

HHIA General Meeting Notes
Monday, November 23, 2009

In attendance: Kate Hastings (Vice President), Beth Murphy (Treasurer), Tara Ohler-Jenney (Financial Secretary), Patrick Hanlon (MAL), Richard Hutson (MAL)

Unable to attend: Paul Sager (President), Staci Ross (MAL), Barbara Russell (MAL)

Kate Hastings called the meeting to order. Minutes from the September 2009 General Meeting were approved.

Beth Murphy reviewed the financial report. HHIA has a balance of \$10, 736.00.

New neighbors and new members were welcomed and invited to introduce themselves.

Officer Tom Bottini gave the 1st District police report. Information on upcoming programs and events is available on the web at www.SLMPD.org. The next 1st District Community Outreach meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 16 at 7:00pm at the Grbic Restaurant banquet center. Officer of the Month awards will be presented to 1st District officers.

Peggy Meyer, new Principal of Woerner Elementary School, provided an update. Four hundred five students are enrolled at Woerner in grades pre-K through 5. The gymnasium is available in the evenings for neighborhood use. Woerner welcomes volunteers, particularly those able to provide students assistance with reading and language.

Matt Villa, 11th Ward Alderman, provided updates on the recreation center opening; traffic study plans for the Grand and Holly Hills intersection; Loughborough bridge improvements; South Broadway street improvements and proposed bridges over River Des Peres; improvements to the former Carondelet School at Minnesota and Davis; improvements to the former Coke syrup building; 5/3 Bank at Loughborough Commons and the status of the building at Grand and Holly Hills. Alderman Villa said that the City budget is running at a deficit and is looking for ways to save money, including reducing trash pick-up to one day a week.

Fred Wessels, 13th Ward Alderman, noted that the no smoking in public buildings bill passed and will go into effect January 1, 2011. He provided updates on the St. Mary's High School athletic fields; the Northside redevelopment plan; and the property at 5706 Arendes. Aldermen Wessels and Villa meet with constituents at the Foodland every Friday from 8:30am-9:30am. Tickets are still available for the Guns & Hoses boxing matches, proceeds of which benefit Backstoppers, to be held on Wednesday, November 24.

Jake Hummel, State Representative, reported that the next legislative session starts on January 6, 2010. The state projects a budget deficit. Revenues are down 12.5% form last year. State university bonds will be coming before the voters.

TJ Minden, 13th Ward Neighborhood Stabilization Officer, invited children 12 years and under to enter the Mayor's office holiday card design contest. Entries are due by Monday, November 30. Auto clubs are available for \$11.00. The NSO office can also provide referrals to companies that will install an ignition kill switch for under \$50. The HUD "Hope is Moving In" program helps people at risk of losing their homes.

The final votes on changes to the meeting day, the meeting time, and the dues increase did not occur due to concern by meeting attendees that not enough people were in attendance. The thought was that voting by mail would yield a greater response.

Judging for holiday decorations will take place December 14-18. Signs will be placed temporarily in the yards of the winners. Signs will be collected promptly after the holidays to allow reuse for future events.

The meeting was adjourned.