

Houma Restoration District
Board Meeting Minutes
November 6, 2024

Commissioners Present:

Noah Lirette	Jason Underwood	Bryan Bunn
Daniel Babin - absent	Tom Hassell	Tanner Magee - absent
Nick Hebert	Clarence Williams – 11:05 a.m.	

Others Present:

Brighton Schmill	Derick Bercegeay	Ann Picou
Chris Pulaski	Daniel Doiron	

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

Angela Hidalgo performed roll call and a quorum was present.

Under Public, Susan Guerrero with LE Fletcher discussed the CDBG-DR Incubator Grant Program in the amount of \$1.5 Million for space in the Whitney Bank Building. She will be requesting some assistance from HRD funding options at a future meeting.

No further public comments. A motion was made by Bryan Bunn made a motion, seconded by Tom Hassell to close public. Motion carried.

A motion was offered by Nick Hebert, seconded by Clarence Williams, to approve the October minutes. Motion carried.

Financials were presented for the month of September. A motion was made by Bryan Bunn, seconded by Tom Hassell, to approve the financials as presented. Motion carried.

New Business: Le Petit Façade Grant Final Report: A progress report was submitted. A motion made by Bryan Bunn, seconded by Nick Hebert to accept the progress report.

Elk's Public Amenity Grant Application: An application for \$100,000 to restore and revitalize the Houma Elk's Lodge was submitted. HRD will reach out to the Elk's Lodge for clarification on which grant is requested.

TPCG NA Report: BJ Schmill presented the Nuisance Abatement report and map.

Board Resignation: Sondra Corbitt submitted her resignation from the HRD board. She was an HDDC appointment. There will be advertisements for vacancies on the Facebook page, and HDDC will reappoint new member(s).

2025 Budget Presentation: A motion was made by Tom Hassell seconded by Brian Bunn to hold the 2025 budget until the next meeting. Motion carried.

Public/Private Partnership Opportunities: Bryan Bunn discussed increasing the upset limits for these grant opportunities in the future.

Old Business: HRD Overlay District Outreach – Dishman: Legal drafted a letter to the property representative/attorney. This is a Planning and Zoning violation of the ordinance. TPCG will reach out to the representative. No action was taken.

Restore the Night Façade Grant Application: Daniel Doiron presented the proposed Façade Grant application to the HRD board. A motion was made by Bryan Bunn, seconded by Clarence Williams to approve the façade grant. Motion carried.

Bayouwalk Lighting Project: The estimate of probable cost was presented. A motion was made by Tom Hassell, seconded by Bryan Bunn to get with TPCG to begin putting together a bid package for this work. Motion carried.

HRD Wayfinding Signage Discussion: Chris Pulaski reported on TPCG efforts to update/replace signage; there are 40 in the HRD, and 90 Parish-wide. TPCG is obtaining quotes to determine costs and possible partners to fund this effort.

Weyl’s Sign Update: An updated on the sign was provided, with an estimated delivery date of 2 weeks.

Officers’ Report: Need to appoint a new Secretary. This will be held to the next meeting.

The meeting ended at 12:35 p.m. Motion: Bryan Bunn Seconded: Nick Hebert.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, December 3, 2024 at 11:00 a.m. at the 2nd Floor Conference Room, 8026 Main Street, Houma, LA.

Noah Lirette, Chairman