



Rock Hill Council of Neighborhoods General Meeting Minutes Thursday, April 26 - 6:30 P.M. 150 Johnston Street HNS Training Room

- Call to Order – Aubrey Smith – **6:30 P.M.**
 - Welcome & Invocation – **Aubrey Smith**
 - Review & approve minutes from previous meeting - **Approved**
 - Treasurers Report – Ken Evans - **\$1,899.22**
 - Neighborhood Empowerment Report – Elaine Wilmore – **See page 2.**
 - Guest Speakers
 - David Vehaun, City Manager - **1. Serving in the community, engaging residents, growing Rock Hill. 2. Knowledge Park – Winthrop to Comporium. University Center, work going on at the old bleachery site and Springs building plans coming forward, apartment buildings and people living downtown. 3. Knowledge Park Action Plan – 6 or 7 focus groups that are working on different strategies, more information at knowledgeparkrocks.com. 4. June 21, 2018 recommendations brought to City Council. 5. Lowenstein building is finished area next to that will be an 800-space parking deck and a new hotel in front of the parking deck. Then a second hotel will follow. 5. In this area many projects to be completed this time next year. 6. Developer looking to build student housing, Interest in new apartments downtown. 7. 3rd floor of Lowenstein bldg. already sold out. 8. Sports arena will be open for walkers on the track. Open by Come See Me 2019. 8 Events already booked in the facility, est. 75K people on site during the events. 9. Greenspaces to be added in between buildings to include walking paths. 10. New apt bldg. 40% full since April. Most expensive place to live in Rock Hill. 11. Consideration of building a pedestrian overpass at Main St and White St to provide a safe way to cross if train is blocking tracks. 12. Consideration of performing arts center across Black St. 13. Four Opportunity Zones: If you build something and you own it for at least 10 years and lease it all the payments received will be tax free at the end of the 10th year. 14. Riverwalk: Red River Rd widened to 5 lanes complete in the fall. \$300Mil in development already and not half complete. 15. City busses in budget for 2019 and free. 16. Upgrading water plant to 48 mil gallons per day. 17. Road repair/constructions around town. 18. Business Parks: Anderson Rd & I77, HWY 161, 3.5 million sqft of business space 4,500-5000 jobs. 19. General Fund rating AA3 per Moody, Utility A2. *Question: Will RH own the Springs Bldg development? Answer: No, privately owned. Question: Performing Arts Center how will that make impacts? Answer: That is yet to be determined. Question: Good Motors property, what are the plans? Answer: County has agreed to allow city to market that site. Question: Where is the walking track in Sports Arena? Answer: Inside arena around courts three lane track. One of the largest continuous wood floors in the nation. Question: Knowledge Park incentive groups and accessibility. If you have any ideas, please share with HNS. Any one can comment on knowledgeparkrocks.com. Question: Affordable housing? Answer: Some completed at Hagins Mill 3 done and 3 in progress. Question: Is the sewage spill effecting Rock Hill? Answer: No, that occurred in Lake Norman, but as a precaution we are monitoring the situation.***
 - Adjournment – **7:28 P.M.**
- Meeting Reminders:** Next Executive Board Meeting: May 10, 2018 @ 6:00PM - H&NS Conference Room
- Next RHCN Meeting: Thurs. May 24, 2018 @ 6:30PM – RHPD Law Center

April General Meeting Report

Opportunity Zone Designation

- The designation of opportunity zones was a result of legislation sponsored by Senator Tim Scott with the idea of creating a program to jumpstart investment and spur economic development across the state. For Rock Hill, three areas have been designated as opportunity zones: 1) Knowledge Park, 2) the Saluda Street corridor and 3) the Albright Road corridor. The intent is to provide a tax incentive to businesses or individuals who invest in economic development in any of the three areas.

Earth Day Birthday

- A fun and free family festival on Saturday, April 28th, Museum of York County from 10am – 3pm. Will have food, exhibits, activities and games.

Connect the Dots

- A resource fair hosted by Urban Rock Hill Weed & Seed and United Way of York County on Saturday, April 28th from 9am – 1pm at the Kenneth Monroe Transformation Center on Saluda Street. There will be information on mental health, public transportation, job readiness, affordable housing and other resources. Transportation will be provided from the Emmett Scott Recreation Center (801 Crawford Rd), The Inglesia Pentecostal Del Testimonio (1104 McDow Drive) and Renew Our Community (ROC, 119 E. White Street) beginning at 7:30am

Rec in A Box

- Parks, Recreation and Tourism (PRT) has a new way to serve adults and kids through recreation and education. On April 18th, PRT launched their kickoff of Rec in a Box, which is a box truck that will bring recreational programming to communities throughout Rock Hill. The initiative was made possible with funding assistance from the Good Folks of York County agency. REC stands for Recreation, Education and Community. Some of the items on the truck are art and education supplies, sports equipment, games, and bicycles. If anyone needs more information or is interested in having the truck come to your community, please contact PRT at 329-8786