

## **PACA GENERAL MEETING 2/15/2023**

### **OFFICERS**

Tyler Coats-President  
Courtney Sanders-Vice president  
Briana Moore-Treasurer  
Lisa Schoonover -Secretary

### **MEMBERS & GUESTS**

Cindy Rogers  
Dave Reagan  
Jan Jones  
Fil Griggs  
Erin Holliday  
Karina Martinez  
Sharon Tremor  
Gail McKee& Friend  
Hannah Mills via zoom

### **TREASURER'S REPORT-Briana Moore**

General fund \$5,436.63  
Light Uptown \$28,945.37  
Splash pad \$45,035.43  
Current balance \$79,417.43

### **SPLASHPAD UPDATE-Briana Moore**

Efforts continue to obtain grants for concrete work, and equipment.

**LIGHT UPTOWN**-Light Uptown did not receive ARDot grant due to a stipulation that the grant needs to be backed by from the city or county. The Light Uptown Committee will resubmit grant application for 2024, including required government resolution. The Light Uptown Committee can submit the grant application from March 1-May 31, 2024

### **COMMUNITY GARDEN-Dave Reagan**

Invasive Cherry laurel trees have been removed to promote better health of the garden. Beds are available for rent. The renter must sign a pledge to use no toxins in the garden. Masters gardeners are available for advise on what and when to plant.

Bed rentals-10/per bed.

10ft. row rental-10.00

Leaf much is available.

### **PACA OFFICER ELECTIONS**

A motion was passed and seconded to elect 2024 officers nominate and confirm officers.

Karina Martinez was nominated for PACA President. A voter was taken, and she was elected unanimously. The other officers in current positions were confirmed. (Motion made by David Reagan, second by Sharon Tremor)

### **2024 PACA Officers**

Karina Martinez-President (Tyler Coats volunteered to mentor)

Coutney Sanders-Vice president

Briana Morre-Treasurer

Lisa Schoonover-Secretary

The appointment of Neighborhood Ambassador has been deferred until the March general meeting. (n=motion by Briana Moore, second by Fil Griggs)

### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS UPDATE-Cindy Rogers**

Three items discussed at the board meeting:

1. ARDot 2023 Grant application
2. 2024 Outdoor Grant application
3. Membership and fundraising drives

PACA will apply for 50K grant for rapid flashing beacons on Park Ave to prevent speeding and accidents.

HSPD Officer joey Williams provided statistics collected by the temporary speed monitoring sign. During the period the monitor was in place, this data was recorded in a seven day period, in 15 minute intervals: The sign recorded 14,442 speeding violations.

### **REAL ESTATE UPDATES**

Interest is being shown toward the former Tootsie's Pet Store building.

Work is being done on the former Redbeard's building, refitting for a new barbershop/products business.

### **CITY OF HOT SPRINGS-Erin Holliday-District 1**

#### **City manager reports**

The annual Shop with a Cop event in December helped 75 local kids to enjoy Christmas.

Lake Ouachita Water Project is on schedule.

Friends of the park Grant received a \$2500.00 Rails to Trails Award.

The City's first three-week Clean Sweep of 2024 is scheduled for Monday, March 4 – Friday, March 22. This sweep is a multi-departmental effort to address code violations in targeted neighborhoods. This specific event will cover approximately 528 address points from Holly Street.

Retirement of Asst. Fire Chief Carlton Scott.

Whittington FLAP Project is 75% complete

Narcan Training by HSPD Peer Recovery Specialist, CaRRIE Montgomery trained sixty three ASMSA staff and will continue to hold NARCAN training classes for several organizations. Paving update: 2023 goal was to pave 16.76 miles, 11.3 miles has been completed. Family park receiving gravity rail riders (ADA compatible)-gift from Friends of the Park and Art Merkle family. Water/wastewater update: Gulpha is the highest priority at \$67 million. Animal Services 2023 year end: took in 2221 dogs, adopted out 1407, rescued out 306, reclaimed 241. Save rate-87.9

### **Board considerations**

\*available on: <https://cityhs.civicweb.net/Portal/>

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Lantern Festival initiated by Emergent Arts will kick off the Year of the Dragon and Lunar New year on February 22 with lanterns on display in David f. Watkins Park. Also, there will be a feature of dragons and lanterns art featured on March 1<sup>st</sup> Artwalk.

March 3 is the Cherry Blossom Festival and Sumo Wrestling event. Both events will be at the Hot Springs convention Center.

Feel free to share ideas for new Park Avenue banners. Looking to collaborate with Visit Hot Springs and North Woods Trails.

2024 Spring Youth T-ball and Softball signups are open until March 1, 2024.

Light Up! Chinese/Taiwanese New Year dinner at Emergent Arts. March 22 6-8pm.  
[www.emergentarts.wildapricot.com](http://www.emergentarts.wildapricot.com)

Garland County Quorum Court -pro-life declaration failed.

Remember to vote!

Next PACA meeting March 18, 2024. 6pm-David F Watkins Park