

**Stockade Association General Meeting
September 18, 2025
Stockade Inn**

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 PM by President Katherine Stephens.

Business Meeting:

Secretary's Minutes: the minutes of the May General Meeting were reviewed by the members and unanimously approved on a motion made by Keith Dayer.

Financial Report: Zakhar Berkovich thanked the Garden Tour Committee and Art Show for their hard work this summer in working on these two events. He reported that the association's current balance is \$81,000.

Events: There is a possibility we will hold a **picnic** this fall with a date to be announced.

Chris White and Chris Marney reported on plans to promote the Stockade as a place to trick or treat on **Halloween**. There is a sign-up form on the association website for residents to include their home on a "candy map" for visitors. Arthur's Market will become "Gother's" Market on October 31.

The next general meeting will be at 7 PM on November 20 at the Stockade Inn.

The **Holiday Ramble**, which features local businesses, will be held during the day on December 7 and the tree lighting will follow afterwards.

(The business meeting was temporarily suspended to hear from City Councilman Carl Williams about the future of the skateboard park in Riverside Park.)

Carl Williams pointed out that the city should not allow an unofficial activity like the skate park to continue. He noted that this is a liability for the city and that the skate park should either be closed or taken on by the city as an officially managed park activity. He said he has found a funding source to upgrade the skate park but he wants to know how the neighborhood feels about such a plan. Most residents favored continuing the park as long as certain upgrades, such as a bathroom and trash collection, are included. One resident spoke against the park, noting the noise, lack of restrooms and obstruction of the river view from the Riverside Condominiums. Many spoke and all but one favored the idea of a skate park as long as the amenities are added. Mr. Williams thanked the group for their comments and said that he would strive to take the neighbors' concerns into consideration as plans proceed.

(The meeting resumed following Councilman Williams' presentation.)

Beautification: The association has received a grant of \$500 from the County Energy Conservation program. Jac Solghan is working on purchasing trees for the neighborhood.

Art Show: The show was a success. It was held on the rain date and the weather was much nicer.

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Garden Tour/Streetfest: There were more vendors than last year. The total income was around \$14,000.

President's Report: Katherine Stephens facilitated a discussion of some of the chronic issues that create problems for the neighborhood. These include: pump house smell, implementing the streetscape plan, lack of volunteers, the need for more benches, better maintenance of pool restrooms, the need for traffic cameras and better managed parking. Possible solutions were also discussed such as leveraging partnerships with churches and other parking lot owners.

Ms. Stephens went on to note the need for volunteers and the various volunteer requirements of each committee.

Mary D'Alessandro reported that there is a committee working on a second oral history of the Stockade.

Meeting adjourned: 8:33 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Suzanne S. Unger, Secretary