Hillcrest Residents Association Minutes

September 13, 2021

**Attending:** Luke Kramer, Jan Hollenberg, Laurel Lawrence, Tommie, Karen Konarski-Hart, Janet Flegal, Barbara Miles, Katherine Barnett Jones, Pittman Ware, Antoinette Johnson and Marian Boyd

**Absent:** Beth Person Caroline Reddmann

Luke Kramer called the meeting to order at 6:02.

**Approval of Minutes:**

**Motion made by Karen Konarski-Hart Barbra Miles to approve the Minutes. Seconded by Jan Hollenberg and passed unanimously.**

**Treasurer’s Report:** Jan Hollenberg presented the attached report and has sent by email.

**Motion made by Laurel Lawrence to approve the Treasurer’s Report. Seconded by Karen Konarski-Hart. Motion passed unanimously.**

**Public Officials:**

Tippi McCullough reported that the legislature will go back into session and will also have meetings about redistricting on September 17th. September 27th is the date set for public comments., and the final decision will be on September 29th. They will go into special session on taxes and a couple of problematic. Let her know if you have any issues or questions on redistricting or bills

Kathy Webb reported that Director Erma Hendricks passed away. There’s a guest book in the Capitol rotunda. Most Little Rock boards and commissions continue to meet electronically. There are several vacancies on theses boards and commission, and she encouraged folks to apply. She thanked Luke his comments on the DOD recommendations and reminded board members that we should not be unwilling to take a stand just because there are people against us.

Webb announced that the final vote on the city tax would be the next day.

City Director Antwon Phillips attended the meeting and was available to answer questions. He also reported that there had been 8100 early votes on the City Tax. Someone asked if private development would be allowed, or would it just be public development.

Tannen Hollenberg updated the board on our tax reporting issues. He reported that Form 8976 had been filed, as well as the 2020 990 form. There is a window now to file a 1024. The next decision is for tax status. He briefly discussed the differences between 501©3 and 501©4 status.

Karen Konarski Hart discussed the opportunity to buy a 1/4 page ad in Hillcrest Life for $275 a month. She said we need to give HMA a heads up

**President’s comments:**

Luke Kramer asked Kathy Webb if there were any updates on the proposed bike lanes for Kavanaugh. Webb reported that the City is still getting feedback and once they get all the feedback there will be lots of discussion. She expects lots of opposition.

**Membership:**

Marian Boyd reported that she has sent out a list of all current members and has asked the board to please review the list and think of people who are not on the list but ought to be and send those names and contact information to her for recruitment.

**Arts & Aesthetics:**

Boyd asked for input on the RFP she had sent to board members on the mural to go on the west wall of Canyon Grill at the Kavanaugh entrance to Kroger. Recommendations were made and accepted.

**Antoinette Johnson made a Motion to proceed with the RFP process. Jan Hollenberg seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.**

**DOD Committee:**

Board met last night with committee for a Q and A. At this point the board needs to meet together and see where we are and come up with a consensus. Then at that point we would vote at one of our meetings and people could have a couple of minutes to voice opinions. The board set September 27, at 6:00 p.m., Hillcrest Hall. *[That meeting was later rescheduled for October 5.]*

**Harvestfest:**

Konarski-Hart reported that the HarvestFest executive committee would make a decision by September 15 on whether or not to hold the festival because of Covid considerations. There was also discussion about the HRA booth and pancake breakfast.

**Communications:**

Barbara Miles reported that the committee continues to work on the website.

**T Shirts and Bumper Stickers:**

Antoinette Johnson reviewed estimates on getting t shirts and bumper stickers to sell and give away at HarvestFest. The estimate was $1,024 for 100 t shirts and $405 for 200 bumper stickers. There was also an estimate for $175.74 for a banner. There was discussion on the price of the tshirts and whether or not we should provide a discount for HRA members. The board agreed that we should easily get our money back from sales.

**Barbara Miles made a motion to proceed with ordering tshirts and bumper stickers up to $3,000. Janet Flegal seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

As there was no other business, the meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.