

RIVERHILL GATEWAY NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION
BOARD MEETING
April 23, 2019 5 pm Café Vicolo

9 attendees – Helen Bachrach, Kaye Bultemeier, Noel Kuck, John David and Donna Curry, Dana Dalton, Mark Miller, Ed and Corinne Patrick

The President, Helen Bachrach, called the meeting to order at 5:05 pm.

Secretary Report – The minutes from the December board meeting had been emailed and were approved as submitted. There were no corrections to the February annual meeting.

Treasurer Report – Noel Kuck submitted the financial report and it was approved by the board with the following change. We have two recurring expenses each year - \$175 for website and \$50 for state non-profit fee. Last year donations were made to cover those expenses. It was moved, seconded and approved that we include these expenses in our budget with the donations also indicated.

Old Business

Thanks to Noel for organizing the water station for the marathon.

Clean ups – The board decided not to do monthly clean-ups as was determined at the annual meeting. We will do a greenway clean up in May with Billy Lush.

Wildflower Garden – Helen put more perennials in it and has asked PBA if it would be possible for them to not spray any area from the bridge to the intersection of Volunteer Landing Lane.

Trees are staked – Trees next to the parking lot have been staked.

Exercise equipment – Mark Miller sent an email to PBA asking for support of this project, but the city is not in favor due to maintenance requirements and potential liability issues. They suggested re-submitting in a year after the mayoral election.

Water fountain – Kaye Bultemeier met with CBID about putting a water bottle refilling stations near the intersection of East Hill and Volunteer Landing Way. There are funds we could apply for-Quality of Life program, but we will need to move quickly. Kaye Bultemeier, Mark Miller and Ed Patrick are meeting with Tim Branson from KUB at the sculpture at 9 am tomorrow to discuss cost estimates. The water line goes down the middle of Volunteer Landing Way and we would have to pay for the link from the main line to the water station. Kaye has also been in touch with Bringing the TAP Back a State of Tennessee program. We can apply to Parks & Rec for a grant to get up to \$2500 and must provide matching funds. This application is due by the end of May. CBID and the Quality of Life funds would be requested to pay around half of the overall cost. Once installed, the hope is that city would pick up the cost of ongoing water use.

Sculptures on light poles – Dana Dalton and Kaye Bultemeier have spoken with Ernie Pierce, city traffic systems engineering about putting up metal artwork on the light poles on East Hill Avenue bridge between the flower boxes. They are waiting to hear back. Kaye showed pictures of sample artwork. We would put up 1 or 2, depending on the cost. The Office of Neighborhoods has a grant we can apply for which is due in August.

New Business

Little library boxes – A group of us went to the library for the end of the Friends of the Library sale and have 300 books to use to fill our 2 boxes this year. Last year we had around 260 books and have 40 left. They will be stored at the WBHOF. Pia Serspinski has agreed to keep the library boxes filled.

Neighborhood Conference – This year's conference will be held May 18th at the Convention Center. Kaye wrote an application for the Neighborhood Achievement Award of \$75.00. Register for the free conference on May 18 at the City of Knoxville website, Office of Neighborhood website for details about the conference.

Sign repair – Our sign is rusting. Kaye Bultemeier contacted the sculptor, Derek White, and he has a plan to recoat it at no cost to us.

Weed Wednesday – each Wednesday 8 – 8:30 am we will meet to weed the area around our sculpture.

Gifting planter boxes to the city - We are on the City Council's agenda this evening to gift our planter boxes to the city. Thanks to Doug Gordon for arranging this gifting.

Other

Shrubs - We discussed planting shrubs between the evergreen trees near the parking lot to add some color. Stanley's Greenhouse will meet with us to recommend what could be planted to provide color, especially during the winter.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Donna Curry
Secretary, RiverHill Gateway Neighborhood Association