

PACA GENERAL MEETING 9/16/2024

OFFICERS

Karina Price-President

Briana Moore- Treasurer

Lisa Schoonover-Secretary (via Facebook Live)

MEMBERS & GUESTS

Jan Jones

Fil Griggs

Angie Ezekiel

Dave Appel

Hannah Mills

Andie Roberts

Traci Berry-guest speaker

Sarah Enselein

Mark Toth

Erin Holliday

Chris Rix

Zach-new attendee

Steve, Dan, & Levi -new owner & employees of the Hot Springy Dingy

Amanda Coats

Karina Price called the meeting to order at 6pm.

TREASURER'S REPORT-Briana Moore

Current balances, per Bank OZK, are:

General Fund: **\$ 4,966.92** (one debit for 131.36 to reimburse Cindy Rogers for concrete planter for the bus stop)

Splash Pad Fund: **\$45,073.30**

Light Uptown Fund: **\$4,015.37**

Grand total: **\$54,055.59**

Motion to accept by Fil Griggs, second by Jan Jones.

LIGHT UPTOWN-Hannah Mills

City of Hot Springs will begin installation of more historic streetlights soon! Traci Berry , the trail director for Hot Springs, has generously offered to provide some light post banners.

COMMUNITY UPDATES

The Hot Springy Dingy has sold! The new owner Steve is currently an integral part of the Pocket Theatre. The HSD will continue to operate as a costume rental and retail space for now. October 5 at 4pm is the official “changing of hands” ceremony. We will miss Hannah & David, but, welcome Steve, Dan, & Levi!

Discussion of PACA Halloween Event at David F Watkins Park. Details to come. Volunteers needed.

The fate of the historic Passmore House on Park Ave is to be decided by the HS Board of Directions. The directors will consider if condemnation and demolition is in order.

Discussion of a Halloween Event (October 31) at David F Watkins Park. Details to come. Volunteers needed.

GUEST SPEAKER-Traci Berry-Hot Springs Trail Director spoke about the history and ongoing improvements of the Northwoods Trail System. Traci heads up all events and activities for Northwoods Trail. There are currently four trailheads, and improvement projects like bridges and signs to help ensure safety and enjoyment of the trails. The Northwoods system is rated & marked with green, blue, & black trails. Traci said the trail system is suited for all riders from beginner to expert. You can also enjoy hiking, birding, and relaxing at the Northwoods Trail System.

Several mountain bike races are happening in October & November. Volunteers are needed.

CITY OF HOT SPRINGS- Erin Holliday, Dist. 1 – updates for 7/16/24, 8/6/24, 8/20/24 & 9/3/24

Utilities-Phase 1 of the Gulpha Basin Pump Station Force Main is due to be completed in Oct. 2024.

Finance-City of Hot Springs Annual Comprehensive Financial Report is now available online. www.cityhs.net/finance

Parks-Valley St. Skate Park shade kite project is complete.

Six new picnic tables in Velocity Park-also new trash containers and two charcoal grills have been placed, and a rock slab official sign.

Fall Tikes, Bikes & Trails event to take place on 9/21/24 from 10am-2pm at Velocity Park. It's a free event-bring your wheels! Call 501-321-6871 for more information.

The Bark Park is open again after an accident in August forced closure.

Public Works-the cooling center ran successfully this summer.

Fire Dept.-HSFD was busy with continued fire/medical training this summer.

Casey Burch was promoted to be the first female fire chief in HSFD history!

Animal Services-HS Animal Services and Garland County have established a partnership to help families in need. Donated supplies and food have helped over 141 pets! During September Animal Services will join Garland County Library in the "Show Me Your Library Card" event. You can get a \$5 discount on a microchip for showing your GDL card!

Police dept.-HSPD & Roanoke Baptist Church hosted an eight week Teen Safety Class designed to help youth identify and deal with social issues and problems.

HSPD worked (from Aug 14-Sep. 2) alongside state transportation and safety officials to monitor and prevent unsafe driving and accidents.

Board votes-several ordinance and amendments are being discussed. Please access the City of Hot Springs for detailed information.

MISC.

Hot Springs information and contacts: <https://cityhs.civicweb.net/Portal/>

Pay your PACA membership dues if you haven't.

[VOTER REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS OCTOBER 7.](#)

ANNOUNCEMENTS .

Next PACA meeting October 21, 6pm at David Watins Park (weather permitting).

Adjournment by Karina Price at 718pm. Motion to accept by Fil Griggs, second by Dave Appel.