

HPNA Neighborhood Meeting

- Introductions around the room
- Announcements
 - Become a member or renew your membership
 - Supports neighborhood events
 - Gifts for various donation levels – we have HPNA flags!!
 - New(ish) HPNA Website
 - www.highlandparkrochester.org
 - Events page
 - Continue to add content
 - “Suggestion Box”
 - Let us know about events you would like to see (something you would like to revive, something new, etc)
 - Taste of Neighborhood
 - September 15th, 2019
 - Rochester 2034 Launch Party
 - Free!
 - Rochester’s Comprehensive Plan for the next 15 years
- BoulevArt
 - Supposed to happen last year due to the park build but we delayed it
 - Needs to happen this year or we will lose the paint
 - This is the paint that is on the street around the Ellwanger Barry Park, the purpose is to slow down cars
 - Also a fun neighborhood activity and block party
 - Application has been submitted to close the roads
 - June 15th (June 16th as back up) – starts at 10AM, setup is 9AM
 - Received a grant to buy paint supplies
 - Limited refreshments and a port-a-potty
 - If we have enough people come, we should be done around noon
 - Around 100 people came last time, streets stay closed until about 4 so the paint can dry
- Ellwanger & Barry Playground Redesign
 - Installing new equipment
 - No exact date, sometime late summer early fall
 - The kiosk by Meigs has a layout of what is being done
 - A committee picked the items from a catalog, sandbox is staying
 - Little library will stay
 - One tree will be taken down but they are replanting it
- Highland Hospital Patient Tower Construction
 - Next step in hospital expansion is to build the patient tower
 - Process: site plan approval, design, building permit, construction

- Hospital wanted a neighborhood steering committee, we have reps from various streets
- First meeting is May 28th
- This is an information sharing platform so we can communicate to the neighborhood what is happening
- The committee represents the entire community
- We are not against Highland renovating, but we don't want it to become like Strong
- We want neighbors to stay, not lose houses
- Try to keep a balance with the hospital
- Will put the most recent document on our website after it passes, current version is April
- Will be meeting monthly and providing communication
- Not supposed to increase amount of beds, is just giving more individual rooms
- Staff will increase by 18
- Neighborhood Streets Parking
 - Data collection to understand concerns
 - Collected input on Facebook
 - Online parking survey is being created
 - Parking task force continues to meet
 - Parking is not a new concern, has been around for a long time
 - Hospital and neighborhoods are doing their own surveys and will compare results
 - Hospital shuttle has changed so a survey is on hold and will be launched mid-August
 - Survey will be about 10 questions, there will be a drop down menu to select where you live, looking for data on if you think there is a concern, time of days, etc, will be done electronically, library will help anyone who comes in complete the survey
 - Not surveying the neighborhood on the other side of Goodman, just this side from Linden to Mt Hope, Manor Parkway
 - Paper flier will be delivered to let you know the survey is coming
- Colgate Divinity Property Redevelopment
 - In 2003 Rochester zoning code was re-written, areas where HH and Colgate are was not made to the new code and every change since 2003 was an exception to the zoning rules
 - This will form the zoning regulations for these property and will set the rules for the next few decades
 - The pre-application meeting had neighborhood representatives, city planning, city zoning, plumbing
 - North building
 - Dropped 115 to 110 units
 - Smaller footprint overall
 - Setback from property line at 75 feet

- Overall height of building at 65 feet
 - East building
 - Moved away from property line
 - Parking area will be on the Brighton property line versus the building
 - Proposing a retaining wall above grade for the parking area
 - This building will have up to 40 units
 - Nothing is decided, all of this information is draft
 - Should be a committee that represents the neighborhood with this project just like there is with the hospital
 - They did discuss removing trees
 - Underground parking garage is still part of this project
 - The developer does not own the property and likely will not until the PDD is approved
 - This building falls under the city preservation board, this board is one that has real denial powers
 - Are there not-for-profit ways we can use the space that doesn't involve developers? Has this ever been discussed within the neighborhood
 - E-mail the board so we can schedule walks to look at the Colgate lands and discuss the concerns
 - Lets get all of our concerns together in one place and we can reach out to all parties (planning board, zoning, developer, etc) with everything
- Highland Park Reservoir Project
 - Work on the reservoir is because we need to be in compliance with EPA laws on protecting our water source from bacteria
 - There are four options: fully covering reservoir, partially covering 75% of the reservoir, bury cement tanks and fill in reservoir with dirt, treat water with UV and enhanced chlorine treatment which leaves the view alone
 - A fifth options was presented: they can also take the reservoir out of service and enlarge Highland Park by putting a walking path or benches around the water and make it a water feature within the park that can be used
 - This takes 27 million gallons of water out of service (we have 227 million gallons of water storage available, water should have a minimum of 1 days storage, we currently have 9 days, if you remove Highland you will have 8 days)
 - Water needs nutrients to become "nasty" and this reservoir doesn't have nutrients in it, it sitting should not make it "nasty"
 - Cost, in theory, should not be close to the others (estimated at less than a million)
 - Should look in to what happens when the leaves fall in
 - Retiring would not effect water quality or pressure
 - The county should be involved as they would take over the reservoir if retired
 - Friendsofreservoirs.org

- Go on the website and make comments, the more we do the better, ask why we are not retiring the reservoir
 - A grant is driving the timeline, March 2020 is the deadline, the decision makers are making the decision this summer in order to use this grant
 - June 6th is public meeting
- Open Discussion