

# PARK AVENUE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

General Meeting  
05/17/2021 6PM Zoom

PACA BOARD MEETING MAY 16, 2021 630PM

ATTENDEES:

CYNTHIA ROGERS-DIRECTOR

DAVE REAGAN

JUSTIN GOLD-SMITH

BAKER GOLD SMITH

PATRICA WAKEFIELD

BRIANA MOORE

JANICE JONES

LISA SCHOONOVER

CINDY CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER.

MOTION TO ACCEPT BY PATTY, SECOND BY BRIANA.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

**Light Uptown** update by Patty and Justin.

Patty said in order light of ongoing covid restrictions the committee made the decision to hold a smaller celebration than originally planned- more of lowkey celebration and then do a larger fundraiser later.

Justin added that he had created a Facebook event page for the celebration to take place o June 13 at Watkins Park from 5-7pm. Hotdogs ad hamburgers will be available, and sparkling grape juice will be served to toast the event.

Joanne Mangione from The Springs magazine will help promote by putting an ad in the June magazine.

The Light Uptown meeting will continue to meet every Wednesday.

**Indoor meeting space** for PACA general meetings- Justin & Baker made contact with James Kendall with the Pocket Theatre. They met with James and toured the facility. James has graciously offered the theatre as an indoor meeting space beginning June 2021.

**PACA general meeting reminder**-May 17 at 6pm at Watkins Park or via Zoom in case of inclement weather. No speaker scheduled. Ryan Noles or another City of HS code directors will be June's speaker. There are speaker openings, July and the remainder of the year. Justin will send out a FB survey asking for topics/speakers that might interest members/neighbors.

**Park Ave pick up day**-very successful with a lot of participation from Park Ave. neighbors. In the future consider making Park Ave pick up Day a quarterly event. Ask Ryan Noles for statistics on bad areas to enable maximum cleanup to be applied to worst areas.

**City Codes update**- Briana said two properties have been targeted for further action by city-306 State St. & ??? Ravine St. (across from the Pocket Theatre). There are high hopes that the new STR ordinance will help standardize code enforcement.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**Plaque presentation** honoring Anthony Whittington- Cindy advised due to placement of plaque in wrong place, we would need to delay the plaque presentation to June. Motion to accept by Patty, second by Briana.

**Splashpad** update by Briana. Projected cost 110K. A fundraiser/fun-raiser will coincide on with National Freezer Pop Day on July 8 from 3-7pm at Watkins Park. Plans are being made to provide snacks and popsicles, have some prizes for raffle, and also raise donations for the Splashpad Fund. Motion by Justin to allow organize funds to be distributed from the PACA general fund. Second by Patty.

**Watkins Park**-Anthony Whittington advised Briana that additional honor/memory bricks can be sold and added to the walkway area. More info in the future.

**DeSoto Park** -Cindy expressed concerns that Bill Burroughs and Anthony Whittington have both stated the possibility of DeSoto Park being closed. Dave stated that there was discussion of two options:

1. Give the park to HSNP but the gun range will remain city property.
2. Turn over to the city for HSPD training.

The main issue seems to be the cost to refurbish the bathrooms.

Jan suggested requesting equipment form the city to accurate count of daily traffic in the hopes of keeping the park open. All of the board is in agreement that keeping DeSoto Park open is good for the Park Avenue neighborhood.

Cindy suggested drafting letter/email to city officials and request meeting with Bill Burroughs, Anthony Whittington, Chief Chapmon, & Erin Holliday to discuss. Motion to accept by Justin, second by Dave.

**Neighborhood Walk through**-to identify problem areas with unauthorized parking and abandoned vehicles impeding traffic flow. Jan has received calls from neighbors complaining of blocked crosswalks and obstructed bus stops. Some concern areas-former Cash buildings (Nettie's), Bauer area, Pullman

area, Mountain Valley area. It was decided to invite Officer Stockwell to the June meeting and ask questions to determine responsibility-police or codes. Dave has volunteered to send email to HS city officials and requests that complaints and photos be sent to him to include in the email to the city.

**Neighborhood Watch**-Patty reminded us that Thomas Dysinger is the head of the newly formed neighborhood Watch. He will act as a liaison between Park Ave neighborhood and HSPD, NPS & Garland Co. Sheriff Dept. Justin advised that applications for seven zone leaders are being accepted. Applications are on PACA website and Facebook page.

President Report-work continues on new branding for Park Ave, Working to determine types of new ideas to create interest and vitality in our neighborhood.-possibly canvas signs, garden flags, etc

Justin suggested that Park Ave. challenge the City of HS to commit to matching our light donations to match in kind.

Cindy made motion to adjourn, second by Briana.