



## **HPNA Board Meeting Tuesday, June 5th, 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm Crossroads Coffee House**

**Attendees:** Mike Mahoney, Mary Staropoli, Marcia Zach, Meghan Delahanty, Matt Carnevale, Paul Urai, Lauren Schieck (notetaker)

**Late:** Michael Tomb

**Absent:** Jill Carlier, Lori Bryce

### **ONGOING AND UPCOMING ACTIVITIES**

**Tuesday morning playdates** (Megan): Started this past week, was well attended. There will be no official cover while Megan is gone. Supervision isn't really necessary; people bring their own coffee. Possibility of Crossroads sponsoring coffee.

**Music in the park** (Marcia): Permits are here but Marcia hasn't looked at them yet. Rain dates are a little different this year - Book and Mike will be the 25th and Carol Heveron will be the 16th.

**General Meeting** (Mary): 7-8:30, will be half RPD and half NSC. 7:45-8 will be neighborhood announcements; 8-8:30 will be open forum. Paul will ask RPD and NSC to coordinate their presentation, looking for statistics and trends. Mary will write up the promotion for the blast and Facebook.

**National Night Out** (Paul): Still unsure what we're getting from the RPD. They want commitment in terms of attendance numbers/there are a lot of groups with activities that night. Can we partner with another neighborhood?

- Main purpose is to recruit for PACTAC and increase neighborhood involvement
- Date is in Buzz, Paul will write a blurb for the blast and Facebook
- Marcia will have someone do posters for the event
- Will discuss further at July board meeting

**Taste of the Neighborhood pre-planning** (Matt): Do we have anyone who has indicated an interest in volunteering? We may need additional volunteers for increased activities this year. Marcia will check to see if anyone has volunteered to work this event.

- We will provide a setup for the band (stage, amplifiers, cords - mostly their equipment)
  - Is the HPNA stage big enough for this?
- Matt will confirm exactly what they want before committing
- Permit is on Mary's to-do list
- Event is slightly more than three months away
- By the first of July, we should have a committee in place to handle logistics and discuss what to do the same, differently
- Marcia will solicit new volunteers



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**2012 PROJECTS**

**BoulevART (Marcia):**

- Over the last week or so, there has been pushback from residents of the condos about lack of communication and large scope
  - Concern about property values
  - Doubt regarding traffic calming value
  - Hesitation regarding street being closed for the weekend
- Conceding by shortening the scope of the extension to cut off the section in front of the condos; condo residents will all have parking access over the weekend
- Signatures have all been gathered; we have obtained everything the City required and then some
- We have insurance
- We don't have the actual permit yet, but it should be on its way
- Hoping that attendees bring supplies; we're trying to get additional donations
- Could use help with setup on Saturday and Sunday morning (meet at 8:30 to close streets off by 9); Matt will call Roger to see if he can help move barricades
  - Barricades will be located at the ends of the streets and also bordering the painting area.
  - The City will drop the barricades at the end of Linden and the end of Meigs
- Event will officially start at 10:30 or 11
- Final planning meeting will take place at the Ellwanger and Barry park.
- Mary makes a motion that we allocate this year's marathon winnings to the BoulevART project; provide snacks, water, Gatorade, miscellaneous paint supplies, Port-a-Potty; leftover funds earmarked for next year's BoulevART
  - Mike seconds, unanimously in favor
  - Food expenditures will be up to project leaders
  - Aim to carry \$500 over to next year

**E&B Park Kiosk (Mike):** Financially, the City wrote the extra \$450 grant to SEAC. We had voted to include that ourselves but it won't be necessary.

- We have to follow a maintenance agreement of some sort; Nancy Johns-Price will clarify all stipulations
- Timeline is partially up to SEAC at this point; the City has made changes to the contract and SEAC agreed, but the person who agreed is no longer at SEAC.



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- SEAC doesn't have a lot of other projects going on at this point; Mary is meeting with John Page on Friday and can ask if SEAC has signed the contract
- Need to look into getting a check to alleviate cash flow issues

**Block Leader Initiative** (Mary): Nothing to report on the block leader initiative.

**Website** (Michael): Old site is decommissioned; new site is up and running.

**RECENT ACTIVITIES**

**Lilac Festival Exhibit & Activities** (Marcia and Michael): Went well; was the last exhibit Michael and Marcia will be running the exhibit.

- Have not finished accounting yet.
- Sold a bunch of tshirts, mugs; got some donations.
- Lauren will get merchandise back from Marcia.

**STANDARD REPORTS**

**Board Business** (Mary): July 17th will be our one summer board meeting. Will be the meeting for July and August; can begin discussing Taste of the Neighborhood and August activities.

- Had an article in City about BoulevART; Michael and Mary were on Channel 10 news.
- A letter to the editor mentioned the Highland Park Neighborhood showing at the marathon.
- The Democrat and Chronicle was in touch about doing a column on BoulevART; wants to put a video camera to do a time-lapse capture to post on the website.

**Communications** (Mike): If there's anything to go out in the Blast, email Mike but CC Michael. Working on how to unify that process a bit.

- Be sure to report problems with HPNA email addresses; they have been moved to the new hosting service.

**Membership** (Lauren): We took in \$125 this month, a number of memberships were from the Buzz. Have a stack of membership reminder letters for June.

- Lauren will send the current membership form in pdf to Michael.
- Mike will update link in the Blast email.

**Treasurer** (Mary): Have purchased insurance; there are still several legal issues that we need to work on.

- Got advice from a lawyer in the neighborhood who confirmed that having 501(3) c status is probably not worthwhile for a group of our size but we should consider incorporating.



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- Need advice on how to handle taxes.
- We are no longer covered under SEAC - they are willing to be our fiduciary for grants, but we are not protected under their insurance.
- Recommendation is that we do not file taxes until the IRS specifically requests that we do so.

**Security (Paul):**

- Have had difficulty getting attendees for PACTAC.
  - Paul will send dates to Mike for blast
  - Put pictures of Paul and Beth in the next Buzz?
  - Does the NSC take any responsibility for recruiting? Not really.
- Energy people are coming around again; they can be very persistent
- Police have been responding to the playground in the middle of the night (loud and drunk)

**Businesses (Matt):** Nothing really new; will discuss ad prices and sizes with Mike.

- Will need assistance getting donations for the raffle at TON.

**Children & Families (Meghan):** Sponsors for the South Side Little League are from the neighborhood; the Little League could take out an ad in the Buzz thanking sponsors for their support.

- In three years, have gone from about 40 kids to about 100 kids in the South Side Little League. There are a variety of divisions, 10 teams total.
- Meghan is going to try to organize an event to rent the GVA pool for a neighborhood party in late June.
  - Mary: motion to cover the cost of the swimming party up to \$100; Lauren seconds, unanimously in favor.

**Volunteers (Marcia):** Problems with volunteers not showing up/responding to emails. Working on planters at E&B park.

**Art & History (Michael):** Nothing to report.

**NEIGHBORHOOD GROUP UPDATES**

**NBN6 (Mary):** Has lost steam again. Nothing to report.

**SEAC (Mary):** Mary will be meeting with John Page this Friday. Will talk to him about some of the specific fiduciary stuff. Will be interested to know what our status is as members. Not sure that SEAC is even keeping accurate membership records. Mary is joining the SEAC board in August.



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**Highland Hospital** (Mary): Discussions are still in progress to resolve issues with Highland Hospital/landscaping.

**ESCAPE** (Mary): Banners will not be changed; it's too late and there is no money. Mary will forward that communication to the HPNA board.

**OPEN FORUM DISCUSSION**

We need to make sure that roads are totally blocked off from cars for the Taste of the Nation event. Please discuss at future meeting. (Meghan)

At the next meeting we can plan for next year and do some succession planning. (Mary)

Can we give tshirts to volunteers who spend 30-40 hours working? (Marcia)

*Addendum:*

Marcia:

Permits for both Music in the Park events with rain dates noted are in my possession. Marcia

The dates for Music in the Park are Wednesday July 18 (rain date Wednesday, July 25) and Wednesday, August 15 (rain date Thursday, August 16 ). MZ

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