

# PARK AVENUE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

**PACA MEETING 10/19/2020 530PM**

WATKINS PARK

**OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE:**

Angie Ezekiel

Lisa Schoonover

Justin Gold-Smith

**MEMBERS/GUEST IN ATTENDANCE:**

Gil Browder

Zeke Ezekiel

Fil Griggs

Chris Rix

Baker Gold-Smith

Adolph Thum

Patti Wakefield

Jean Signor

Cheri Smith

Nikki Reed

Briana Moore

David Showers

Erin Holliday

Mark Toth

Dave Reagan

Cindy Rogers

Jodi Sprague

Jeri Hillis

James Kendall

Gene Williams

Pat McCoy

Call to order by PACA president Angie Ezekiel

## **OLD BUSINESS**

- HSPD/Chief Chris Chapman townhall meeting in September  
HSPD encourages Park Ave residents to be alert, be diligent, & report ANY criminal/deviate activity.  
HSPD non-emergency number -501-321-6789  
After regular office hours call 911.
- Meeting with HS City Manager Bill Burroughs-attended by Cindy Rogers, Briana Moore, Angie Ezekiel, & Justin Gold-Smith.  
Topics discussed-  
installation of streetlights-hopefully by end of 2020  
Traffic slow down on Park Ave- a possibility of getting a digital speed monitor on Park Ave.  
More bump-outs to help control speed  
North Woods trails-contacting Walton Foundation donating money for restrooms  
Bus shelters-make sure all are in order and safe
- Treasurer's report by PACA VP Justin Gold-Smith.. financial audit was completed on Oct. 6, 2020 and all funds and documents are in appropriate order.  
Current bank account balance 14,965.48 -accounting for donations, membership fees, banner sponsorship.

- Garland County business by J.P. Dave Reagan  
Third wave of Covid is upon us.. please follow guidelines and restrictions.  
Election day is looming-please vote...  
Early voting available at Garland county Library, HS convention Center, and County Clerk's office.
- City of HS update by Precinct 1 rep. Erin Holliday ..  
Tourism is booming-visitor center recorded 566 visitors on Saturday, Oct. 17  
HSPD is conducting a sentiment study via Facebook and their government page/  
New HS board appointments:  
Cindy Rogers-Historic District commission  
Roxie Wallace-Urban Forestry commission  
OZK Arena is seeking CARES funding due to convention cancellation thru April 2021.

Precinct representative Eric Holliday is sponsoring a policy amendment to the current vacant structure policy

Invitation by Chris Rix to tour the Perry Plaza, October 24, 2020 3-6pm. PACA's own Sylvia Stems will make a guest appearance. Please wear a mask.

PACA Christmas Party -tentatively planned for December 12, 2020 in Watkins Park. Further information on food, time, ticket cost will be available at the next PACA meeting.

We are working with Park Avenue's Emma Lee's for dining options.

Mini-debate between HS Precinct 1 candidates-Erin Holliday & Mark Toth

Erin won the coin flip to speak first.

1. Erin Holiday-introduction, concerned about one and all, wants to be our connector to city government
2. Mark Toth introductions- wants to be an advocate for Park Avenue, Very concerned about HSPD re-opening the gun range at DeSoto Park.

Each candidate was asked the same three question and has two minutes to reply:

1. Do you think Park Ave area is healthy and successful? How can you help improve Park Ave area?
2. If you received a one million dollar grant, how would you help Precinct 1?
3. If you could change the zoning code, how would it affect Park Ave/Precinct 1?

Closing remarks by Cindy Rogers- during HS city meeting the closing of DeSoto Park was discussed, which would revert back to the Park Service. Also, a possibility for the HSPD to use the underground shooting range at Mountain Valley Armory.

Next PACA meeting is on November 16, 2020, 530pm at Watkins Park.

Bad weather meeting alternative-linden Park, just off Whittington Avenue

Meeting adjournment by President Angie Ezekiel.