

RiverHill Gateway Neighborhood Association

February 4, 2021 Annual Meeting Minutes

Attended: Helen Bachrach, Dana Dalton, Mark Miller, Corinne Patrick, Ed Patrick, John David Curry, Donna Curry, Joanne Schuetz, Kay Bultemeier, Noel Kuck, Pia Serspinski, Tia Serpinski, John Alley, Kevin Jeske-Polyak, Drew Jeske-Polak, Sonny Partin, Don (manager of Volunteer Landing Marina)

The meeting was called to order. The last annual meeting minutes were reviewed and approved. The treasurer's report was presented and discussed including expected costs for ongoing projects. The art wrap of two utility boxes through grant funding has been completed. The water bottle refilling station including landscaping have been completed. The treasurer's report was approved.

Noel Kuck stated the 2019 financials had been reviewed by the auditors for the Women's Basketball Hall of Fame and the James White Fort and were complete.

Mark Miller was asked about the status of the development at 701 East Hill Avenue (old Suntrust building). The developer is required to put single family homes on the perimeter with any storage facility hidden from the road. Mark will follow up with the city to find out more. Appreciation was given to outgoing president, Mark Miller.

Kevin Jeske-Polyak who is part of the Southside Waterfront Neighborhood Association asked for volunteers to part of a Neighborhood Focus Group Study discussing how to overcome obstacles to improving neighborhood problems.

Noel Kuck brought up an issue with unsightliness of the parking lot in the neighborhood. The Association has planted plants on the perimeter of the lot but they need time to grow.

The nominating committee, represented by Ed Patrick and Noel Kuck, presented a slate of candidates for election to the RiverHill Gateway Board:

President – John David Curry

Vice-President – Donna Curry

Secretary – Dana Dalton

Treasurer – Noel Kuck

At- Large members – Tia Serpinski, Ed Patrick, Mike Sanford

Communications – Kaye Bultemeier

There were no nominations from the floor. Ed Patrick made a Motion to accept the slate of candidates by acclamation. Donna Curry seconded the Motion. The Motion was unanimously approved.

Noel Kuck asked for new pictures and content for the website. He also asked for additional fundraising ideas.

Don encouraged use of the Volunteer Landing dock for community happy hour. The new dock owner, Todd Mansfield, is improving the dock. The autonomous boat will be a ferry between the dock and Sutrees Park when it is in operation. Don stated that the City is not refilling the dog bag station near the dock and had removed the trash cans from the area. Tim Hester from Park and Rec should be contacted.

John Alley brought up safety issues on the Hill Ave bridge including speeding vehicles and dangers to pedestrians. He met with the Knoxville Director of Engineering about his concerns. John David Curry suggested forming a committee to discuss the safety issues. Kaye stated that the city should do a study regarding the cars speeding. The speed limit on the bridge is 35mph.

Recently elected President, John David Curry stated that he will send the board members goals for 2021.

The meeting was adjourned.

Minutes by: *Dana Dalton*, RiverHill Gateway Neighborhood Association Secretary