

Feb 18, 2024 | MINUTES

Meeting date | time Feb 17, 2024 | 2:05 pm CT | Meeting location Scotlandville Library and via Zoom

Meeting called by Angela White @ 2:06 pm
Type of meeting Regular Bi-Monthly Meeting /
Presiding Officer Angela White
Secretary Marquetta Cheeks
Timekeeper NA
Prior Meeting Minutes Status Approved

Participants Marquetta Cheeks
Joyce Harrison
Paul Levy
Nancy Sterling
LaTasha Walker
Ann R. White
Angela D White

AGENDA TOPICS

Time allotted | 2 minutes | Agenda topic Adoption of Agenda | Presenter Angela White

Discussion Meeting agenda was reviewed. Treasurer's Report was removed from agenda.

Agenda

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Call to Order• Prayer• Approval of Minutes – Nov 2023• Officer Reports<ul style="list-style-type: none">– President's Report– Treasurer's Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Committee Report<ul style="list-style-type: none">– Membership– Communications• Traffic Study• Announcements• Adjournment
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Conclusion Meeting agenda approved by majority voice and zoom vote.

Time allotted | 5 Minutes | Agenda topic Approval of Nov 23, 2023 Minutes | Presenter Angela White

Discussion

Meeting minutes were previously posted on SHPOABR.com. No changes to minutes were noted.

Conclusion Minutes were approved as posted.

Discussion

Review of 2023 Activities w/ pictures

- Krewe of Oshun Parade Block Party
- Love Where You Live – Tidy UP! Southern Heights
 - Awards (\$10 gift cards) given to Lynn Hubbard, Patrick Adams, & Geraldine Walker
- Holiday Decorations Recognition
 - Bragging Rights to Juanita Richard, Claudia Wright, Marquetta Cheeks
- Yard of the Quarter (not executed)
- 70th Anniversary – Holiday Party at SUMA Cultural & Heritage Center
 - Food, Games, Prizes and the HBCU Celebration Bowl
 - Proclamations from Gov. John Bel Edwards and Rep. Troy Carter
 - Special film of pictures of SH residents over the years was presented

Review of 2023 Foci & Status

- Harding Blvd Rezoning (50% distribution with 2% response to date)
- SHNCPID Board Restructuring
 - Five (5) new Commissioners have been appointed and certified
 - LA Legislative Auditor Investigative Report of old board will be released in Q1 2024
 - New SHNCPID has processed its 2024 budget review period and budget approval
- Deed Restrictions (CCRs) Revisions are in process. Plans are to complete revision and adoption by end of 2024

Review of Proposed 2024 Focus

- Advocate on Resident Needs / Issues
- Maintain Viability of Neighborhood and Property Values
- Finalize CCRs
- Harding Blvd Rezoning
- Sense of Community
 - Welcome Committee
 - Affinity Group Activities
 - Neighborhood-wide Activities

Review of Proposed 2024 Activities

- Neighborhood Wide Proposed Activities
 - Krewe of Oshun Parade Watch Party – cancelled
 - Recognition (Bragging Rights)
 - Holiday Décor
 - Recognition & Gift Award
 - Quarterly Yard Awards
 - Tidy Up Litter Awards
 - “Movie Night”
 - Family Game Night

- Affinity Group Proposed Activities
 - “ROCK the Block” Quarterly Cleanups
 - Walking Club
 - Cycling Club

Conclusion Request to consider utilizing our neighborhood park for events or activities. Request to plan and hold a Southern Heights Reunion Picnic has been made by persons willing to volunteer. Proposed 2024 Activities will be vetted based on Activities Committee and neighborhood interest.

Action Items **Person responsible** **Due Date**

Seek residents interested in working to plan activities. May 2024

Time allotted | 10 minutes | **Agenda topic** *Treasurer’s Report* | **Presenter** *Angela White for Sheila Sims*

Discussion Reviewed Dec 2023 (year-end) & Jan 2024 Financials

December Report			
Checking Account			
Cash on Hand	Beginning Balance		\$1,707.19
12/26/2023	Deposit		51.00
12/27/2023			\$ 76.00
12/29/2023	US Postoffice 2024	\$ (124.00)	
	Monthly Share Draft Fee	0.00	
	Ending Balance		<u>\$1,710.19</u>
12/31/2023			
Savings Account			
	Beginning Balance		\$1,694.32
12/31/2023	Debits/Credits	1.07	
	Ending Balance		<u>\$1,695.39</u>
12/31/2023			<u>\$3,405.58</u>

FINANCIAL REPORT			
SOUTHERN HEIGHTS PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION			
JANUARY 1, 2024 to JANUARY 31, 2024			
January Report			
		Checking Account	Cash on Hand
1/1/2024	Beginning Balance		\$1,710.19
1/2/2024	Deposit at Neighbor's CU	0.00	\$ 52.00
1/3/2024	Merchant Charge	-6.84	\$ -
1/22/2024	Greater BR Federation Assn	55.00	
1/29/2024	Deposit at Neighbor's CU	0.00	\$ 305.00
1/29/2024	Deposit at Neighbor's CU	0.00	\$ 75.00
1/30/2024	Ending Balance		<u>\$2,080.55</u>
		Savings Account	
1/1/2024	Beginning Balance		\$1,695.39
	Deposit Neighbors CU		0.00
	Debits/Credits	0.00	
1/31/2023	Ending Balance		<u>\$1,695.39</u>
			<u>\$3,775.94</u>

Financials for 2024 include cost sharing with SHNCPID.

Question raised on why the checking accounts was moved from Southern Teacher & Parents Credit Union to Neighbors was raised. Accounts were moved in 2023 in order to accommodate credit card processing requests by residents.

Conclusion Motion to accept financials was made by Ann White and approved by majority vote.

Time allotted | 5 minutes | **Agenda topic** *Membership Report* | **Presenter** *Angela White for LaTasha Walker*

Discussion Reviewed 2024 Dues and Membership Goals & Drive

- 2024 Dues: \$40
- Membership Goals: 100
 - 2023 Total Members: 66
- Membership Drive timeline: through end of March
- All owners will be solicited to join SHPOA
- All owners/residents are asked to update their member/family profile including emergency contact info, vacant house, rental house, etc.

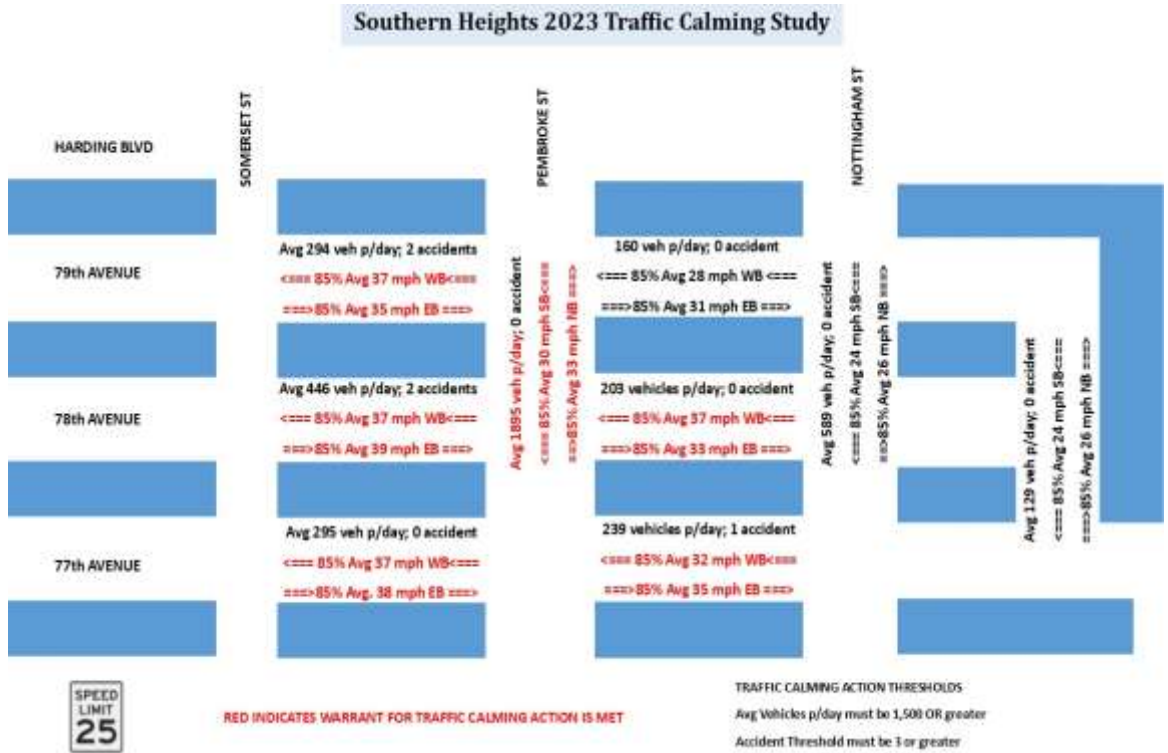
Conclusion Membership Report was accepted as presented.

Time allotted | 5 minutes | **Agenda topic** *Communications Report* | **Presenter** *Angela White for Marquetta Cheeks*

Discussion

- Robocalls will continue.
- A newsletter option using email as the preferred distribution. Printed newsletter will be made available where necessary.
- Announcements via text will be considered for a trial run.

Discussion Review of Traffic Calming Study Results.



Next Steps:

- Somerset St and the 1st blocks of 79th, 78th and 77th Avenues will be studied next.
- Temporary Speed Monitors will be installed on Pembroke St for a period of time.
- Contact for DOTD provided to gather information about Harding Blvd

Notes from Traffic Engineering on Traffic Calming Study

- Speed Humps provide a standalone solution but we will need at least 7 speed humps.
 - EBR does not buy speed humps so SH would have to purchase them. Cost is \$5,000 per hump.
 - Ticketing speeding drivers is a good option to calm traffic.
 - Traffic Engineering will temporarily place speed monitors on Pembroke St for both directions.

Thanks to all who worked to get the Traffic Study executed!

Action Items

Person responsible Due Date

Provide an update when the remaining parts of SH are evaluated and discuss desired responses at SHPOA meeting.

Angela White tbd

Time allotted | 5-10 minutes | **Agenda topic** Announcements/Open Discussion |
Presenter Angela White

Announcements

- **Clear out your junk** at Household Hazard Waste Day on Sat. March 2nd 9 am – 1 pm at LSU Touchdown Village!
- **Kidney Screening** at Mt Pilgrim on Sat March 9th 8:30 am – 1 pm

Open Discussion

- Questions on Garbage, Recycling and Out-of-Cart were raised and discussed.
- Misinformation on the creation of the SHNCPID was stated by Paul Levy that the CPID was only supposed to have a period of 2-3 years; that the election was not conducted properly.
 - Corrections and clarifications were made at the meeting.
 - CPID was initiated using a legislative bill introduced by then Senator Sharon Weston-Broome under the SHPOA leadership of Paul Levy. The legislation was available for all residents to review and understand in meetings and within the legislative bill process. The CPID was voted into existence by SH residents with a Secretary of State-run election under the SHPOA leadership of Jesse Glasper, Jr.

Time allotted | 2 minutes | **Agenda topic** Adjournment | Presenter Angela White

Conclusion Meeting adjourned at 3:16 pm.