

Holly Hills Improvement Association
General Meeting Notes
Monday, November 24, 2008

Present: Paul Sager, Kate Hastings, Beth Murphy, Anne Borgmeyer, Tara Ohler-Jenney, Patrick Hanlon, Stacy Ross

Unable to Attend: Barbara Russell, Brooks Goedeker

Paul Sager called the meeting to order. Minutes from the September 2008 meeting may be found on the website and in the newsletter. Copies of the financial report were available at the meeting. Plans are underway for a major fundraiser in 2009.

New attendees and new members were recognized.

Officer Bottini provided a breakdown of calls for service. Holly Hills had the fewest calls for service and the largest decrease in calls. He will check with Foodland about the semis that are parked on the store's lot. At a right turn signal, drivers must stop first, and may then turn right. Officer Bottini also discussed the "crime prevention area" signs posted south of Carondelet Park.

Matt McCloud, is a doctoral student studying urban wildlife management. He lives at 3927 Holly Hills. Matt is taking an architecture class entitled "Place making and community design." Part of his course work is conducting a demographic survey about the Holly Hills neighborhood. Matt provided copies of the survey results and invited residents to participate in the survey if desired.

State Representative Tom Villa was honored for his many years of service to the neighborhood, the City of St. Louis, and the State of Missouri. Tom was unable to attend the meeting due to illness. Alderman Matt Villa accepted the honor on Tom's behalf.

Alderman Matt Villa spoke about the leaf pick up process. In addition to Fall pick up days, leaves are picked up on street cleaning day. Residents who would like trees planted in the green space between the sidewalks and the streets may call their alderman to have their names added to the list. Trees will be planted by May 1. The Forestry Department has selected trees suitable for growing in these locations. There is no charge, but residents are asked to keep the trees watered. There will be a hearing on December 4 at 8:30am at City Hall for a conditional use permit for a drive up teller window and ATM for the new Fifth Third Bank branch at Loughborough Commons. Fifth Third Bank plans to be active in the community. The YMCA will operate the new recreation center. The outdoor pool is scheduled to open in May and the remainder of the facility will open by September.

Alderman Fred Wessels reported that a CVS pharmacy is going in at the intersection of Gravois and Germania. The Board of Aldermen passed a bill to make payday loan businesses harder to open in the city. The Carondelet Park playground resurfacing has

been completed and the paved pathway has been sealed. 215 trees were planted. The community garden is operated on a lease agreement with MSD.

Incoming State Representative Jake Hummel invited residents to call him with questions. He will be sending a survey to get input regarding matters that might come up in the state legislature in 2009.

Neighborhood Stabilization Officer Brian Kolde is moving to Ward 14. Carolyn Halyburton (314-613-7148) will be the new NSO for Ward 11. Brian said he would also check on the semis parked at Foodland from a building and zoning standpoint.

Neighborhood Stabilization Officer TJ Minden of Ward 13 reminded residents that the eastern section of the Highway 40/64 project would be closing in December. TJ will be away for military duty.

Paul Sager provided a recap of the Halloween party and reminded residents of upcoming events. Lyle House will be decorated for the holidays on December 7 at 1:00pm. The holiday house decorating contest will take place the week before December 25. The next General Meeting will be held in January. Residents may contact the Holly Hills Improvement Association by going to the website: <http://hollyhills.info>.

The meeting was adjourned.