

Meeting Minutes
Spring Hill Civic League-General Meeting
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Monday, September 13, 2021

President: Ben Soltesz
Vice President: Ellen Gaus
Treasurer: James Rizzo
Secretary: Beth Miller

Meeting called to order on
Monday, September 13, 2021@ 6:00 PM
VIA ZOOM
of Participants--29

**Board members
in attendance:**

Meeting adjourned at
7:49 PM

Ben Soltesz	Beth Miller
James Rizzo	Brittany Goldinger
Erin Tobin	Ingrid Nagin
Ellen Gaus	(Absent Karen Lucarelli)

Summary of meeting:

1. Call to order:

- Welcome to the September General Meeting via ZOOM

2. Minutes and Old Business:

- Review minutes from the May 3, 2021 General meeting via ZOOM.
- There were no changes
- Motion to accept the Minutes by Ingrid and Butch—no opposed- passed
- **Treasurer's Report:**
- James gave the Treasurer's Report and we have approximate \$608.00 checking- just received CDBG contract just received -5k to be received from City
- **Public Safety:**
- Sargent Michael Burford attended
 - i. 16 incidences reported—4 arrests 2 firearms recovered
 - ii. Shooting at Rhine -police are moving forward with investigation
 - iii. Loitering on Diana St. 2 individuals arrested with firearms-warrants issued and narcotics recovered—monitoring the individuals—in total 4 or 5 arrested from this group
 - iv. Vehicle and firearm stolen
 - v. Female had gun stolen

New Business:

3. Walz Street Presentation-Nick Ross-DOMI:

- What has DOMI done to date and where are we going with the Walz Street One Way Conversion (Note-DOMI is for solutions)
- Feb 21-traffic relatedand Walz St. issues brought to the forefront
- Evaluation and presentation to Traffic Bureau at the present time
- Fall Implementation of changes
- DOMI proposing to convert Walz St to one way
 - i. Way street is only 16 ft wide/narrow
 - ii. No parking

- iii. Visibility issues-topography
- iv. Parking an issue
- v. Street doesn't qualify for traffic calming solution
- vi. Speed bumps are not the answer to solve the Walz St issues
- vii. Rhine to Homer is desired traffic thru way (North bound)
- viii. Community approval required
 - 1. Questions:
 - a. Erin—fencing and sidewalk improvements-not Part of the plan for improvement-brick and mortar handled separately
 - b. Councilman Wilsons office getting estimates for wall repair/replacement-new catch basin installed
 - c. James thinks this will destroy traffic calming –public safety is main concern for walking-any idea of the number of accidents on that street-how has Rhine St. factoring into this –James said this is a system this not a street issue.. meaning a thoroughfare -Nick said analysis supports this as a one way conversion-less than 1000 cars a day travel that street
 - d. Chris W.-agree 100% with one way –can the bus be developed as looping around. Nothing to preclude this from an operational standpoint as well.
 - e. Ellen-thinks it should be one way Southbound towards the City-Nick adv if it was the opposite way it would eliminate cars from going or turning left onto Walz St.
 - f. Ben-can this be on a trial basis at first –yes we can try it first and evaluation would be
 - g. K. Barlow –thinks calming is also needed –are there any options for a smaller scale—Nick adv no-the street is already a slow thoroughfare-calming is designated to sustain life in a crash situation 80-85% chance of survival at a 20 to 25 mph if not in a motor vehicle
 - h. Butch-concern about traffic to and from school
 - i. Ben-do you need letter from the SHCL –Nick will take to council for the pilot –signage would be provided and in Spring re-evaluate
 - j. Erin will help distribute information if needed

4. PWSA Stormwater Presentation-Rebecca Zito/Beth Dutton:

- Stormwater is major pollutant-by better managing we can have less water issues and less flooding
- 1958-2012-more rain in the NE Region where we are –increased by 71% (38" per year)
- Working to redirect the water to avoid overflowing –green infrastructure is used to manage stormwater
- Solutions are in the works and there will be charges for this as well as well as some credits to be offered if you aid in the drain off

5. Update from Councilman Wilson's Office:

- Thank you to all for discussing the traffic on Walz St
- Extend Covid sick pay-working in City additional 10 days to quarantine-public health approach-provide add'l sick time especially for people and children who have to quarantine
- Tomorrow council will vote on paid bereavement leave for people who experience loss of pregnancy-if passes we would be the first government in the US to implement this
- Ingrid thanked Councilman Wilson's office for getting spring cleaned up and the lights repaired
- Butch-leister street issue with sinking street
- Dog dispenser waste receptacles needed-
- Signage for Waisenhaus Park- dog leash law -not sure the City can post a sign on the private low

6. Pigeon Project:

- Pigeons would be created and sold and the money would be used for the good of the community ---market pigeons-possible to get assistance with affixing them to a structure
- Has the potential to be a great project-we will create social medial to track pigeons and this will also be in the newsletter

7. Tree Vitalize:

- November 20, 2021 -12 trees from Tree Vitalize to plant at the entrance of Rockledge and Romanhoff to the entrance of the gateway

8. Community Events:

- Classic Movie Night -Friday-September 17 @ Waisenhaus Park at 8:30
 - i. This weeks movie is The Third Man
- Fall Festival-Sunday-October 3, 2021
 - i. Small event grant to assist with paying for the event
 - ii. Childrens events-music -snacks- beverages-potluck
- Halloween-Saturday-October 23, 2021-more details to come in October meeting
- Garbage Olympics
 - i. Citywide initiative 10:00-12:00 clean up after the event is at Threadbare at noon—Meet at Homer Street Firehouse-prizes for most trash-oddest collected item

9. Good of the Community

- Bob -general upkeep for the community is in disarray -the mosaic and area around the spring etc. are focal points and need to better maintained -possible to maybe use some pigeon money for this
- What kind of viable solutions can the City offer, if any
- Ben to update on solutions

10. Motion to Adjourn @7:49

- **Beth -1st Brittany 2nd**
- **All remaining (10) on meeting in favor**