

## Meeting Notes--Whittington Valley Neighborhood Association

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February 8, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 6:40 pm. Present were: President Mark Toth (chair), Treasurer Darthy Tyrity and Board Member Fedette Johnson; members Philita Jones, Jean Lacefield, Verna Linder and Fannie Hill.

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### Upcoming Events

#### Downtown Parking Study Report Presentation

Tuesday, February 9, 2016 @ 4:00 pm, Hot Springs Board Room

#### ASMSA Science Café Lecture: “Real Chinese Food and You” with Tingting Tian

Thursday, February 11, 2016 @ 7:00 pm, Kollektive Coffee + Tea, 110 Central Avenue

#### Park Avenue Community Association Monthly Meeting

Monday, February 16, 2016 @ 6:00 pm, **NEW** Pullman Heights United Methodist Church

#### Home Purchase One-Day Class (Registration Required)

Monday, February 22, 2016, 9:30 am to 3:00 pm, National Park College, Classroom 116

#### Early Voting In Democratic and Republican Primary Elections

Starting Tuesday, Feb 16, 2016; election Day is Tuesday, March 1, 2016

#### Community Development Advisory Committee Meeting

Thursday, March 3, 2016 @ 1:00 pm, Hot Springs Board Room

#### Gateway Community Association Monthly Meeting

Saturday, March 5, 2016 @ noon, Webb Center

#### Next Meeting of the WVNA

**NEW DATE** Monday, March 7, 2016 @ 6:30 pm. First Presbyterian Church

#### Deadline for Property Assessment in Garland County

May 31, 2016--Assess online at <https://www.actdatascout.com/State/AR/Garland>

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The members approved the minutes for the January 11, 2016 meeting of the Association.

#### News & Announcements:

- The members circulated “Thinking of You” cards for Association member John Lewis and City Board Director Elaine Jones.
- The members were told that a photo from our website was recently included in the American Traffic Safety Services Association’s report “Innovative Safety Solutions with Pavement Markings and Delineation.”

Tyrity presented the treasurer’s report. As of January 31, 2016, our account balance was \$3,932.44--an increase of \$40.00 from the last report. Income for the period was \$30.00 in dues and \$10.00 in Treat Fund revenue; there were no expenses. Tyrity reminded everyone that dues for 2016 are payable by March.

The members voted unanimously to continue our membership with the Garland Historical Society at annual cost of \$60.00. The members discussed joining the Hot Springs Community Gardens Network but decided to take no action at this time.

The members discussed the findings from the “Performing Arts Feasibility Study” recently completed by Market & Feasibility Advisors of Austin, Texas.

Lacefield will attend the upcoming presentation of the “Downtown Parking Study” and report on

any salient points affecting the Valley at our next meeting.

The members reviewed the City's ongoing efforts to clean-up the Majestic Hotel site. The members agreed on writing a letter to the editor thanking the city. Toth will look into the possibility of coordinating the letter with the Park Avenue Community Association.

The members reviewed the WVNA Meeting Schedule for 2016. The date of the Christmas Party was changed to Tuesday, December 6, 2016.

Association member Erin Holiday is asking for information about home sales in the Valley within the past few years. If a member knows of such a sale, please pass this information onto either Holiday or Toth.

**Project Updates:**

- The sale of the lot at the corner of Myrtle and Linden Park Lane is completed (the lot will be added to the park). The city is awaiting receipt of the file-marked deed from the Circuit Clerk's office. The lot was being purchased with 2015 CDBG monies. Over the next year, the Association will work in a plan to improve the undeveloped land in the park.
- C Note, Inc.--which is owned by Valley residents Zac Smith and Cheryl Rorda--has received funding for their sewer and water improvements from the City Manager's discretionary CDBG account. This will allow for a speedier completion of the project--namely completion within the next month or so rather than in fourth quarter of 2016.
- The deadline for the second round of GIF grants is February 26, 2016. The Association will coordinate with the City in filing for grants for Linden and Baseball Trail Park.
- The City has received notice from the Federal Highway Administration that our FLAP project is undergoing final review and will likely be funded in FY 2017.

The members discussed possible involuntary annexation of the unincorporated enclave on Skyview Terrace.

The members discussed the possibility of the city obtaining lots in the Valley owned by the Jacques estate.

The members discussed the possibility of naming a "WVNA Organization of the Year."

Nominations were opened for the WVNA's Board of Directors. The following slate was proposed: Mark Toth, President; John Lewis, Vice President; Dorthy Tyrity, Treasurer; Bernistine Kilgore and Fedette Johnson, At-Large. Additional nominations can be made at our March meeting. The election will held at our March meeting.

The meeting adjourned shortly thereafter.

Approved as the official minutes for the February 8th, 2016 meeting of Whittington Valley Neighborhood Association by majority vote of the WVNA membership present on this date,

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Mark Toth, President  
Whittington Valley Neighborhood Association

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John Lewis, Vice President  
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