

PACA GENERAL MEETING SEPT 2022

SEPT. 19, 2022, 6PM

DAVID WATKINS PARK

**Officers present:**

Tyler Coats-President

Lisa Schoonover-Secretary

**Members and guests present:**

Guest speaker-Mayor Pat McCabe

Janice Jones

Briana Moore

Fil Griggs

Erin Holliday

Cindy Rogers

Dave Reagan

Angie Ezekiel

Zeke Ezekiel

Gail McKee

Wayne Thomason

Kelly Thomason

Mr & Mrs Hoffman-The Settle Inn

**Tyler called meeting to order-6pm**

State of the City-Mayor Pat McCabe

Majestic Site update-the planned amphitheater will not go forward due to the site being unable to accommodate an six thousand capacity facility. City of Hot Springs has partnered with Hot Springs Metro Partnership to secure focused RFPs for the site. The site is no longer piped for spring water but

could be reconnected upon agreement with HSNP. Mayor McCabe said he hopes to see a multi-use facility built on the site.

America Rescue Plan Act funds are still available and 4.2 million will be appropriated to HSPD for technology improvement.

The Our Roads now will make over five million in road improvements.

The new water system expansion is underway and will provide Hot Springs with fifteen million extra gallons per day. The project will be complete at the end of 2023 or beginning of 2024.

Mayor McCabe pointed out that water is a precious commodity and that we are nicely situated to maintain access to fresh, clean water.

Army-Navy Hospital- Phase 1 study has been completed-This study was paid by State of AR. Phase 2 study will be performed and paid for by the U.S. Federal Government. Both studies are to estimate remediation of the property. The City of HSNP has employed security to try to keep the property safe. There has already been interest in purchasing the property once the remediation studies are completed. Artifacts from the property will be removed and archived.

Questions asked of Mayor McCabe were concern over Park Ave being a food desert and concern over the condition and maintenance of the Hot Springs Creek Tunnel system.

Southwest Trail Project received two million in federal funds to link the trail from Pulaski County to Hot Springs National Park.

### **HS City updates-Erin Holliday...**

Federal utilities assistance program for help with water bills is still open--up to \$2,000.00 in back water bills. Apply at [www.arkansaslihwap.com](http://www.arkansaslihwap.com)

City of HS approved a new Safe Haven Baby Box to be installed at the HS Central Fires Station. The box is sponsored by the Knights of Columbus.

Approved contract of Phase 3 of the water treatment plant. \$34,950,000.00 anticipated completion time 18-24 months.

Approved contract with High Impact Movement -\$100,000.00 for youth development.

Spa Construction Co. to donate six acres for the future Southwest Trail.

2021 paving projects completed and starting on 2022 paving projects.

Successful Clean Sweep in Gateway Neighborhood- eleven tons of debris and over five tons of brush

Three condemnations approved- 322 Pleasant St., 213 Blake St., & 228 Orange St.-the old HS High Gym/Field House.

OUT OF THE DARKNESS WALK- to raise awareness and prevention of suicide. September 24, 10am.  
Begins at the parking garage in downtown Hot Springs.

**Treasurer's report-will be posted on PACA website later this month**

**Light Uptown update** the Light Uptown committee will resume meeting in October to start planning the next event.

**Splashpad update**-Briana Moore. The rummage sale fundraiser on Sept. 17 raised approximately 2500.00 toward the Splashpad Fund! The event proved to be a good community even-there was good food, music, and camaraderie.

**A HUGE THANKS TO FUIL & ANGIE GRIGGS FOR HOSTING THE BLOCK PARTY/RUMMAGE SALE, AND FOR THEIR GENEROSITY IN PROVIDING REFRESHMENTS!!!**

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**PACA Board of Directors update**-Cindy Rogers -will be holding quarterly meeting soon.

**Community garden updates**-Dave Reagan- the garden has planted pumpkins for sale soon! The garden also planted winter greens (collards, turnips, etc.) which will be for sale.

**Garland County update**-Dave Reagan-early voting opens October 24,2022

**Real Estate/Neighborhood business updates:**

The Perry Plaza Motor court has been fabulously rehabbed and units are available for long-term rentals or sale.

We are happy to welcome Will's Cinnamon Shop to Park Ave. We couldn't be happier!!! Will's will be open from Thursday-Sunday from 8a-sell out.

**Other news: Plans in the works for another spooky Halloween on park Avenue! Stayed tuned for more details!**

**Motion to adjourn by Cindy Rogers, second by Fil Griggs**

**Next PACA meeting October 17, 2022. 6pm at David Watkins Park.**

check PACA website and Facebook page to make sure there are no changes