

PARK AVENUE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

August General Meeting - 8/16/21

*MEETING VIA ZOOM

PACA OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE

Justin Gold-Smith-President

Lisa Schoonover-Secretary

Baker Gold-Smith-Treasurer

MEMBERS/GUESTS IN ATTENDANCE

Cindy Rogers

Sharon Tremor

Zeke Ezekiel

Tyler Coats

Amanda Coat

Erin Holliday

Sam Miller

Jason Anderson

Justin Gold-Smith called meeting to order.

Justin spoke about the PACA Executive 3rd Qtr meeting held on Aug. 11, 2021. Points covered in the meeting:

Long term projects-Light Uptown and Splashpad for Watkins Park

Wire purchased for present and future light installation

PACA bank balance-17060 with 745.00 undeposited

Bi-annual audit coming up in September

Light Uptown fundraiser scheduled for Nov. 14, 2021 at The Vapors

PACA membership-42 active members/35 inactive or expired members

Cindy Rogers updated us on The Giving Tree Grant. She has submitted the grant for consideration by the committee. She asked for 20K dollars to purchase aquatic water features for the proposed splashpad for David Watkins Park. No date on grant approval or denial.

Briana Moore continues to work on a grant for a sunshade for David Watkins Park.

HS Rotary Club award of 1000.00 to be used in calendar year of 2021. Possible uses could be for a gazebo, benches, picnic tables.

HS City updates-Erin Holliday...

2022 Board Goals

1. Gulpha Basin-sewer improvements
2. Majestic Continuation
3. Update City Codes
4. Parking
5. Unfunded Capital Improvements
6. Public Safety

Denny McPhate has been promoted to Deputy City Manager

The city has recorded another strong month of sales tax revenues in May, with an increase of 14.10% over 2020, bringing the year-to-date increase to 17.28%.

Declaring Juneteenth Day a City of HS official holiday

Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. 6324 Regarding Attendance Of Board Members By Electronic Means – Governor issued public health emergency

On the agenda for August 17 HS City Directors meeting:

Valley street Bicycle Pump Track: Velocity Park

Considering a contract for Roadway Data Collection and Fleet Management: notable, will monitor real time road conditions to assist in street repair

Consider approving one full-time employee for the planning dept – specific to STRs

Consider allocating \$100k to parking consultation. Need more data due to projected projects of Majestic Amphitheatre, Aloft Hotel, Springs Hotel.

Purchasing 22 street lights, to match Park, for Malvern Gateway

Increase demo budget by \$100k

****Noise ordinance**-very important issue, especially in regard to the proposed new Amphitheatre for the Majestic Site.**

Majestic Site update- R.A. Wilson's company has nine months to make detailed plans for the building and operation of the amphitheatre on the Majestic site. City of Hot Springs would still have to approve the sale after the details are presented

Erin also shared a power point program of the new Shot Spotter software. The Shot Spotter program is designed to differentiate between gunshots and other noises such as car backfire or fireworks. The Spot Spotter program can also differentiate between types of gunshot.

This is the first informational data available since the software has been used. It covered dates of June 14-August 4, excluding 4th of July holiday There were 88 shot-spotter alerts, and 258 rounds fired. The areas being monitored are Convention Blvd, Spring St, East Grand area and also Greenwood, Albert Pike, and Hobson area. Full details should be posted on the City of HS website soon.