

Restore Avilla Board

Minutes January 11, 2021

In attendance: Todd Carteaux, Jill Hoffelder, Bill Ley, Kevin Kelly, Shalimar Holderly, Ann Freeman, Bill Freeman

Todd called the meeting to order at 6:06 p.m.

ACTION: Bill L. moved to approve the minutes from November 9, 2020 and December 28, 2020. Jill H. seconded. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: We have a balance of \$6978.85 in our bank account. There is approximately \$649 in our PayPal Account. A call will be made to Emily Snider to check on the balance in our GoFundMe Account.

ACTION: Jill H. moved to approve the treasurer's report. Bill F. seconded. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

Community Market: We tabled the discussion of signs for the Community Market until Katie Schaller is able to be present to join in the discussion.

Downtown: Ann Freeman has joined our Board as a representative from the Park Board. We discussed forming a sub-committee to work with issues around researching and enforcing building codes and ordinances in our downtown area in order to improve the look and quality of our downtown buildings. The following people will be invited to participate in this subcommittee: Josh Harper from the RDC Board, Todd Carteaux from the Restore Avilla Board, Paul Shepherd from the Town Council, Ann Freeman from the Park Board, Kevin Kelly from the Chamber of Commerce, and Bill Ley from the City.

Dog Park: We have raised between \$7500-\$8100 for the Dog Park. Todd secured a \$500 donation from Jansen's Dentistry. Ann F. will ask the Park Board for a donation toward the Dog Park. The Noble County Community Foundation has Community Impact grants available in amounts ranging from \$4000-\$50,000. The deadline for submission is March 2 and the paperwork has to be submitted through the town. Bill L. and Ann F. will work together to pursue one of these grants. Bill L. informed us of a IN Grant Watch program, but the program costs \$200 just to participate in order to see the grants that are available.

Mural: Violet Landrum was expected to be here tonight to discuss the mural, but she was not able to make the meeting. Jill H. will send her a reminder and invite her to next month's meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

OCRA's Downtown Affiliate Network: The paperwork to secure our membership in OCRA's Downtown Affiliate Network has been submitted. Andrea Kern will be invited to our February or March meeting to discuss the requirements we must meet in order to remain in this network.

LOGO: Jan Carteaux designed several possible logos for Restore Avilla. These were passed around the table. Jill H. is going to ask Jan C. to put them on the computer in a format that will enable to rank our favorite logos electronically.

ACTION: Jill H. motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:41 p.m. Kevin K. seconded. Motion carried.

The next meeting will be upstairs at the St. James on Monday, February 8th at 6:00 p.m.

Minutes recorded by Shalimar Holderly, Secretary