

7/18/20

630pm

Watkins Park

PACA Meeting July 18, 2020

Meeting called to order and facilitated by Angie Ezekiel

Attendees:

Dr. Gene Shelby-guest speaker

Angie Ezekiel

Zeke Ezekiel

Fil Griggs

Justin Gold-Smith

Baker Gold-Smith

Janice Clark

Ricko Donovan

Hannah Mills

David Reagan

Cindy Rogers

Briana Moore

Beth Ostermeier

Jean Signor

Patricia Wakefield

Thomas Dysinger

Dennis Magee

Julia Parr

Beth Polo

Erin Holliday

Pat Farrell

Mark Toth

Adolf Thum

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Guest Speaker- Dr. Gene Shelby -Garland County Health Officer

Dr Shelby discussed current Covid conditions in Hot Springs and surrounding Garland County. First cluster of cases was at Teen Challenge and was handled efficiently to control the spread. He stated that the Memorial Day weekend brought a sharp increase to cases in Garland County, and by July 4th weekend, there were 40-50 new cases per week reported. He stressed the importance of wearing a mask, social distancing, and maintaining hygiene routines. State of Arkansas has increased the number of contact tracers to assist with containment & information.

Update on PACA Board Meeting held 6/29/20

1. Develop and implement new PACA website, online community forum & branding
2. Increase awareness and visibility of PACA
3. Increase memberships numbers and diversity
4. Digitize PACA historical documents and archives
5. Continue efforts to address neglected and deteriorating properties in Park Ave area
6. Seek to partner with other HSNP organizations to build a better Hot Springs and Uptown neighborhood

Watkins Park update-Angie Ezekiel-

Trees and plants continue to be planted, playground area is marked for equipment, restroom

Summerfest Uptown update - Hannah Mills

No new information at this time. Still waiting on confirmation of Arts in the Park.

Tentative date for Summerfest is Oct. 2, 2020

Light pole Banners update- Briana Moore

Sponsorship available for new light pole banners. Sponsorship cost-200.00 per banner or 350.00 for two banners. This cost is for a one year sponsorship. No updates on new light pole installations.

Park Haven Community Garden /Garland County updates-Dave Reagan

Comm Garden-Three planting beds available for fall gardens.

Garland County- GC has signed a contract with Entergy for solar power.

No cases of Covid at GC Detention Ctr.

City of Hot Springs update-Erin Holliday-District 1 Director

Erin announced that an anti-hate crime ordinance has passed, and also reminded everyone of the mask ordinance in effect.

The animal welfare center will now accept Pitbulls/pittie mixes for adoption.

Erin discussed the bid opening on the Majestic Site and said that they only had one viable bidder and letter of interest, which is Grand Point Investment group.

City of Hot Springs is looking for a partner to develop the Majestic site and take into account the feasibility study that has been completed.

The 2040 Vision Plan/Forward Hot Springs was also discussed. The 2040 Vision Plan objectives will be environment, culture, historic, preservation and conceptual thoughts.

Individuals can watch a short video comment on the City of Hot Springs website

NEW WEBSITE: www.PACAHotSprings.org

NEW EMAIL: info@PACAHotSprings.org

FACEBOOK: www.facebook.com/parkavenuecommunityassociation