

HPNA Board Meeting Minutes August 7, 2018 HPNA

Apartments at Goodman and 490

Mark IV is building 100 market-rate apartments at Goodman and 490. (This is the now fenced-in area.) Construction to begin in the fall. Residents will have first floor, under the building parking. Karges will remain one-way. This is a private development with no public funding. Will have studio to two-bedroom apartments ranging from \$800 to \$1,700/mo.

The parcel of land opposite the fenced-in area, now belongs to Betlam. As we can see, they are using it for parking.

Colgate Divinity Update

The last deal to sell Colgate fell through. New owner is Angelo Ingrassia, also the owner of the former Irondequoit Mall. He spoke at a recent NBN6 meeting. He does not currently have a plan, but is reviewing proposals from an architect. Most of the Colgate campus is a City Landmark site which means any development plans must be reviewed by the City's Preservation Board. This does not mean he cannot receive permission to build on Highland Avenue hill; it simply means any plan would have to be approved. We believe he wants office and residential on the site. As Colgate was a nonprofit, they did not pay taxes. Now that the property is in private hands, the parcel will move to the tax rolls – which is good for the City. The Divinity school is moving to a yet-to-be determined location. If you are interested in this development and would like to join a working group of residents, please email board@highlandparkrochester.org.

Highland Hospital

They have stated a plan to add three to four stories (up to 110' high) to the addition they added a couple of years ago – facing Mt. Vernon. They have not yet submitted a plan to the City. But that may come at the end of August. We believe a future plan may be to demolish the South wing (tallest building on Mt. Vernon). A HPNA committee, led by Mike Thompson, meets regularly with Highland representatives about issues (smoking, parking, etc.).

Our position is...we want NO intensity of activity on the site. The City Planning Commission will have to review any development plan. This will be our opportunity for input. The Planning Commission's recommendation is NOT binding. Final approval comes from City Council. Recent example: The Planning Commission recommended against the development of new apartments at Cobbs Hill. Thirty-eight neighborhood groups were opposed, yet City Council vote to approve the development.

Parking is an ongoing issue with Highland. They have told us they have enough parking for staff between the two garages, and the shuttle from UR. Yet, employees do not want to pay for parking, and they end up on our streets. In an effort to stop this, several streets around Highland have changed the alternate parking times to 10-11 am. The problem still exists. The question of resident permit parking was raised. It requires action by the State Legislature.

If you are interested in this issue, please email board@highlandparkrochester.org. Mike Thompson would like more neighbors to join his meetings with Highland.

Terrance Building

This is the high-rise on Elmwood (former psych center). The plan was to demolish to make way for 500 apartments, retail and a hotel. We do not know the status as Bob Morgan was a prime partner in the development plan.

Speeding Traffic

We brought this issue to the attention of the police officers in attendance at the meeting. RPD will request a traffic detail on Linden (You are forewarned.) If the traffic enforcement sees enough speeding, they can make a recommendation for speed bumps. Does not mean, the street will get speed bumps. There are rules about speed bumps vs length between stop signs, etc. And 60% of residents on the street have to agree to speed bumps.

RPD was also made aware of a situation with a house on Rockingham.

SAVE the DATE!

Taste of the Neighborhood picnic in the park at Meigs & Linden is Sunday, September 16, 2 – 5 pm. Residents can bring a dish-to-pass. There will be a band, a bounce house, and games for the kids, and raffles. Consider becoming a supporting member of HPNA. With a \$30 donation you'll receive one of our porch flags!