

Town of Richlands
Section House Advisory Board
Meeting Minutes
April 8, 2024

Attendance: Lynna Mitchell (chair), Greg Horn, Rod Cury, Gaynelle Thompson, Scarlett May, Eleanor Armes, Donna Altizer, Zadin Lawson

I. Call to order

The meeting convened at 5:05pm.

II. Minutes

The board unanimously approved the 3/14/24 meeting minutes with one small correction—Richlands “Woman’s” Club.

III. Welcoming new member

Lynna welcomed and introduced Scarlett May as a new member of our board.

IV. Financial report

Greg reported that our town account contained \$6580.60 as of 2/29/24.

V. Window box flowers

Rod reported that he received the window box pansies from Kim Santola and submitted a bill of \$56 to our town account for payment. He also took the hanging baskets to her for planting with geraniums, which will cost approximately \$500. Mary made a motion that the board pay for the baskets; Gaynelle seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

VI. Other thank-you’s

Lynna recognized Sandra for donating her glider and chair for use on the porch. The board thanks Sandra, and Mary suggested she have the donation valued for tax purposes; Rod said he would ask her about it. Rod also asked that Gaynelle prepare a thank-you note for Renee and Brad Thayer for donating the Edison phonograph that is now displayed in the house.

VII. Enhancing Civic Life grant

Lynna announced that she has been made aware of an “Enhancing Civic Life” grant that provides funds of up to \$25,000 for small town projects from the Trust for Civic Life that promote “day-to-day democracy” by promoting civic participation and building relationships. She thinks our group may qualify and requested permission to further research and pursue the grant. Rod made a motion for permission, Gaynelle seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

In preparation to apply, Lynna asked everyone come to the next meeting with three ideas of our “real need”; we will then decide on a focus.

VII. Garden party

The board finalized plans for this Saturday’s garden party, which will take place from 3:00-5:00pm at the house. Board members decided on decorations, food, games and other activities. Lynna showed the flyer she has prepared for distribution.

VIII. House painting

Rod reported that the Richlands Police Department plans to paint the house as a community project on 5/13-14. Corey will supervise. Rod suggested the board provide pizzas for participants. He will ask Rusty Hess if pizzas can be donated. If not, he asked that the board authorize payment for the food. He made the motion, Gaynelle seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

IX. Freedom Fest plans

Lynna asked that our Freedom Fest planning be tabled until the next meeting because of our present focus on the garden party.

X. Other business

Rod mentioned that Lynna, Greg, Eleanor, and he will be attending Bill Barker and Mark Schneider’s interpretive performance at Martha Washington Inn this Sunday. He invited any interested members to come along.

Next meeting date—Thursday, 5/16/24 at 5pm at the house

Adjournment—6:00pm

Minutes prepared by Greg Horn
April 13, 2024