

Houma Restoration District
Board Meeting Minutes
June 7, 2024

Commissioners Present:

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

Others Present:

Grayson Garnett	Dustin Terry	Brighton Schmill
Connie Bourg	Cory Leonard	Ann Picou
Michelle Neil	Jim Wendell	Chris Pulaski

A meeting of the Houma Restoration District Board of Commissioners was called to order by Chairman Noah Lirette at 11:00 a.m. on June 7, 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.

Noah Lirette performed roll call and a quorum was present.

Under Public, none.

A motion was offered by Nick Hebert seconded by Sondra Corbitt to approve the minutes of the May 7, 2024 meeting. Motion carried.

Financials for March and April were presented by Nick Hebert. A motion was offered by Jason Underwood, seconded by Tom Hassell to approve the financials as presented. Motion carried.

New Business: Dustin Terry addressed the board regarding the engineering and design grant for The Bunker. The goal is to support the efforts of what is happening in downtown Houma. A motion was made by Clarence Williams seconded by Bryan Bunn to utilize the Engineering & Design Grant in the amount of \$50,000.00 for The Bunker, contingent upon receiving proper documentation.

Dustin Terry described the proposed plan for the exterior of the project. A motion was offered by Tom Hassell, seconded by Sondra Corbitt to utilize the Façade Grant for The Bunker in the amount of \$25,000.00, subject to receiving proper documentation. Motion passed.

Overlay District Ordinance Update: Michelle Neil reported the ordinance went through the Planning & Zoning as well as the Council. On July 10th at 6:00 p.m. there will be a public hearing on this ordinance at the Council meeting. All preliminary presentations indicate it will be passed.

Soofa Digital Signs: Noah Lirette described the digital signs concept to be considered. He will research further and come back to the board.

RFP Guardrail Update: The resolution to authorize access is approved to do work on the guardrails. This work is approved and will be done.

Open HRD Commissioner's Board Position Update: Rep. Jessica Domangue needs to make an appointment. Sondra Corbitt will send her an email.

Old Business: Attorney General's Office is still processing our request.

A Place of Restoration Progress Report: Tom Hassell will meet with them to draft a list of items performed, and perhaps assist them with a template report.

Downtown Sidewalk Repair Update: Noah Lirette will look to see what TPCG Public Works has budgeted for sidewalk repairs. A report will be sent to TPCG Public Works and Risk Management.

Bayou Walk Lighting Project Update: ADG is the electrical engineer on the project. They reached out to Providence Engineering for assistance with the structural aspect of the project. Providence proposed \$32,000.00 for design and management of this project. Noah Lirette will approach ADG to see if they can do the structural design in house, and if not seek out other proposal.

Website Update: Danny Babin has the framework built for the website, and the domain has been created.

Weyl's Sign Update: Bryan Bunn has been seeking out quotes from various sign companies. He asked the board to consider Commercial Signs's quote for the Weyl's sign. This will be in the next packet for approval.

Bayouwalk Clock Update: Jimmy Wedell reported there were some conflicting components of the clock preventing functionality. It is now fixed and working.

Officer Reports: Noah Lirette applied for a memorial sign for the gas explosion, awaiting approval. TPCG, TEDA and Fletcher are working on a small business incubator in the Whitney Bank Building. Perhaps HRD could offer some support, as it fits into the economic development aspect of its mission. Nick Hebert reported that LED has extended its LA Innovation Retention Grant for another year. Applications are due by June 30th. Sondra Corbitt requested for HRD to purchase its own digital recorder. She reported on the letter regarding State of LA compliance reporting. There is a website HRD is required to list all agendas, minutes, board members, etc. She contacted the State Division of Administration and the HRD is now in compliance.

A motion was made by Bryan Bunn, seconded by Tom Hassell, to adjourn the meeting at 12:14 p.m. Motion carried.

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

Noah Lirette, Chairman

Sondra Corbitt, Secretary