

## HODGES SQUARE VILLAGE ASSOCIATION

10-17-2016

Meeting called to order at 6:35pm

**Minutes** were presented and approved with one correction- change to f/up on Josh's replacement at Connecticut College. Motion made to accept with change by Art Costa, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Cathi Strother. Motion passed.

**Treasurers Report:** \$521.73 balance. A donation was then made by Ronna Stuller on behalf of Riverside Park Conservancy Group in the amount of \$2125.

**Presentation** was made by City Planner Sybil. She explained that the \$1.2 million Bond that was for Riverside Park has \$825,000 left over and tonight at City Council meeting she was going to ask that it be redirected to Hodges Square. The reason she gave for the change is that the City is going after a \$1.2 million Grant and with that grant the City would need a % of money. The City has been working with the Lyman Allyn Museum, D.O.T. and the City are all onboard with this. The City is asking the Coast Guard for a letter of Support. The Grant is called Big Jump, the project would include bike paths, Lighting, Art work under the bridges and more. The deadline is October 31, 2016 and the City is submitting this Grant.

Ronna Stuller asked if we can at least do the stairs from the school since the children must walk along a street with no sidewalks to get to the park. She also offered to give the City Planner a walkthrough of the park and all the Riverside Park Conservancy Group has done.

**Discussion** was made on the Hodges Square parking issues and we need some form of parking agreement with the Secor Family. We will discuss further at next meeting.

**Perennial Harmony** gave an update on the monument area and the Hodges Square Village Association Park. She also printed an update for all members.

**Lyman Allyn** Museum Outreach Committee want to connect with Hodges Square, Art Costa volunteered to reach out to Jose.

**Forrest** volunteered to check with Connecticut College to see who is Josh's replacement.

**October Fest** at Old Town Mill – we can put a flyer with updates on HSVA, but would need someone to man the table on 10/29/16. We didn't have anyone available at the meeting who could do this.

**HSVA Membership Recruitment** – 11/14/16 at Slyce Pizza 6 – 8pm. We can send emails and have Forrest print up some invites. Put in stores also Cathi will hand out in neighborhood to people she believes would attend.

**Meeting adjourned** at 6:55 pm Motion made by Forrest, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Robert