

## **Holly Hills Improvement Association**

**July 24, 2006 General Membership Meeting** at Southern Commercial Bank

Presider: Dan Haag, President

Board Members present: Anne Borgmeyer, Beth Murphy, Tom Roth

Treasurer's Report submitted by Beth Murphy

### **Reports**

**First District:** Officer Kent Womack. No serious problems with crime in the First District. Should not have as many problems with strength—almost back to authorized strength. 1<sup>st</sup> District Business Partnership Auction will be held on October 18<sup>th</sup>—it will be a silent and oral auction, \$15 to get in.

**Alderman Wessels** was unable to attend.

**Alderman Matt Villa:** Reviewed city-wide efforts to clean up from storm and providing relief for those without electricity and/or A/C. Mentioned November ballot measure for 1/8 cent sales tax increase to fund recreational activities in city. Increase would help to fund new community centers in north & south of the city, including the proposed community center in Carondelet Park. YMCA would operate the southside facility and the Loughborough YMCA will remain open. There would be a sliding scale for memberships at the proposed community center. Alderman Villa has also obtained federal funds to widen the bridge over Loughborough—could be 1 – 1 ½ years in the future before work begins.

**Brian Kolde, Neighborhood Stabilization Officer:** Reviewed city cooling centers to help with victims from storms, and agreed that there was a lot of confusion over what services were available at different centers. Citizens Service Bureau would help to provide referrals to those needing assistance in removing debris. Showed us new cards that the NSOs are distributing on how to deal with nuisance properties. Anti-theft clubs for cards are available for \$10 cash at city hall, room 418, and will be on-hand at the Bellerive National Night Out event.

**HHIA Resident Stacy Ross:** Attended neighborhood leadership program at UMSL with financial assistance from HHIA. Program participants identified community assets, and their own personal leadership style. They also looked at ways to recruit people for a project, identify funding sources and improve public speaking. Stacy would like to create a neighborhood project for recycling, perhaps starting with a kickoff event in the park. If recycling takes off in Holly Hills it could help to improve the overall image of the neighborhood.

**Dan Haag:** Introduced motion to eliminate the July meeting to be voted on at the next general meeting (September 25<sup>th</sup>). This would allow for 4 general meetings (September, November, January and May) plus the annual dinner meeting in March.

### **Announcements:**

**YMCA Book Fair:** August 25<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup>.

**South Broadway Merchants Association Car Show and Parade:** Saturday, August 12<sup>th</sup>, South St. Louis Square Park – 7700 S Broadway

**Carondelet Historical Society fund raiser play:** September 16<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup>.

**Meeting Adjourned at 9pm**

**Respectfully submitted, Dan Haag, President**