

## **Restore Avilla**

Minutes December 12, 2018

In attendance: Abby Cole, Todd Carteaux, Jill Hoffelder, Bill Freeman, Randy King, Shalimar Holderly and Bill Ley.

Todd called the meeting to order at 6:04 pm.

Minutes from November 12 were presented. Jill motioned and Shalimar seconded to approve. The motion carried 7 – 0.

Bill Freeman presented the treasurer's report with a balance of \$1,129.11. Shalimar motioned and Abby seconded to approve the minutes as written. The motion carried 7 – 0.

Old Business:

Todd noted that Krysta Wallen has not responded to messages. He will attempt to contact her again for grant writing.

Heritage Park is complete and within budget. The ribbon cutting ceremony was well attended by the public.

Participation in a haunted forest was tabled until there is a Park Board. Currently they only have one member.

Design of a logo for Restore Avilla was tabled.

Farmers' market location in 2019 will be located in Heritage Park unless the Albion Street streetscape project is underway, in which case it will be moved to the Marketplace of Avilla parking lot.

Stuart Hood from CSB will speak at the January 14<sup>th</sup> Restore Avilla meeting to explain CSB's program to help new businesses locate in downtown Avilla. Local businesses and the Avilla Chamber of Commerce will be invited to attend the meeting.

A time capsule will be installed in Heritage Park in the Spring of 2019.

New Business:

Ideas were discussed for the next project and fundraisers in 2019.

A possible project may be the purchase way-finding signs for downtown businesses, churches, schools, library, etc. It was suggested that Restore Avilla may be able partner with the Avilla Redevelopment Commission to purchase and install the signs. It was also suggested to invite

Andrea Kern, from OCRA to the March meeting to investigate grant opportunities to fund a portion of the cost.

Another suggestion for a Restore Avilla project was creating a dog park in Avilla, possibly located in the Park east of the Library.

One fund raiser suggested was a German Dinner at the St. James Restaurant.

At 6:44 Jill motioned and Randy seconded to adjourn. The motion carried 7 – 0.

The next meeting will be upstairs at the St. James Restaurant on Monday, January 14 at 6:00 pm.

Bill Ley, Secretary.