

HRA meeting March 11, 2019

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

Minutes: Jim moved, Barbara 2nd approval of Feb minutes, unanimous yea

Treasurers report: Beth passed out report, \$9075.69 in checking, \$2387.02 in Paypal

Nate Coulter sent a thank you for our donation to the CALS Foundation

Kathy Webb gave City Council report:

- the forums for a new Chief of Police are complete, people can send comments to the Mayor or to her
- she is involved in #Be Mighty Little Rock to alleviate hunger in children
- police continue to ticket cars parked the wrong way in response to neighbor complaints these will be heard in Environmental Court
- she continues to be involved with Slater Corbin in “There's a Better Way”, a homeless project
- there were no objections voiced this month on the 3 items brought before the Planning Commission. The LR board will vote this month.

Tippi McCullough stated that there is an uptick in legislation this month and that one of the bills passed is the lowering of the qualification for tax credit for restoration of “contributing structures” to \$5000.

Eric thanked those who worked on the website, social media and emails. He also thanked Marion for work on the retreat and membership. He stated that Jim Hathaway is working on the Bylaws to have ready for the annual meeting.

Bruce McMath is chairing the DOD (Design Overlay District) committee. There have been 2 meetings. They will report to the board as they continue.

Marion reported on the membership retreat where the board explored the HRA visions, goals and priorities. The report will be on the website later this week.

We will be working with UALR on a survey of the residents regarding what issues are important to them. We hope to increase attendance and engagement in the HRA. We hope to increase media presence and communication. Focus will also be on the HC streetscape, walkability and the DOD (possibly with consultants). The HRA would like to increase its finances to afford a part-time director to maintain and continue the HRA projects possibly in conjunction with HMA and Save HC. We will also be looking for participation of HRA members in committees and the board.

HRA Committees are: Bylaws, DOD, Preservation/Planning, Membership, Communications, Social Media, Survey, Parks, Safety, Schools, At-Large

There will be 4 board positions open for vote at the next annual meeting (probably in May). Contact Eric with and send the CV of any interested party.

Jim moved, Marion 2nd that these will be the official HRA committees. Unanimous yea. Eric will review the committee descriptions and post to the website.

Jim said the newsletter will be in residents' hands by May 10. He will determine ad rates. Marion will finalize the membership list as of March 31 and post in the newsletter. Janet Flegal will email the list out.

Don Shackelford of Ozark Point Water Treatment gave a presentation about the work that will be done on the water treatment plant next to Knoop Park. Most of the work will be interior and they will make every effort to not interfere with the neighborhood.

Slater Corbin of Little Rock Citizen Connect 311 discussed the number of police reports that have occurred in the past 6 months and how to access them.

The Lights On Little Rock campaign encourages residents to take responsibility for reporting non-functioning streetlights. Tax dollars pay for them even if they don't work so we should make sure they're on. The How to Guide is at littlerock.gov/media

Toni will be discussing the new tax credit law at the Mixing Room on March 14 from 5:30 pm sponsored by the Quapaw Quarter. Sign up at quapaw.com

Karen encourages all board members to attend the HMA meeting Thurs Mar 14 at PH Pres Church at 8:30 am.