

**Highland Park Neighborhood Association
Board Meeting – March 5, 2020**

In Attendance	Absent
Roxanne Townsend: Chair Sarah Sweeney: Secretary Stacey Bershod: North Section Leader Roger Ramsay: Treasurer Bob Thompson: Vice Chair Alecia Crawford: Communications Mike Thompson: Highland Hospital Representative	Brian White Karl Waelder: East Section Leader

Agenda

1. Treasurer’s report
 - a. Document passed around
 - b. New simple budget passed around, available on the Google Drive
 - i. Added some line items to update our budget
 - ii. Membership of MNBN, added to budget
 - iii. SEAC membership has been added to budget

2. Updates from other groups
 - a. SCMA February Meeting
 - i. South Clinton Merchants Association
 - ii. Trying to get funding for benches on South Clinton
 1. Roxanne was recommending benches facing away from the street to encourage community gathering
 2. Suggested a flowerpot or some sort of greenery
 3. Apparently, there are themed banners
 4. If we funded a bench, it would have to be on our side of the street. It wouldn’t be fully funded, but maybe a \$500 donation. We could work with an artist to design something nice.
 5. Perhaps we look at putting a bench somewhere else in the neighborhood, like around the park.
 6. Maybe we do monthly dinners at businesses in the neighborhood
 7. Let’s list businesses on the website that are walkable, specify what is and isn’t in the neighborhood
 - b. February City Presidents’ Meeting
 - i. Roxanne: They are presenting the years plan to city council in May.
 - ii. There are different grants and money opportunities for neighborhoods.
 - iii. They also discussed PAC TAC at this meeting, need three people minimum
 - iv. Discussed census, there are a lot of jobs available still
 1. Would like something in the newsletter for this, link to the federal site for March and maybe the local site in April if its available then
 2. For every person that is missed is \$26,000 of funding to the city over a 10 year period
 - v. Hygiene Kits
 1. For prostitutes in other meetings
 2. We are requesting what type of items they need so we can put in a collection request to the neighborhood

- c. MNBN February Meeting
 - i. Bob: They are making a list of advocacy issues that need to be addressed, trying to take a list of 45 items or so and break it down to 4 or 5 to focus on. Mostly a planning meeting for MNBN efforts for 2020.
 - d. Others(?)
3. Recap - Winter Thaw Party & General Meeting
- a. Are there any more outstanding receipts?
 - b. Review submitted suggestions
 - i. Giveaway or collection for the needy, some kind of charity event
 - 1. Possibly a food drive in the summer – South Wedge Food Program
 - 2. Possibly collect during the garage sale event
 - 3. Maybe collect food for another neighborhood that needs it
 - ii. Convince city to plow streets
 - 1. Its connected to parking
 - 2. Many streets are contracted out though
 - 3. Maybe in the fall we do an information session with someone form the city to explain the logic
4. March Newsletter Topics
- a. Census
 - b. Membership and Volunteers
 - c. Spirit Contest
 - d. March Concerts
 - e. Hospital Update
 - f. Assessment challenge deadline by March 17th
5. Historic District
- a. Looking for support of Gregory Tract Historic District
 - b. We would like to donate \$500 to this (unanimous vote yes), then \$500 again next year to the Ellwanger & Barry/Highland Park Neighborhood -
6. Calendar
- a. March - Two more concerts
 - b. April – Spirit Contest
 - i. Stacey will reach out to get contacts for houses on Goodman to make sure they're available
 - ii. Need to review the supply list for what we need to get compared to what we need to borrow
 - iii. Trying to get a live band
 - iv. April 19th
 - v. Flutter Flag prices
 - c. Date for Taste of the Neighborhood
 - i. September 20th Sunday
 - ii. 50/50 only and raffle off one nice item
 - iii. Ask businesses to donate only food
7. Volunteers
- a. Needs for garden by Artisan Church
 - i. We can request volunteers, but no one to manage it right now
 - ii. We will do a Facebook post asking for a volunteer coordinator

- iii. End of May is when flowers come in that need to be planted
 - iv. Need weekly volunteers to water
 - v. Direct people to the city website for the clean sweep of the garden
 - b. Neighborhood Garage Sales
- 8. HPNA "Neighborhood Vision" Path Forward/Ideas
 - a. Support local business
 - i. Welcome Bag with info re: businesses in our neighborhood or close by
 - 1. Roxanne will buy bags online – budget \$300 (unanimous approval)
 - ii. Monthly dinners/lunches at local restaurants
 - iii. Business directory
 - iv. Local business support webpage
 - b. Parking (?)
 - i. No update
 - c. Walkability/Community Building