

PARK AVENUE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

June 2021 General Meeting

06/21/2021

6:30PM

Watkins Park

*MEETING AT DAVID F WATKINS PARK

PACA OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE

Lisa Schoonover-Secretary

Baker Gold-Smith-Treasurer

MEMBERS/GUESTS IN ATTENDANCE

Zeke Ezekiel

Angie Ezekiel

Fil Griggs

Dave Reagan

Cindy Rogers

Lainey Carlson

Tyler Coats

Amanda Coat (and daughter Europa)

Briana Moore

Thomas Dysinger

Barbara Muller

Janice Jones

Dave Webb

Pat McCoy

Courtney Sanders

Veronica Sanders (and daughters)

Bill Solleder

Jason Anderson

Dawn Robbins

Sam Stanage

Cassie Stanage (and daughter Caroline)

Justin called meeting to order.

Light Uptown update

Despite the extreme heat, it was a great turnout for the Light Uptown celebration held on June 13, 2021. Many members, friends and neighbors came out to celebrate the newest additions of ten lights on Park Ave. Delicious burgers, hotdogs and trimmings were served to anyone that was hungry. The crowd was entertained by Vinnie & the Vapors, and PACA's own delightful Sylvia Stems.

685.00 was raised toward the Light Uptown Fund.

A bigger fundraiser is being planned for the fall.

The Light Uptown committee is researching different lights (color, intensity) for the streetlights.

Entergy has hooked up the remainder of the new lights on Park Ave. and we are waiting on the electrician to do the final work.

Remember, banner sponsorship is available:

Banner prices-200.00 for one/350.00 for two

GUEST SPEAKERS- JAMES HARDAGE & RYAN NOLES FROM HOT SPRINGS NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES.

Neighborhood Services are responsible for maintaining and enforcing all housing codes for the City of Hot Springs. All codes are standardized for the City of Hot Springs.

James is the manager of Neighborhood Services. Ryan is responsible for neighborhoods from Grand Ave north to Belvedere area.

Neighborhood Services offers a complaint form online to report any concerns and issues in your area;

<https://www.cityhs.net/FormCenter/Neighborhood-Services-7/Neighborhood-Services-Complaint-Form-55>

How Neighborhood Services spend their time:

18% answering calls and emails.

72% fieldwork-going into neighborhoods and looking at properties, talking to property owners, etc.

Neighborhood Services was instrumental in working with the HS Solid Waste to coordinate Clean Sweep and identify areas of need.

Tips, info & advice:

James is compiling a list of vacant properties in Hot Springs-he's up to 185 so far!

To be compliant with the 911 emergency services, your house numbers should be visible from the street, at least two inches tall, and luminous.

There are several properties in the Park Ave neighborhood that are currently in the legal system. Contacting owners, assessing fines, and declaring properties condemned is an arduous task and involves many steps to go through the legal requirements.

The Velda Rose's owner has been cited many times and Ryan promised pleasing improvements soon!!!

The white eyesore property (beside Edgewood) around 100 block of Park Ave is currently in legal system-awaiting a court date in the near future.

Mountainview Apartments have a new owner. Hopefully they will get all of the legal issues settled.

Chris Shoemaker is Nuisance Abatement officer for HSPD.

Noise complaints are handled by HSPD.

WHAT CAN WE DO TO HELP?

James 7 Ryan suggest compiling a list of vacant properties and owner information , report problems and issues to the appropriate departments, and BE PATIENT!!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Anything is Popsible!!!!!! Come celebrate on National Freezer Pop Day-**July 8, 2021, 3-6pm** at David Watkins Park. This is a community fundraiser to help raise funds for our future Splashpad at David Watkins Park. Hotdogs, burgers, free freezer pops!! Raffles, games and more...CCMC and the Pocket Theatre will be participating.

Briana Moore at Red Light Roastery if you would like to volunteer.

We will be selling memorial/honorary bricks to be installed in David F Watkins Park. Brick prices are 100.00 per brick and forms will be available at the event. See Lisa Schoonover for a form and payment options.

Plaque presentation ceremony honoring Anthony Taylor will also be held on July 8, 5pm.

2nd Quarter Clean Up- June 23 10am -meet at the Community Garden (655 Park Ave) to pickup vests, grabbers, and bags. Let's keep our neighborhood green & clean!!

Clean Sweep program- from **July 19-August 6**, conducted by the city of Hot Springs. The city will assess and target areas for cleanup. They will be looking for abandoned cars, broken window, trash, etc.

Areas to be assessed: Glade St. to Bower St., Park Ave. & Magnet area, Ramble St to Tom Ellsworth, and other areas.

WHAT A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO GET RID OF UNWANTED ITEMS, TRASH, & DETRITUS!!

Garland County/Community Garden Update

Dave Reagan expressed the need for volunteers to mow and clean up the garden.

HS City updates

Board of Directors meeting on June 22, 201. Current and past agenda and minutes are available on the City of Hot Springs website.

<https://www.cityhs.net/223/Board-of-Directors>

Real Estate/Neighborhood business updates:

Briana & Adam Moore have purchased the building at 873 Park Ave. Spa City Cycle will be staying in place and they will offer offices upstairs.

Tyler & Amanda Coats are working hard on their house/event space on Arbor St. (the old Low Key Arts building). They will be hosting parties, shows, etc. in the near future.

Sam & Cassie Stange are looking forward to finalizing the purchase of The Stitt Mansion at 824 Park Ave. They will re-open as a traditional B & B inn.

Golden O Raised Donut is working hard on their new property in the old Esso Station on Park Ave.

The Pocket Theatre is reopening and working on future productions. New lights outside lights have been added as a security measure.

Coach Courtney Sanders, owner of Emma Lee's Kitchen at 765 Park Ave, announced that a church service will be held in the restaurant at 930am on Sunday mornings. Community welcome!

Next PACA meeting-July 19 , 2021. 630pm at David Watkins Park.

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

Meeting adjourned by Justin.