Highland Park Neighborhood Association

Board Meeting - April 12, 2023

In Attendance	Absent
Bob Thompson, Chair	Stacey Bershod, North Section Leader
Roger Ramsey, Treasurer	Glen Coykendahl, At Large
Kiersten Shinrock, Secretary	
Mike Thompson, South Section Leader &	
Highland Hospital Liaison	
Larry O'Heron, At Large	
Tom Slothower, At Large	

Agenda

- 1. Approval of Minutes 1-2023
 - a. Unanimously approved (1st Roger 2nd Kiersten)
- 2. Treasurer's Report Roger
 - a. Income from dividends
 - b. Monthly expense from the credit union for \$1
 - c. Balance: \$10,185.02
- 3. BoulevArt Update
 - a. No paving will happen this year confirmed with Neighborhood Service Center so we are good to paint
 - b. Bob needs help getting petition signed in the two blocks of Linden and Meigs 2 blocks both sides
 - i. Before walking petitions, we should have a design confirmed so we can answer that? We have historically followed the historical design
 - ii. Need ¾ of houses to sign on in all the blocks for those who might be impacted by the painting and the street will be blocked
 - iii. Larry will walk Linden from Meigs to South (eastside of Linden)
 - c. Design
 - i. Originally came from an artist in the neighborhood who Michael Tomb worked with
 - ii. Should we paint anything specific to deter speeding?
 - iii. Do we need to put a coat of primer black paint over the asphalt before the design? But we then would have to recreate all the art which would be a lot more time consuming and laborious
 - 1. Generating new artwork and creating a new base would require way more time
 - 2. Keep with existing design and then next time they repave which is likely a few years out then do a redesign
 - d. Target date to paint was the end of June
- 4. Historic District
 - a. Bill approval
 - i. Outstanding bill since the district has been submitted to SHIPO
 - 1. \$17,8000 due
 - 2. \$15,000 paid already because Highland Park Conservancy was holding the grant for us
 - 3. Remaining \$2,800 comes from HPNA coffers which was approved when this project was launched
 - a. Board revoted to approve paying the debt for the Landmark Society (1st Mike 2nd Roger) Passed Unanimously
 - 4. After these payments \$5,800 remains after these payments but there is a \$3,000 discount from Landmark due to the delays
 - 5. Over \$30,000 project costs HPNA less than \$3,000 out of our pocket as HPNA
 - ii. Landmark is reviewing and revising due to feedback that will be resubmitted in September

- iii. Because the initial submission was made anyone can go in and apply for the tax credits but that will be reviewed when the final approval is made
- iv. Expansion of HPNA historic district and Azalea and the benefit is the same as the Gregory Tract but the boundaries are all of HPNA and Azalea
 - 1. Properties are limited to single family homes and they cannot be too modified. They must show much of the original character of the house. The submission SHIPO has lists each individual property eligible.
- v. Rules of the benefit of the project must be approved before construction begins. So it is forward looking.
- b. Mailing & Public Meeting requirement
 - i. Public Meeting will be hosted via Zoom in June
 - ii. Mailing will be sent to highlight the details for everyone in an eligible property will receive something in the mail
 - iii. Landmark is willing to support anyone putting a submission in as they are familiar with the process

5. 2023-24 Calendar

- a. Someone wants to volunteer to take the reins and create a calendar. Mike Thompson will set up a meeting with her.
- b. Do not believe that we should go the contest route again. HPNA Board to select the images to keep it simpler than the last round of calendar production.
- c. The printer we used last time is out of business but there are plenty of other options.
- d. Will likely become a 2024 calendar.

6. NeighborGood

- a. Received a \$2,500 grant as a 501c3 and so this will go towards the remaining bill post the \$2,800 payment for the Historic District. Bob Thompson secured the grant.
- b. Bob is looking into other grants to see if we can replace the banners falling off the light poles.

7. Safety/Pac/Tac – Larry

- a. Non-violent crimes.
 - i. Car Theft (4 stolen vehicles in the neighborhood last month) largely Kia and Hyuandai
 - ii. Some burglary and larceny but very few smashed windows often door is left unlocked
- b. Next 30 days and the past 30 days there was not much for the planning commission, preservation board, zoning board, etc.

8. Other business:

- a. Zoning / ZAP
 - i. Roseanne, Head of Zoning relinquished her position, which has created a leadership gap and a number of other positions shuffled around so they are not able to make much happen.
 - ii. New and proposed construction is going slow
 - iii. Colgate: nothing is happening because there is still a lawsuit about a development out in Greece where there is \$40 million in real estate at stake.
 - 1. Final site plan was approved
 - a. On the plan it is required to tag all the trees and set up proper fencing to protect the existing trees.
 - b. Site plan is good for 1 year and 2 months already gone
 - c. Requirement to install a sidewalk on Goodman between Campus Drive and Highland
 - d. Any new fencing has to go back to the Preservation Board to be approved.

b. Honor Park - Bob

i. Person who was taking care of it moved away and the other neighbor has taken on responsibility of Honor Park and Bob will give him a hand with that as well

- ii. Honor Park is at Linden and South Goodman it's a small triangle park with lots of flowers
- c. Clean Sweep @ Monroe in Bloom Garden
 - i. Roger updated that we have a garden near Artisan Church across from Field Street
 - ii. We have used Wilson Days in the Fall and Clean Sweep in the spring to maintain this garden.
 - iii. Roger is not in town to be captain. It's April 29th and you go to Frontier Field Baseball stadium and can recruit people to sign up and show up at the site and there are tools that the city will lend you. Watch and direct activities. Asked for 12-15 volunteers. Bag picked up at the field and all prepared based on the site with tools, vests, and such. Looking for someone who can take over as captain. Then they return on a bus. The tools are picked up by the city. And if you wish you can return to the field to have soda and hotdog and watch the baseball game.
 - iv. Project registration is closed but participants can still register or show up day of typically