

HOLLY HILLS SPECIAL BUSINESS DISTRICT INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes for February 8, 2023

Members in attendance:

Alison Bryar	Linda Callanan	Meghan Cotner	Bridget Flood
Ryan Hanlon	Loren Lang	Joe Lorenz	Eric McMahon
Gary Nipper	Ed Papes	Abby Richter	

Members absent: Colleen Nigro and Katie Thorman

Ex officio non-voting members present: Mechelle Minden, Brett Reinert

Meeting was called to order at 7pm at St. Stephen Protomartyr cafeteria.

New Business: Election of Committee Officers

Colleen Nigro (via email) nominated Ryan Hanlon as Chair and Abby Richter as Vice-Chair. There was some discussion about the roles of the officers, including the Secretary position. After some deliberation, the following members were nominated and accepted the positions:

Chair: Ryan Hanlon Vice Chair: Gary Nipper Secretary: Abby Richter

New Business: Spending Priorities for 2023

Members offered their suggestions for projects including: communication strategy / how to best keep our work visible and include the greater community in driving our initiatives (i.e. social media, surveys, website, etc.), gates for Carondelet Park to be closed during hours in which the park is closed, enhancing the walkability of the neighborhood and attracting new businesses, signage (neighborhood branding), colored pedestrian crosswalks and other traffic control enhancements.

Concerning the gates, Brooks Goedeker offered the following information he obtained prior to the formation of the HHSBD: the City parks department was generally okay with gates if the Carondelet Park Advisory Group approved. The Fire Department accessing the Park when gates were closed was also an issue. Brooks related that he heard the FD was fine with just cutting the gate locks in an emergency but the HHSBD needs to verify this information. Also, a contact with the St. Louis County Parks revealed that five (5) gates cost the County about \$35,000.

After discussion, the following three (3) priorities for 2023 were approved by consensus:

- The installation of five new gates for Carondelet Park to close the park during hours in which it is not open; gates to be opened and closed with the support of the safety committee
- Signage and visual cues to signal the Holly Hills neighborhood
- Traffic calming to encourage safe driving

Action Items: Members will put forth the following recommendations to the HHSBD Board at the February 21st monthly meeting.

- Ryan moved and Eric seconded a motion to recommend a RFP (request for proposal) on gates. All members were in favor.

- Ryan moved and Loren seconded a motion to recommend a RFI (request for information) on signage and traffic calming measures. All members were in favor.

After receiving approval from the HHSBD board, Ryan will ask members of the committee to break into teams to explore these projects via email in advance of the next Infrastructure Committee Meeting on March 8 at 7 PM at St. Stephen Protomartyr.

There were no members of the public present for public comment period.

There was a motion to adjourn by Bridge and seconded by Ed. All members voted to adjourn.