in acquiring the sculpture for

the Promenade, especially that there was no consideration for our input on the piece then expected to pay for it. HMA has agreed to donate between \$2.5K and \$5K (decision to be decided after HarvestFest). Kathy Webb and Tippy have each agreed to donate \$1K towards the project along with another anonymous donor.

Laurel and Barbara called in to be included in the vote on this subject.

Expressed concerns for the project:

- Process was done badly, no consideration for our input on piece then expect us to pay for half of it.
- If we choose not to participate, they may not look at future art for Hillcrest.
- Toni questioned if we get our money back if they change their mind on location. It was determined that was not going to happen. The piece has been purchased and committed for Hillcrest.

**Motion by Beth Phelps to make a donation of \$2,500 at this point in time and then if we decide at a later date to do more, we can decide then. Karen Konarsky-Hart seconded. After additional discussion, Jim Hathaway made an amendment to the motion to read gift (of funds) is specifically for location of Community sculpture in that location in the Promenade in Hillcrest. Janet Flegal seconded the amendment. Vote on amendment passed unanimously. Vote on original motion passed unanimously.**

**Motion by Jim Hathaway to utilize HRA communications (email, FB, website) to spread the word on how people can donate and support the sculpture project. Lisa Davis seconded. The motion passed unanimously.** Eric McDaniel will be the point person on the sculpture project.

Ace Glass: Jim Hathaway forwarded a letter to the board requesting HRA support in a letter to the City of Little Rock supporting glass recycling by Ace Glass. Jim will write a letter for board consideration at the August meeting.

### Committee Reports

Membership – Karen reported they had a productive meeting and will be drafting a proposal for changes for board consideration in August.

DOD –

- 822 N. Monroe: waiting to hear back from the city (Brian Minyard) regarding the size of the house on the property.
- Question was raised...are there inspections for the DOD?
- Bob Keltner reported that the DOD only has authority on scale of building.

Planning & Preservation - Toni shared that the committee has created an official public statement on historic preservation for the HRA. The statement will be circulated to the board for consideration at the August meeting. Bob Keltner reported that serves as an education component. Bob Keltner reported that the DOD only has authority on scale of building. The statement addresses massing and scale.

Hillcrest Merchants Association –

- Thank you to everyone who came out to the ice cream social
- Thank you to Daniel Bryant for providing adult beverages
- Thank you to Carol Jenkins for providing the Quapaw Quintet
- Panther Prowl raised \$16,000

Meeting was adjourned at 7:50pm. Next meeting – August 12, 2019.