

Houma Restoration District
Board Meeting Minutes
February 6, 2024

Commissioners Present:

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| Noah Lirette | Jason Underwood – absent | Bryan Bunn - absent |
| Daniel Babin | Tom Hassell | Sondra Corbitt |
| Nick Hebert | Kevin Faulk | Clarence Williams |

Others Present:

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| Katherine Theriot | Angela Hidalgo | Shantell Abshire |
| Brighton Schmill | Jim Wendell | Genie Ardoin |
| Quinn Anderson | Keith Craft | Connie Bourg |
| Michelle Neil | Carlee Harding | |

A meeting of the Houma Restoration District Board of Commissioners was called to order by Chairman Noah Lirette at 11:05 a.m. on February 6, 2024 at the 2nd Floor Conference Room of the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government Towers, 8026 Main Street, Houma, LA.

Tom Hassell led the prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

Sondra Corbitt performed roll call and a quorum was present.

Under Public, Katherine Theriot addressed the board about a webinar being sponsored by Southern Economic Development Council on March 21, 2024 titled “From Vacant Spaces to Vibrant Places.”

Jim Wendell, the Director of Quality of Life for TPCG introduced himself and discussed the recent efforts for the newly formed department. Shantelle Abshire also addressed the board regarding drainage issues and to extend an invite on behalf of HDDC to the board for a social for new LT 2024 to stimulate their restoration and/or beautification projects, on Tuesday February 27, 5:00 at Café Milano.

Quinn Anderson addressed the board about sharing resources and information on the efforts of the board. The website will be implemented to disseminate all the information available to the public.

A motion was offered by Nick Hebert, seconded by Daniel Babin to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

Financials were deferred until the next meeting.

New Business: Welcomed new board member Clarence Williams. He addressed the board regarding his interest in serving on the board.

Bayou Regions Art Council: Genie Ardoin requested funding from HRD for their portion of the LA State Appropriation. Tanner Magee discussed the intended use of the funding and its historical overview. The two boards, BRAC and HRD need to develop a CEA to request funding. Michelle Neil will draft for approval.

HRD Ordinance Final Draft and Resolution: No changes have been made since the last meeting. A resolution was presented in support of the ordinance. A motion was made by Kevin Faulk, seconded by Tom Hassell to approve the resolution. Motion carried.

CEA Agreement with HRDC and HDDC for Rotary Plaza's Equipment: This was already approved last meeting. Michelle Neil asked someone else besides Noah Lirette needs to sign the CEA. Noah Lirette motioned for Nick Hebert to be authorized to sign the CEA, seconded by Tom Hassell, motion carried.

HRCO Audit Engagement: Motion was made by Nick Hebert, seconded by Sondra Corbitt, to approve the engagement agreement with Martin & Pellegrin. Motion carried.

EDA Grant Application: Nick Hebert discussed EDA grants in Louisiana. Currently there are no grants filed with the EDA. HRD may consider hiring their own grant writer to consider applying for this grant. Nick Hebert will follow up with the board at the next meeting.

Main Street Conference 2024 Attendees: Nick Hebert and Bryan Bunn will consider attending.

Weyl's Plaque and Electrical Work Contractor: The plaque identifies and memorializes the victims of the explosion. Sondra Corbitt will follow up with the vendor and obtain a cost. Noah Lirette discussed with Guidry's Electric about the work and will coordinate with Bryan Bunn.

Design Grant Program: Two new programs, Façade Grant Program and Design Grant Program for engineering and conceptual work, will be drafted by Michelle Neil.

Old Business:

HRD Website/Resource Hub Development: Daniel Babin updated the board on the information hub and efforts to implement integration. It will be built in phases and coordinated with TPCG Administration.

District Parking Meters Subcommittee Update: The board is waiting on information from HPD about expenditures on the current parking meters.

Bayou Boardwalk Project: Noah Lirette will be working with DDG to continue with this work.

Officer Reports: Reminder for ethics training, sexual harassment training, and financial disclosure requirements. Kevin Falk noted that the Fakier building is for sale with a reduced price.

A motion was made by Nick Hebert, seconded by Sondra Corbitt, to adjourn the meeting at 12:18 p.m. Motion carried.

The next meeting is scheduled for March 5, 2024, at 11:00 a.m. at the 2nd Floor Conference Room, 8026 Main Street, Houma, LA.

Noah Lirette, Chairman

Sondra Corbitt, Secretary