

## **Hillcrest Residents Association Minutes**

April 10, 2023

### **Attending:**

Antoinette Johnson, Laurel Lawrence, Janet Flegal, Barbara Miles, Jan Hollenberg, Pittman Ware, Luke Kramer, Karen Ryall,

**Absent:** Ross Noland, Karen Konarski-Hart, Marian Boyd, Caroline Reddman, Beth Person

Luke Kramer called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

### **Approval of Minutes:**

**Motion made by Antoinette Johnson to approve the Minutes. The motion was seconded by Pittman Ware and passed unanimously.**

**Treasurer's Report:** Hollenberg reviewed the treasurer's report and reported that we have about \$18,644 but otherwise business as usual.

**Motion was made by Pittman to approve the Treasurer's report, Barbara Miles seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.**

### **Public Officials:**

**Tippi McCullough:** Good Friday was good because our session ended. Bipartisan effort to defeat affirmative action bill succeeded. Toni Asked about Historic Tax Credits and the increase. Increase will be approx. 5%. Tippi said anyone still needed help from the Tornado should get in touch with her.

### **Kathy Webb: TY to Tippi McCullough who serves on the City/County/Local Affairs Committee.**

Tippi was a strong advocate to make sure that bills that limited the city rights didn't pass. Tippi also co-sponsored the bill on Hunger Relief and passed a bill eliminating co-pay on reduced lunches. 49,000 students now have some hunger relief. Tippi also was lead sponsor on food desert bill – it didn't fair as well but work continues and thank you to Tippi.

Disaster Relief hit parts of Ward 3 including Kingwood and Foxcroft. FEMA assisting with approx. 500,000 cubic yards of debris. Shout-out to LRSD and Hall as they set up Hall as a shelter following the tornado.

Quarterly Police meetings, attendance has been low, Andre Dyer has been promoted to Asst. Chief. Please make plans to attend this Thursday night at the 12. St. Station at 6:00PM.

City will continue with Short Term Rentals going forward.

Park Plaza mall has new owners and have had lengthy meetings regarding plans for mall, this seems to be a good company and they are pursuing new tenants security measures both inside and out of the mall.

38% of Short Term Rentals are located in Hillcrest (Luke Kramer comment). Zone 3 is the largest area in City of STR.

**President's comments:**

Total Eclipse is April 8, 2024. HRA, HMA and Steve Shuler planning big neighborhood event. Looking for sponsors for the event.

DOD in holding pattern awaiting newly scheduled meeting with City of LR. We will be taking out the proposal of sidewalks and waiting on City Atty, Tom Carpenter for a response on the state statute on reduction in property value.

**New Business:**

**Dr. Jermall Wright, Pam Smith and Jesse from LRSD**

Major Update – LRSD is going forward with a Tier Support Plan with 2 theories of Action.

- 1) High quality teachers and school leadership
- 2) Emphasis on K1-3 grade to close the gap early.

Tiered Schools

Tier 1 -9 priority schools

Tier 2 – Schools doing ok

Tier 3 – Autonomous Schools

LRSD will add resources for counseling , opening a day treatment for students next year.

Question was asked where PHE and PHMS were ranked. PHE is an Autonomous ranking and PHMS is ranked as a Tier 2 school.

LRSD will have medical/dental services at some schools.

**Kristin Trulock, Executive Director with Home for Healing**

Home for Healing is a service that houses patients from Children's Hospital and all other area hospitals for patients undergoing treatment for Cancer, NICU and ICU patients. There are no financial background checks, no required care-giver with Dr.'s approval and is totally free for all,

Home for Healing will host a 20 Years on the Block party on June 3, 2023 and all LR residents are invited to attend

**Committee Reports**

**Preservation and Planning and DOD Committee:** Bob Keltner, Planning and Preservation is supporting the DOD

**Arts and Aesthetics Committee:** Luke will be funneling his president fund towards the new sidewalks

**Membership Committee:** Nothing to report in Marians absence.

**Communications Committee.** No changes, still tweaking the website

**Parks Committee:** Daniel Bryant thanked Toni for taking care of clean-up in Marians absence. City wide lots of trash picked up. Barbara, Jim Metzger and Boy Scouts cleaned up N. Lookout and Allsopp Park, gathering 45 bags of trash.

Central Arkansas Trails Alliance is having a clean up Sat April 22<sup>nd</sup> by tennis courts. Lunch is provided for volunteers. Please add to social media. June 10<sup>th</sup> will be dedication for Pollinator Garden.

**School Report** – Ross Noland was absent, nothing to report

**Other business:**

### **Election of New Board**

April Panian, Jessica Bartnik-Sauners were nominated to serve on the board, Pittman made the motion, Toni 2<sup>nd</sup> and all voted yes to affirm.

Jan Hollenberg will stay on as Treasurer for an additional year

Pittman Ware was nominated by Luke Kramer to serve as Preisdent, Toni 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Motion passed

April Panian will serve as secretary

Toni Johnson will serve as Vice-President

**As there was no other business, Pittman made a motion to adjourn the meeting . The motion was seconded by Luke. The motion passed unanimously.**

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