

## HRA Annual Meeting May 13, 2019

Attending: Toni Johnson, Nathalie Coulter, Laurel Lawrence, Marian Boyd, Eric McDaniel, Jim Hathaway, Beth Phelps, Karen Konarski-Hart (absent: Barbara Miles)

Beth gave Treasurers report

Eric recognized elected officials and those running for public office:

Kathy Webb, Tippi McCullough, Julie Blackmon, Jim Wyatt, Hugh Finklestein, LaTonya Austin, Jay Shue, Sharon Johnson

Eric gave President's comments stating appreciation for the Board and for candidates for the HRA board. He explained that the new Bylaws, if approved will call for staggered terms. He explained the voting procedure

Jim stated that we had a quorum out of 200 paid members. He explained that we need a 2/3 vote of the quorum to adopt the Bylaws and Articles of Incorporation

Ed Howington made a motion to accept both the Bylaws and AOI.

Jim Metzger 2<sup>nd</sup> the Bylaws acceptance. Lisa Davis 2<sup>nd</sup> the AOI acceptance  
Questions were raised about the means and timing of communications.

Richard Bruit asked to table the motion for further review of the entire document. No 2<sup>nd</sup> to the motion to table. Motion failed.

Lisa Davis moved and Bill Rector 2<sup>nd</sup> an amendment:

...at each place where it occurs "notice shall be given by any reasonable means designed to communicate to all members of the association".

Greater than 50% yea. Amendment passed

Vote was called on approval of AOI Greater than 2/3 yea AOI approved

Vote was called on the new Bylaws including amendment Greater than 2/3 yea Bylaws approved

Election of the new Board members by the HRA members in attendance commenced with each candidate standing and introducing themselves. No nominations were received from the floor. The slate was:

Lisa Davis, Janet Flegal, Nancy Leonhardt, Luke Kramer and Pittman Ware

Ed Howington moved, Joann Reddick 2<sup>nd</sup> to accept the candidates by acclamation. Majority of members in attendance voted yea. New Board members accepted.

The election of officers commenced. The slate of officers was:

Eric McDaniel	President
Jim Hathaway	Vice President
Nancy Leonhardt	Secretary
Beth Phelps	Treasurer

Jim moved, Karen 2<sup>nd</sup> to accept the slate of officers by acclamation. Unanimous yea.  
Jim acknowledged Karen as past secretary.

Eric presented a report on the proposed projects for the Promenade.

- 1) retainer wall needs assessing and repair
- 2) repair of the irrigation system needs to occur, working with the HC Graden Club
- 3) a bike/ped path will be paved (using a Dept of Transportation grant) from the west end of the Promenade to the baseball field

Discussion occurred regarding the effect of the proposed city budget cuts on these projects. Eric stated that the map and link to the explanation of the project would be posted on the website. Much of the plan is through Metroplan and that website will also be posted. Eric suggested that the HRA and it's Parks committee monitor the project and budget. He also called for a volunteer to chair the Parks committee.

Eric then explained the offer to HC of a sculpture (bas relief) that the city wishes to install on the back railing at the center of the Promenade. It is titled "Community" and photos of it were available. The city will install and maintain it if HC agrees to pay half of the \$58,000 purchase price = \$29,000. He explained that no formal agreements were made with between the city and the HRA or the HMA although the HMA has agreed to contribute up to \$5000 from Harvestfest. Donations to Statues At The River Market (SATRM) are tax deductible.

A discussion was held about the placement, process, funding and promotion.

Jim moved that a decision regarding any contribution or promotion of this project be postponed until the next HRA meeting. Lisa 2<sup>nd</sup>. Unanimous yea.

Carolyn Newburn spoke of concern that the city plans to cut funding for parks and requested that the HRA send a formal request for continued funding of parks and their upkeep.

Roger Smith moved, Darlene Baker 2<sup>nd</sup> that the HRA draft a communication to the city of Little Rock expressing deep concern of the budget cuts for Parks and Recreation. Unanimous yea. Luke Kramer volunteered to attend the city meeting to deliver the statement. Eric offered to contact Capitol View/Stiff Station Residents Association to co-sign the statement.

