

Highland Park Neighborhood Association

**Board Meeting – January 18, 2023**

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

Agenda

1. Approval of Minutes – 12-2022
  - a. Motioned by Roger, Seconded by Stacey. Passed unanimously
2. Treasurer’s Report - Roger
  - a. Not a lot of activity on a monthly basis
    - i. December got dividend payment from Genesee Coop
  - b. Look into GoDaddy cost and see if we can get a lower rate
  - c. Official statements in HPNA files
  - d. Filing the 990 to maintain our nonprofit status
  - e. Motion to accept financials for December and Annual Report 1st stacey and 2nd tom, unanimous pass
3. BoulevArt
  - a. No paving on Linden and Meigs this year
  - b. Should set a date and a rain date for end of June 17/18
  - c. Need permits from the city to shut down the street
  - d. Historically the city has allowed us to use their account to get more supplies at a discount
  - e. Must get permits for the street closures with painting
4. Safety /Pac/Tac – Larry submitted report
  - a. Minutes shared by Larry in the HPNA Facebook
  - b. Quieter from a crime statistic. Porch pirates and car break ins are the most common.
  - c. Gas station reconstruction continues
5. Taste of the Neighborhood Date
  - a. Typically the weekend after the Clothesline Art Festival.
    - i. Sunday, September 17th 2023 rain or shine
  - b. Volunteers will be needed for set up and tear down
  - c. Potluck
  - d. Performers/Music
  - e. HPNA membership drive
  - f. 50:50 raffle
  - g. Street closures can be undertaken if event requires the space
6. Porchfest
  - a. First Sunday after Labor Day weekend.
    - i. September 10th, 2023
  - b. 8 years running
  - c. Triangle park at Mulberry and Rockingham used too
  - d. City permit to close the street was \$68
  - e. Glenn will see if Highland Parkway neighbors have interest in hosting at their triangular park in lieu of porches
7. Historic District

- a. Landmark Society was hired to complete a survey necessary and an application for designation for HPNA as a Historic District with New York State.
  - b. The application has now been completed and submitted to the State Historic Preservation Office. (SHPO)SHPO will be reviewing the application and hopefully approving it mid-2023. As part of the process, a public meeting will be required to detail the application and benefit to the community (NY tax breaks) before SHPO final approval. More on that to follow.
  - c. Per the agreement with the Landmark Society (approved by the Board in 2021) a payment is due. I've attached the invoices for your review. Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.
  - d. The invoices attached were broken up into two parts. \$15,000 and \$2,800. The Highland Park Conservancy currently holds \$15,000 in grant monies that will be utilized with the remaining \$2,800 coming from HPNA funds.
  - e. The final payment will be due once the approval is complete. It is not due now, but that figure would have been an additional \$5,600 but Landmark has given us a discount due to the length of time it took to complete the work in the amount of \$3,000, so \$2,600 will be due at that time.
    - i. This is the payment schedule agreed to:
      - 1. Phase 1 - \$2,000 PAID
      - 2. Phase 2
        - a. 2/8/22 - \$4600 (adjusted initial 20% at start of work) – PAID
        - b. To invoice HPNA - \$15,000 + \$2800 (60% of work, nomination drafts sent to SHPO)
        - c. To invoice HPNA after approval by State Review Board – \$5600 (final 20%)
8. Other business:
- a. Calendar Fundraiser
    - i. Most of our revenue was created with Highland Hospital's support and some membership revenue
    - ii. Check the costs of producing a calendar and come back to this conversation
  - b. NeighborGood Grant application
    - i. Up to \$2500 to defray costs of historic district application
  - c. Condo Roof Replacement
    - i. Still going in front of zoning board of appeals
    - ii. Work halted until zoning board appeals
  - d. Business Outreach to fill vacant commercial properties
    - i. Street liaisons for Monroe Ave and South Clinton and in the south wedge
    - ii. Neighborhood Service Center is mainly involved
    - iii. Jen Topa is the liaison for South Clinton Merchants Association
      - 1. A number of restaurants have moved out and turnover near Meigs and Gregory mostly because people are damaging the restaurants
    - iv. New owners at the Cinema, Crisp, etc.
    - v. Beale Street Restaurant was slated to become a cannabis shop
      - 1. Zoning regulations are very odd and licenses cannot be issued right now due to a lawsuit from someone out of state wanting to get a license in NY state.
      - 2. You cannot have a dispensary or consumption lounge within 500 ft of a school and the edge of the property of a school or 200 ft from a house of worship
      - 3. Initially restrictions with parks and daycare centers but that hasn't come to pass
  - e. Street Traffic issues around Highland
    - i. No parking 8am - 5pm on Bellevue to prevent the parking on the street from hospital employees
    - ii. Rockingham between Mt. Vernon and South and on Summit as well.
    - iii. Bob will reach out to neighborhood service center
  - f. Highland Hospital update

- i. Crane coming down sometime this spring
- ii. Getting a meeting scheduled