

RiverHill Gateway Neighborhood Association

February 24, 2020 Annual Meeting Minutes

Attended: Helen Bachrach, Dana Dalton, Mark Miller, Mike Sanford, Zibbie Kerin, Gaydon Green, Corinne Patrick, Ed Patrick, John David Curry, Dee Pierce, Mark Pierce, Jeff Rose, Sam Maynard, Joanne Schuetz, Al Schuetz

Helen Bachrach called the meeting 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 treasurer's report was approved.

The neighborhood grant for art was discussed including needed city approval. A question was raised by Ed Patrick regarding auditing of grant projects. The city requires all grants to be approved and monitored and all expenditures supported.

Discussion of the water bottle refilling station costs including needed landscaping after installation. A neighborhood get together will be planned when the water bottle refilling station is complete. It is currently turned off due to cold temperatures but will be turned on when the weather is warmer.

Discussion of Zoning Variance Request for 701 East Hill Avenue (old Suntrust building). The developer is requesting to build a storage rental building on the site. The variance request will be discussed at the 3/12/20 planning commission meeting. Ed Patrick made a Motion for the RiverHill Gateway Neighborhood Association to officially oppose the variance request due to a storage facility not being a good fit for the neighborhood. John David Curry seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved. As many neighborhood association members as possible should plan to attend the planning commission meeting to show support for opposing the variance. Association members were also encouraged to email metropolitan planning commission board members.

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

President – Mark Miller

Vice-President – Donna Curry

Secretary – Dana Dalton

Treasurer – Noel Kuck

Immediate Past President – Helen Bachrach

At- Large members – Pia Serpinski, Jean Sanford, Mike Sanford

Webmaster – Noel Kuck

Communications – John David Curry

There were no nominations from the floor. Zibbie Kerin made a Motion to accept the slate of candidates by acclamation. Gaydon Green seconded the Motion. The Motion was unanimously approved.

An appreciation presentation was made to outgoing president, Helen Bachrach.

Recently elected President, Mark Miller led a discussion of possible projects for 2020:

- Fighting the 701 East Hill Variance
- Improve lighting on the riverfront greenway
- Clean-up of riverfront greenway
- Invite Gwen McKenzie, City Council representative to be involved with the neighborhood
- Neighborhood Conference participation
- Knoxville Marathon water station volunteering
- US Cycling Bike Race volunteering and neighborhood get together
- Friday night neighborhood get togethers

Sam Maynard discussed the upcoming replacement of the wooden wall at James White Fort. He also offered the use of the Fort for meetings.

The meeting was adjourned.

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