

Highland Park Neighborhood Association  
**Board Meeting AGENDA – August 16, 2023**

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

Agenda

1. Approval of Minutes – 7-2023
  - a. Emailing in separate email.
  
2. Treasurer’s Report - Roger
  - a. July Financials – Roger to email directly to Board
  
3. Communications – Roxanne
  - a. **Website**
    - i. The Membership page on the HPNA website has been updated to include a PayPal option for Supporting Membership - <https://highlandparkrochester.org/membership/>
    - ii. Board Meeting webpage (<https://highlandparkrochester.org/board-meetings/>) – Posted meeting minutes end at June, 2021. Need to find copies of approved board meeting minutes for:
      - a. 2021 – July through December
      - b. 2022 – January through December
      - c. 2023 – January through May
    - iii. Will continue to review each page of our website for needed updates
  - b. **Membership**
    - i. Records
      - a. Could not find any membership files earlier than 2021 (on Roxanne’s personal computer or on the shared Google drive). 2021 membership drive was included with the sale of the HPNA calendar.
      - b. A new membership record file has been created from the calendar sale spreadsheet. Any 2021 memberships that were sent in, other than the calendar orders, are not recorded.
      - c. The 2023 membership records from the historic district mailing have been added to this newly created spreadsheet.
      - d. The Membership spreadsheet has been uploaded to the HPNA shared Google drive.
    - ii. HPNA Membership Files - Google Drive
      - a. Historic district mailing did not include all households within the HPNA boundaries so, not all households have received a request to become a supporting member.
  - c. **Membership Gifts**
    - i. In the process of sending out Lamberton passes to fulfill the 2023 supporting memberships that requested the thank you gift.
    - ii. We received one supporting membership donation from “Nancy” requesting a t-shirt. We need to know who this is so that we can let her know that t-shirts are not available and see if she’d

like the Lamberton passes.

d. **Other**

SEAC employee Nick Wilbur has reached out to see if the HPNA Board would like to have a representative join the board or sit in at meetings. His email is below.

*"I'm Nick Wilbur, and I'm the Programs Coordinator for the South East Area Coalition. I run their Tool Shed, among other programming and initiatives in our service area.*

*As a resident of Highland Park and an employee here, I was wondering if HPNA would be interested in having a SEAC representative to sit in and/or work with the board. We do try to support any and all NA's and Merchants Associations in our quadrant as best we can - and on a personal level, I of course take an interest in my own neighborhood!*

*Cheers - let me know your thoughts, and have a great week!"*

4. Historic District – Roxanne & Bob

- a. No Update this month

5. Safety Pac/Tac – Larry

- a. We have two folks interested in walking pac-tac. I let Lt Wilson at the NSC know. He needs to arrange a training class. He prefers to do one class for the entire Goodman section, but as fas as he indicated, there are no other NAs with people who need the training.

6. PCIC – Sector 6 & 7 (August 9, 2023) - Larry

a. **Attendees:**

Capt Elwood Goodman Section, RPD  
Lt Rob Wilson (Crime Prevention Officer)  
Capt Gabriel Person - Community Relations Unit, RPD  
Erica Hernandez - Admin Asst, Southeast NSC  
Carlos Alvarado - RPD  
Larry OHeron - HPNA  
Joan Lindberg (Lilac NA)  
Gary Domenico (ABC Streets)  
Marianne Pastecki - ABC/Park Ave  
Linda Baier - Azalea NA  
Judy Hay - Swillberg  
Ted Benedict - Lock 66  
Colleen McCarthy - Lock 66

b. **HPNA only:**

- i. Over the past thirty days, there were 3 motor vehicle thefts (all hyundai or kia)
- ii. Three burglaries in the area: lower Mt Vernon, Caroline St, Meigs St.
- iii. Pac-tac: Lt Wilson is hoping to schedule pac-tac training, which will probably be Section-wide. Roger and I can start walking again. Lt Wilson requests a day's notice.
- iv. Aggravated Assaults (Diem & Goodman): No further info at this time.
- v. Carbeat 265: Most of 265 is south of I-490. Trend-wise there is little crime activity of significance in the HPNA area.
- vi. Vehicle larcenies: In addition to electronics, larcenies occur to get at athletic gear / sunglasses.

**c. Community Relations Unit:**

- i. Capt Person introduced himself.
- ii. FMI: <https://www.cityofrochester.gov/DeputyChiefCommunityAffairsBureau/>
- iii. Goodman Section Crime Stats:
- iv. The Goodman section essentially goes from Highland Park to Clifford Ave, and the river to the city boundary, covering the east side of the city.
- v. See the crime map link info below to get a visual layout.
- vi. 22 of 23 car larcenies were “entry without break-in”, meaning that the cars were left unlocked.
- vii. Goodman section realignment target date: Sept 11, 2023.
- viii. Although Kia/Hyundai vehicle thefts continue, the associated burglaries are down. Trends indicate that the stolen cars are not so often being used to break into storefronts. The RPD does not pursue stolen Kia/Hyundais unless there is another serious crime involved.
- ix. Staffing issues continue unabated. RPD is down 100 officers. 9 graduated from the academy. 6 retired. There are RPD officers on 16-hour days in order to cover shifts. Closing date for new applicants: 884 applied. Must be vetted. Experience indicates that at every step, remaining applicants are ½ of the previous step. Many candidates drop out due to physical fitness, approx ½. Budgeting for 50 applicants to put on the uniform.

**d. Neighborhood Service Center:**

Citizen’s Police Academy is coming up.

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**Subject:** Citizens Police Academy

Good Morning,

We are planning for the upcoming Citizen’s Police Academy that starts on Sept 13<sup>th</sup> and is held at the Academy. The class runs 10 weeks and gives City of Rochester residents the opportunity to see the different parts of the department and what they do. If you could be so kind as to distribute this information and application to your neighborhood groups and at community meetings, it would be appreciated. Any questions can be directed to either Officer Coriddi or myself. Thank you for your help.

Sgt Steve Boily

Backgrounds Unit

Professional Development Section

Rochester Police Department

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Will NSCs re-align in conjunction with the RPD alignment? No plans. Any re-alignment in the future must go through the City Council.

City-wide, there were 22 positions for Crime Prevention Officers. Currently, only 13 positions are filled.

Crime Prevention Officers are tasked to

Assist in evictions

Sex offender checks

Homeless Outreach Team

Anti-violence details

**e. General topics:**

- i. RPD Crime Map: If you want to pull up the RPD crime stats, go to the crime map website. It is fairly up to date, depending on the nature of the crime report.
- ii. The best way to get to it is to do a web search on “RPD Public Crime Map” and look for a link to [www.arcgis.com](http://www.arcgis.com)

## 7. NBN6

- a. Landlord Summit Powerpoint Slides <https://www.cityofrochester.gov/LandlordSummit/>
- b. New Code Compliance Score <https://www.cityofrochester.gov/CodeComplianceScore/>
- c. Building Blocks <https://cityofrochester.gov/buildingblocks/>
  - i. Can look up properties that are rented and whether they are not owner occupied and if they have low scores and what their issues are with violations.
  - ii. Contact information available for owners
  - iii. Not enough code enforcement officers to address property issues. Have caseloads of 400+ properties per person
  - iv. Issues/Violations populated by NSC and Code Enforcement Officers
- d. Input from Code Enforcement regarding updated fines and enforcement actions
  - i. Fines will be issued immediately for Health and Safety and within 30 days for anything else.
  - ii. Increase of \$250 and goes to \$500 if immediate hazard. Moves quicker and less to track.
  - iii. No more 60 day periods to remedy violations. Must be fixed in 30 days.
  - iv. Effective Jan 1 there's a vacant building registry if it's over 60 days and that costs a fee to register the building. Vacant properties cost the owners to incentivize renovation.
  - v. LLC's must disclose who the owner is too.
- e. Bring Code Enforcement Officer to a Board Meeting or General Meeting due to interest in process and questions about enforcement

## 8. Other Business

- a. Taste of the Neighborhood
  - i. Open Discussion regarding rebranding and date. Time is now short to get a permit. I've received limited input via email, so we need to decide on this here.
  - ii. Not enough time to plan for this fall with the current level of support
- b. Porch Concerts
  - i. Tom's on tour this month, but this has generally been around the same time of Taste of the Neighborhood.
- c. Neighborhood Activity
  - i. Neighborhood Meeting (quarterly)
    1. Start with combined member meeting and social event
    2. Rent out the Cinema for a neighborhood meeting?
      - a. Would we want to get it to include a movie?
      - b. Pizza at the meeting could pick local restaurants.
      - c. Pick a night early evening
    3. Swiftwater as a location
      - a. Games for kids
    4. Rec Center for a meeting location
    5. Topics of Interest
      - a. Stolen Vehicles
      - b. Zoning Codes
- d. Chess Table
  - i. Interest from a neighbor to have a chess table installed at Ellwanger Barry park

- ii. City told him if the majority of people in the neighborhood to agree and then approach the neighborhood service center and HPNA board for letters of endorsement
  - iii. Could use facebook to say this is being considered? Anyone opposed let us know
- e. Schedule a Board Meeting in the next few months to schedule events and budget and don't run into issues in the future
  - i. Talk dates
  - ii. Budget
  - iii. Grant opportunities
  - iv. Volunteers