

MINUTES OF MEETING
GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE (GAC)
Ouachita Events Building, Ponce de Leon Center, 1101 Desoto Blvd.
Friday, June 1, 2018, 8:00 AM

ATTENDANCE

Committee Members Present

Pamela Avila
Michael Dollar
Jim Harlow
Bob Hebert
Richard Johnson
Curt Malone
David Whitlow
Jerry Yeric

Committee Members Absent

Greg Jones
Keith Keck
Lu Otto

Ex-Officio Members Present

Bob Shoemaker

Ex-Officio Members Absent

POA Liaisons

Tom Weiss, Board Chair
Lesley Nalley, CEO

Other POA Board Members

Mike Medica

Justices of the Peace

Larry Griffin, Garland County
Larry Raney, Garland County
Jim Zahnd, Saline County

School District Liaisons

Dr. Michael Murphy, Fountain Lake - Absent
Dr. Ralph Carter, Jessieville - Absent

Press

Lewis Delavan, Village Voice

Others Present

Marcie Mermel

OPENING OF MEETING

Call to Order: Chair Michael Dollar called the meeting to order at 8:00 AM.

Introductions: Guests were introduced.

Agenda: The agenda was approved as submitted.

Minutes: The minutes of the May 4, 2018 were approved as submitted.

CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

Michael Dollar had no remarks at this time.

REPORTS

POA Governance Report – Tom Weiss

- Weiss shared that Jessieville and Fountain Lake School Districts brought before the Board a query about the possibility of connecting to the HSV sanitation system from the area around the Boys and Girls Club. The Board agreed to entertain a proposal at a later date from the two school districts.
- Members of the GAC weighed in on the possible positive economic impact of allowing Hwy 7 businesses to access the HSV sanitation system.
- Weiss also noted that the strength of the balance sheet, presented at the last BOD meeting, has improved. He stressed that the balance sheet is much more representative of the overall economic condition of the Village than the P&L statement.
- Weiss also noted that the Board gave approval for a new sanitation truck.
- Going forward, Weiss noted, he will not be sharing the details of the Board meetings at the GAC meetings. He urged GAC members to read the Board meeting minutes themselves. As liaison, Weiss sees his value as sharing with the GAC the roadblocks that the GAC can help eliminate in order to increase property owners value.

POA Operational Report – Lesley Nalley

- Nalley discussed the CMP pillars for 3-year implementation plan:
 - Maintenance
 - Innovation/Growth
 - Service Gaps (broadband, transportation, etc.)
- Spent time at a conference for “new urbanism”. While there had the opportunity to tour Palmetto Bluff, South Carolina. 20,000 acre private community – not totally similar to HSV but Nalley was especially interested in the town center that they have.
- Noted the stripping on DeSoto is currently being completed. The entire length of the road will be double stripped.

Hot Springs Village Chamber of Commerce – Michael Dollar

- Attended the HSV Board of Directors retreat – noted the positive discussion that occurred during the two days.
- Noted how well the BoD was communicating with each other and others attending.
- Hwy 70 is now completed. There will be a ribbon cutting today (June 1, 2018)

There were no questions on the individual Committee/Member Reports

JP Report Saline – Jim Zahnd

Ordinance on the table to call a special election for a bond issue on the ballot in November to fund a CTE facility that would be shared by a number of schools. Seven school districts have signed an MOU regarding such a facility.

Safety improvement project affecting Hwy 5 is still in discussion.

Candidate Forum Report – Jerry Yeric

Yeric noted there will be just 1 Candidate Forum, not two. The date is September 11, 2018, at the Coronado Center from 2-5 pm. There was discussion about the room set-up. Set-up will be finalized once we determine the number of candidates attending. A draft letter has been prepared and the final version will be signed by Lesley Nalley, Tom Weiss, and Michael Dollar. Only candidates of contested races will be invited – no representatives.

Broadband – Greg Jones (absent)

Michael discussed letter for the signature of Tom Weiss and Leslie Nalley, to be sent on behalf of the entire Village.

There was also discussion whether a petition would be more effective than lots of individual letters. Nalley strongly supported using a petition approach for a very targeted “ask”. There was discussion on how we would gather signatures.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

ADJOURNMENT

Michael Dollar adjourned the meeting at 9:00 A.M.