

HRA Minutes  
November 11, 2019

Attendance: Marian Boyd, Toni Johnson, Karen Konarski-Hart, Laurel Lawrence, Nancy Leonhardt, Eric McDaniel, Pittman Ware

Absent: Lisa Davis, Janet Flegel, Jim Hathaway, Luke Kramer, Barbara Miles, Beth Phelps

President Eric McDaniel called the meeting to order at 6:03pm.

Minutes

Corrections to minutes: Motion by Karen regarding DrainSmart Sponsorship should read as “to sponsor a stormwater drain in partnership with the HMA”. Correction in discussion on Goats in the Park, should read “invasive”, not “evasive”.

**Motion made by Karen Konarski-Hart to approve the minutes as amended.  
Seconded by Pittman Ware. Motion passed unanimously.**

Treasurers Report

To be presented at the December meeting.

President's Comments

- Sculpture: Over \$10K collected from HMA, HRA, Tippy McCullough, Kathy Webb, other donors and HarvestFest donations. Sculpture will be unveiled at the Tree Lighting event on December 6<sup>th</sup>.
- Promenade retaining wall – no update.

New Business

- Looking for a chair for the school committee. Looking at a future panel discussion on LRSD decisions impact on neighborhood. Panel may include the Diane Zook, Chair of the State Board of Education; Ali Noland (parent), Collin Jorgenson (parent), and Angela (president of PH Elementary PTA).

Old Business

- Task Force Update: A new option has been presented for War Memorial by the LRVCB, youth sports park. The LRVCB is currently doing a feasibility study. The Task Force expects feedback in next week on what to communicate to neighborhoods.
- DOD Committee: Getting close to bringing recommendations to the board with goal to continue/enhance the DOD's efficacy on the tearing down of homes to build McMansions.

Committee Reports

## Preservation and Planning –

- Bob Keltner (chair) updated the board on the discussion about short-term rentals. The CoLR Planning and Zoning is in the process of developing policy due to the number of requests they are getting. 72205 is the highest grossing zip code for AirBnB. Current strategies being developed by the committee:
  - Becca Green creating an informational piece for email to raise awareness.
  - Panel discussion at the January 13<sup>th</sup> meeting with representatives from CoLR Planning and Zoning; LRCVB, and Capital Zoning.
  - Formulate a position statement from HRA to present to the City.

## Membership –

- The ReMembership Drive is regrouping. Marian suggested the board review the retreat summary at the February meeting.

## Reports from Elected Officials

Rep. Tippy McCullough: Filing for office runs through November 12<sup>th</sup>.

Julie Blackwood, JP: Discussed budgets for the county and indicated there has been a balanced budget for the last 6 years. Key items include sanitation, jails, animal control, and youth services. New voting machines were approved.

Kathy Webb, City Director:

- Ward 3 and 4 Sustainability Meeting last week, need input to Commission. Cost for glass recycling would run about \$3.30/month, included in every water bill.
- \$5.5M included in budget for prevention/protection for schools. Commission working to ensure money spent on proven programs.
- Be Mighty Program increased meals 20K over previous year.
- Governance Study Group presented to board last week. Items included size of board; hiring/firing of city manager and attorney; whether to have at-large representation.
- Age Friendly LR Commission created to get a baseline feel of services for seniors and their perceptions. Partnering with AARP to develop a 5-year plan. Ages 45+ to take part in survey. Finding will be reported to the City Board in the spring.

## Upcoming Events

Karen Konarski-Hart reported on holiday happenings in December:

- 5<sup>th</sup> – 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday
- 6<sup>th</sup> – Tree Lighting at 5:30; includes Santa, cookies, and hot drinks

Meeting adjourned at 6:48pm. Next meeting – December 9, 2019.