

Highland Park Neighborhood Association

General Meeting

November 13, 2019

Welcome and Introductions

Announcements

- Volunteering
 - The HPNA Board would like to reimplement the 3-hour team concept for neighborhood volunteering. Please help, you could sign up to volunteer three hours a year.
 - We do need a volunteer coordinator. You don't need to be on the board. We just need someone to help us with spreadsheets and be organized. If you know anyone, please put the word out.
- Board Members – We've had three board members leave and one new person, Bob Thompson, join the board. We could use a few more people.
- Sign up for the HPNA e-newsletter. We have a sign up on our website so you can learn what's going on by e-mail.
- HPNA Winter Concert series – Meet the Musicians
 - South Wedge Mission
 - First Concert: Michael Edwards February 1st at 4PM, performance focused on children and young teens
 - February 28th, March 14th 7pm, and March 28th 7pm are other concert dates
 - There will be refreshments. Musicians will interact with the audience in some way.

Review of 2019

- Year of Rezoning
 - Highland Hospital
 - Colgate Divinity Property - Property was purchased. First work will be done on the big hall. Currently working on having Strong made into a banquet facility. No other applications or paperwork is in yet.
- Ellwanger & Barry playground rebuilt
 - Done except the grass needs to grow and they will need to plant a tree
 - Note: Issue with the benches near the sandbox, all benches have their backs to the sandbox. Sandbox appears to be too high, thought it was supposed to be buried in the ground so it was flush. Also, the one path is a straight shot for the street.
 - Note: Linden and Meigs garbage can is missing. Needs to be returned.
 - Note: Kiosk is not located where it was supposed to be put. It's put too far back and it cannot be seen from the street.
- HPNA Events
 - BoulevArt

- Concert at Ellwanger & Barry Park
- Taste of the Neighborhood
- Parking Survey for west of South Goodman
 - 185 responses so far
 - Note: No parking on Highland Ave near the park. Need to look into the issue. Over by Goodman. Might be an issue for people who are trying to go to the park.
- Traffic calming - Speed bumps!
- Highland Hospital Patient Tower
 - Timeline draft was provided. Expect total project completion 2021.
 - Official source is Highland Hospital Facilities Blog. You need to sign up but definitely do so if you're interested. The blog is helpful for updates on what they're doing.
 - Construction will enter from South Ave.
 - Another meeting will be next week for Highland Hospital. It will keep people posted on what is going on at the hospital and give neighbors a place to get involved.

Looking Ahead to 2020

- Facilitate Neighborhood Events
 - Winter and Summer music series (Michael and Marsha volunteered)
 - Spirit Contest (have a volunteer for this)
 - Taste of the Neighborhood
 - Neighborhood Garage Sale
 - National Night Out (Michael and Marsha volunteered)
 - Information Sessions
 - Halloween Parade (takes care of itself)
 - Kids Day at the Cinema
 - Progressive Dinners
- Rochester Plan 2034
 - Going to put out electronic messaging to get people to volunteer to be part of the group involved in this plan and becoming experts on it (in chunks)
 - Plan is available on the city website
- Monthly E-Newsletter
 - We have a communications team. Hoping to do a monthly newsletter.
 - We are getting in touch with The Wedge to figure out getting a space in the paper.
- Represent HPNA to other neighborhood groups
 - NBN6, MNBN, City Planning Commission, Highland Hospital, Southwedge Planning Commission, South Clinton Merchants
- Possibly starting up the Welcome Bag again. Looking to get HPNA reusable shopping bags.
- Address Important Neighborhood Issues
 - Parking
 - Traffic
 - Code violations

- Increase Engagement with PCIC
- Neighborhood Maintenance
- Review, Verify, Update, Clarify HPNA by-laws, HPNA Mission, Facebook group rules for membership and posting
- Inventory & Organize HPNA electronic and non-electronic “stuff”
 - Storage unit
 - Google Cloud
- Engage with Community Design Center of Rochester
- Grant Research
- HPNA not for profit

Open Discussion

- Carlene Woodward passed away yesterday. Larry, the original artist of BoulevArt passed away as well.
- Thank you Mary Rose!!
- Would be a good idea to plan to meet two new city council members at next General Meeting