

March 14, 2023

Members in attendance: Nicholas Hartzler Brooks Goedeker Richard Hamilton
 Kay Glass Chris Street Mechelle Minden

Meeting was called to order at 6:35PM

Meeting Opening and Approval of Minutes

Nick motioned to approve the minutes from the previous board meeting. Chris seconded. The approval was unanimous.

Treasurer's Report

Nick Hartzler provided the board with a treasurer's report.

He gave an update on new income from delinquent tax collection, which totals at \$1,224.88, as well as the board's plan for a short term treasury bond investment.

58 parcels continue to have outstanding taxes of around \$9,169.53.

Nick is still waiting on a second quote regarding the board's insurance policy.

Safety & Security Committee Report

The chair of the safety and security committee, Bridgett Blake, presented a summary of the committee's RFP.

The RFP is intended to hire supplemental patrols for the community to take place from late evening to early mornings. Bridgett mentioned these days and times are subject to change based on future crime statistics.

Bridgett mentioned in the RFP there is the requirement that patrols would empty vehicular traffic from Carondelet park at 10pm and close proposed gates. Depending on funding and availability the committee will be looking into patrols closing the gates every day of the week.

Brooks Goedeker gave an overview of the relationship between the St. Louis city parks department and the park rangers, who are a division of the city police. The board and the safety & security committee will pursue working in coordination with the park rangers. Brooks requested that the park rangers and the SLMPD clear the park every night after 10:00pm. They have been successfully doing that for the last several weeks.

Also as part of the RFP the committee requested a number be available that can be used to contact the on-duty patrol officer for non-emergency issues. For emergency issues residents will continue to utilize 911 to contact emergency services.

Nick motioned to approve the RFP to move forward. Chris seconded. The RFP was approved with all in favor.

Public Infrastructure Committee Report

Ryan Hanlon, the chair of the infrastructure committee, gave an update on the infrastructure committee's activities and the committee's RFP for design and construction of park gates.

The committee will work in tandem with the parks department to be in alignment with the maintenance of the gates, their opening and closing, and the emptying of the park of vehicles each night.

The safety and security committee will also look into security patrols to assist with opening and closing the gates.

The infrastructure committee is in communication with the parks department and hopes to have their approval by the time bids are returned, which is estimated to be in late April.

Richard Hamilton motioned to approve the RFP. Mechelle seconded. The RFP was unanimously approved.

Beautification and Landscaping Committee Report

Brooks Goedeker gave an overview of the beautification and landscaping committee. Angie Butz, the chair of the committee, spoke on the two RFP's being proposed by the beautification committee.

One of the RFP's is for hiring a landscape architect for landscape design on Holly Hills Blvd and the other is for hiring a graphic design organization to create signage for the neighborhood.

While the RFP for a landscape architecture firm is focused on a design for Holly Hills blvd, the committee intends to use the design as a jumping off point for future beautification work in the neighborhood.

The beautification committee has agreed that the focus of the committee is not centered on the parkways/boulevards, but on a holistic beautification effort of the neighborhood.

Kay Glass gave an update on the subcommittee that is investigating planters and other beautification efforts. The planters have been put on hold due to a perceived strenuous effort in watering and other maintenance. The subcommittee will focus on other beautification efforts in the neighborhood.

Nick motioned to approve the RFP for landscape architecture. Chris seconded. Nick, Brooks and Chris voted to approve the RFP. Kay, Mechelle and Richard opposed the motion. The motion did not pass.

Chris motioned to approve the RFP for signage. Kay seconded the motion. All board members voted to approve the pursuit of an RFP.

Other Business

Mechelle gave an update on Sunshine law and the need to codify that procedure into our bylaws. The board will upload the proposed changes to the bylaws on the HHSBD website.

Public Comment

A community member asked the board about the location of the bylaws, which are published on the board's website at www.hollyhillssbd.com in the "About" section.

Ryan Hanlon commented on working to make the park gates as effective as possible, in response to a question from a community member.

A community member asked the board whether or not the RFP's were posted to the website ahead of time. The RFP's were posted on the board website 24 hours in advance.

Adjournment

Nick made a statement that the board would upload the approved RFP's to the RFP section of the website.

Nick motioned to adjourn. Mechelle seconded. The motion to adjourn was approved by all.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45pm