

**Highland Park Neighborhood Association  
Board Meeting – August 4, 2020**

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

Agenda

1. Updates from other groups
  - a. MNBN
    - i. Biggest concern was zoning not consulting people in the re-write
  - b. NBN6
    - i. New county Office of Inclusion to be announced
    - ii. Jen Topa, Street Liaison – will be splitting time between areas, working on beautification projects for S. Clinton and Monroe Ave
    - iii. Zoning Advisory Board – Dorraine Kirkmire will be leading core group of city staff for zoning re-write; Planning Commission will play an advisory role; still no plan for community participation; plan will be broken into 12, geographically based, districts; Consultant will be chosen by October 2020 to look at areas of concern in districts such as racial roots, quality of life
    - iv. The Landmark Society presented about the historic districts in our neighborhood, web page to follow with info
  - c. City Presidents Meeting – 7/28/20
    - i. Joan Lindberg presented information about local artist Susan Mandle ([susan.mandl@yahoo.com](mailto:susan.mandl@yahoo.com)) animal & nature paintings and sculptures, some of proceeds donated to local animal rescue organizations
    - ii. 311 presentation (separate file), presenter: Arleen Hyland, Manager of 311
    - iii. Common Ground Health – presenter: Jen Beideman, [jenn.beideman@commongroundhealth.org](mailto:jenn.beideman@commongroundhealth.org), Play ROC Healthy Kids campaign is distributing Play Kits for city kids 3 to 10 years old, includes crayons, coloring books, balls, bubbles, jump ropes, etc., distributed through online application at: [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf5BhszzEMbZh\\_s8gld7vI\\_8zg86iAhD9-4Q69YjIqnJ2d3Pw/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf5BhszzEMbZh_s8gld7vI_8zg86iAhD9-4Q69YjIqnJ2d3Pw/viewform?usp=sf_link)
    - iv. Sheila Rayam, Democrat & Chronicle, [srayam@gannett.com](mailto:srayam@gannett.com), looking to collaborate on neighborhood stories, set up a mobile newsroom in area zip codes with the least subscribership and coverage
  - d. PCIP – 7/8/2020
    - i. Officers assigned to our neighborhood center have been pulled to assist with protests and COVID testing sites
    - ii. No in-person events for the rest of 2020
    - iii. Will do PACTAC training via Zoom if there’s enough interest
  - e. Other?
2. Board Membership
  - a. Discussions w/potential members – ideas on how to bring new people in

- i. Meet with people ahead of time in order to discuss expectations ahead of time
  - ii. Roxanne: single issue people, need to make clear we are involved with many issues
  - iii. Need common sense
  - iv. Opportunity to “shadow” or learn in order to see what the job is actually like
  - v. This is specific to appointing to positions, not voting in
- 3. 2021 Calendar – Photo Contest
  - a. How to pre-order (SEAC PayPal for online payments?)
    - i. Yes, let’s see if we can take online orders – perhaps charge any extra fee SEAC might give to the buyers as a convenience charge
    - ii. Want to start taking preorders but people may want to see it in advance
  - b. Cost
    - i. \$12 – 15 for the calendar
    - ii. Will deliver if in the neighborhood, will ship if they are not
- 4. Website & Emails
  - a. Volunteers
    - i. Will have a form for volunteers on website
    - ii. Will highlight need for volunteer coordinator in this
  - b. Historic Districts
    - i. Link to Landmark Society pages
    - ii. Grant came through for Gregory track
      - 1. Grant is for \$10,000; we have promised \$500
      - 2. Start work in August
      - 3. Take pictures of houses in neighborhood
      - 4. This won’t go to the state review board until June 2021
      - 5. Will be a press release around August 17<sup>th</sup>, any home owner doing a qualified renovation can apply for tax credit, credit will come in June 2021 but can be used starting the end of this month
  - c. Update to Membership web page (form)
- 5. Facebook – Rules & Membership Questions
  - a. Try and get non-board moderators
  - b. Have them attend meetings and be involved