

**RIVERHILL GATEWAY NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION
BOARD MEETING
September 22, 2019 3:30 pm Billy Lush**

9 attendees – Helen Bachrach, Kaye Bultemeier, Noel Kuck, John David and Donna Curry, Dana Dalton, Betsy Quinn, Ed Patrick, Al and Jo Schuetz

The President, Helen Bachrach, called the meeting to order at 3:30 pm.

Secretary Report – The minutes from the April board meeting had been emailed and were approved as submitted.

Treasurer Report – Noel Kuck submitted the financial report and it was approved by the board. We have received funds for the water bottle station.

Old Business

RHGNA received an Achievement Award of \$75.00 at the Neighborhood Conference. Thanks to Kaye Bultemeier for writing the proposal.

Sign Repair- The artist has been having difficulties with the equipment necessary to make repairs to our sign but said he should have it completed by the end of October.

Planter Boxes were gifted to the City Council at their meeting on April 23rd.

Sculptures on the Bridge- We have applied to the city for this project. They are in favor, and may give us a grant. We haven't gotten their final decision, depends on what the city will let us do. We probably won't get a final decision until December.

Water Bottle Refilling Station- We have received a grant from the Downtown Knoxville Alliance and have begun this project. We also received grants from Gwen McKenzie, City Council, and the Thrivent Group. We will not be responsible for water use once the system is operational.

The city has installed a water meter. We anticipate, once the project is complete, that we will have funds left over. A motion was made, seconded, and approved that a letter be submitted to the CBID Downtown Knoxville Alliance requesting the balance of the money to be repurposed for some of our other projects. Mark Miller, Kaye Bultemeier and Ed Patrick will draft the letter.

Pia Serspinski has been filling our Free Little Library Box and other citizens have been filling it as well.

New Business

Annual website fee – this has been covered by donations in the past. John David and Donna Curry offered to cover it this year. Noel will look into how the payment can be processed through the RHGNA.

Noel emphasized that the RHGNA can receive operational funds when members sign into the Kroger and designate a percentage of purchases to our organization. We can also get donations through smile.amazon.com. John David will begin including that information in each of his emails to the members.

Neighborhood Garden- Our garden areas are growing. Helen suggested that we Adopt-an-Area to provide an increased feeling of community and allow it to accommodate individual schedules (short term, fall, spring, etc). Here are some of the areas we currently have

sceniques (short term, fall, spring, etc). Here are some of the areas we currently have -
Parking lot, sculpture garden, sign garden, butterfly garden, picnic table area
Currently multiple people working in the gardens: Watering- Ed, Kaye and Helen
Weeding-Zibbie, Warren, Betsy Q, Kaye, Helen. Helen will work on a plan and information to
send to members.

Upcoming Dates:

Tour de Lights Saturday, Dec 14 – we have asked if we can have our annual Christmas party at
the Fort. He will get back with us. If not available, we can select another date for our Christmas
party. He indicated that any week night except Wednesday should be available. Helen will let us
know as soon as she gets confirmation from the Fort.

Annual Meeting: Monday Feb 24th

Next Board Meeting: Dec TBD

Election of officers at annual meeting – Helen will contact members to participate in the
Nominating committee. The committee will then contact board members to find out which
members are willing to stay on the board.

Compost recycling – Helen was contacted by Green Heron Compost company.

They will provide individual compost pickups to be donated to local farmer. Details can be
found on their website (greenheroncompost@gmail.com) \$6.00 starter bundle: 5 gal. pail with
lid, compost liner, first pick-up. For example, 4 pickups \$48. Schedule own pick-ups

Some of our board members attended the Town Hall East gathering Sept 20. Representatives
from eight neighborhoods attended. David Lee will send a pdf of neighborhoods concerns and
achievements.

Hotel Knoxville – There are significant problems with the remodeling project, so they do not
have a projected completion date. They will be getting back with us about the possibility of pool
passes.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Curry

Secretary, RiverHill Gateway Neighborhood Association