

## **Holly Hills Improvement Association**

**September 25, 2006 General Membership Meeting** at Southern Commercial Bank

Presider: Dan Haag, President

Board Members present: Anne Borgmeyer, Lisa Roth, Dee McAliney, Paul Sager, Victoria Chechik

Excused: Beth Murphy, Mary Lopinot, Joe Rusch

Treasurer's Report submitted by Beth Murphy and approved by membership;

### **Speakers re: 1/8 cent sales tax for Recreation Center**

**Gary Bess, St. Louis Parks: Recreation Centers** is proposed for Carondelet Park near triple diamonds in the East portion of the park. 75,000 square feet. Supported by the sales tax on the Nov ballot. There will also be a membership fee (sliding scale). Residents will get special fee. Carondelet YMCA is interested in managing the new facility. There will be money for upkeep of the center. Part of the tax will be used to rehab existing recreation centers.

**Birgit Spears, Friends of Carondelet Park:** Friends have been outspoken about keeping "green space" in the East portion of the park.

**Carla Scissors Cohen, City Parks Protection Initiative:** Opposed to the sale of park land.

### **Reports**

**First District:** Officer Steve Mueller (444-0110). 91 officers in the district; 27 with less than 1 yr experience; 8 still in training; Public Affairs meeting will be 9/28 at 7pm at Bevo Center; Usually Public Affairs meeting is 3<sup>rd</sup> Thurs of odd numbered months; 444-0176 to reach Public Affairs Officer – call to be added to mailing list.

**Alderman Wessels:** Consultants researched the location of the Recreation Center. Footprint of Recreation Center will be 1 acre. There are drainage problems at Leona & Toenges. MSD will clean out drainage sewer every 30 days. Boat House is major site for weddings and will be painted Spring 2007. As Master Plan for park is implemented, Mason & Assoc will do a tree inventory as part of reforestation plan. Funding for reforesting will come from tax and grant money. Sale of portion of Forest Park to BJC will bring funding of Forest Park.

**Alderman Matt Villa:** Developer for Grand/Holly Hills property has taken owner to court and eminent domain may be involved. Plan will be for sale units and storefront. Shopper's Cleaners to do cleaning off-site. Possible development may take place north of that property as well. Improvements planned for Park. Demolish picnic area east of Grand. Mile markers to be added along path. Bridge will be widened at Loughborough over 55 but will take 18 months. Further buildings planned for the Desco shopping center.

**Tom Villa, State Representative:** Re-election in November, re-convene in Jan 2007. Proton Beam approved for BJC. Battle between banks and credit unions – outstate bankers are very involved. Transportation Committee wants sales tax to rebuild hiways. On Nov ballot: Stem cell; Cigarette Tax?;

**Neighborhood Stabilization Officer:** Kathy Savage – September 30 is last day to drop off storm debris in the park. 560 Terminal Row will still be available for drop-off after 10/2. Storm damage should be reported to the NSO. Good Neighbor Guides are available

**Old Business:** Vote to eliminate July meeting will be published in next newsletter and voted on at Future meeting. This would allow for 4 general meetings (September, November, January and May) plus the annual dinner meeting in March.

**Announcements:**

House Tour Sunday, October 15. 11-3 Start at Lyle House. Nini Harris will give talks on neighborhood. This is Fly-your-flag month for HHIA flags. Adds in house tour book are still available. Poster are available tomorrow. Volunteers are still needed. Call Paul Sager.

Pumpkin Parade 10/28

Jack-O-Lantern Jog 11/4

Stacy Ross will lead keep Holly Hills Beautiful Committee. Volunteers

**Meeting Adjourned at 9:15pm**

**Respectfully submitted, Anne Borgmeyer**