

Town of Richlands
Section House Advisory Board
Meeting Minutes
May 16, 2024

Attendance: Lynna Mitchell (chair), Greg Horn, Rod Cury, Gaynelle Thompson, Eleanor Armes, Donna Altizer, Zadin Lawson, Brad Lawson, Corey Whited.

I. Call to order

The meeting convened at 5:05pm.

II. Minutes

The board unanimously approved the 4/8/24 meeting minutes with no corrections.

III. Spring Garden Party re-cap

Lynna congratulated everyone on a successful Spring Garden Party event; despite the heavy winds, we had a fun even with approximately 80-100 attendees.

IV. Hanging baskets/flowers

Rod reported that the hanging baskets are ready; he will pick them up this Saturday. He has also taken Zinnia seeds to Kim to sprout for our use.

V. House painting

Corey reported that he helped PD Chief Ron Holt and various PD members and town workers with painting the house this past Monday and Tuesday. Since the scraping and washing took longer than expected, only the front has been completed so far. After talking the Chief Holt, Corey suggested we organize a volunteer day to get more people to help with completing the project. Corey will talk with Chief Holt about possible days for this, then the board will organize it.

VI. Freedom Fest/US Semiquincentennial planning

Eleanor presented ideas to consider for our US Semiquincentennial celebration, including a “Kids’ Day” with colonial-themed games and activities. Lynna suggested reading Jeff South’s Cardinal News story about the period. Donna suggested that the Garden Club design colonial era floral arrangements.

Since Semiquincentennial observations will go on into next year, the board decided to instead have a “watch party” for the fireworks during the June 29th Freedom Festival this year. Lynna will design and distribute a flyer; Rod will bring the leftover whirligig toys from last year.

VII. Other business

Rod shared that Town Manager Jason May requested that the house be open during each of the Green Space movies/events this summer; the board will attempt to staff the house during these events.

The board discussed painting the front door and trim in authentic, contrasting colors. The board discussed replacing the damaged doors on the storage buildings.

Brad presented an Ellen Elmes print of the former Richlands train depot that has been donated by Dr. Bower's family. He suggested we use the print as a prize at an upcoming event.

Next meeting date—Tuesday, 6/25/24 at 5pm at the house

Adjournment—6:00pm

Minutes prepared by Greg Horn
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