

Highland Park Neighborhood Association
Board Meeting – November 21, 2022

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

MINUTES:

1. Financials

- a. Reviewed June through October financials which were unanimously approved.
- b. See financial documents
- c. Limited activity in any given month, only a few transactions
- d. Some monthly fees with services like GoDaddy
- e. Balance \$10,074.98

2. Historic District Updates & Public Meeting

- a. Gregory Tract submitted and approved
 - i. Those funds should be there but no final from SEAC
- b. Ellwanger Barry is in the process of being finalized by SHPO
 - i. Expenses associated with that we will have better numbers when they are ready to submit to them
 - ii. We should be able to review these prior to the end of December
 - iii. Copy will be shared with HPNA board
 - iv. Those who are in the district are eligible for NYS tax credits in a historic district. Homeowners who make an improvement up to 20% up to the cost of that improvement is a credit towards state taxes.
 - v. We will need to have a public meeting for this in January (the annual meeting)
 - vi. Status of Fundraising? Grant in to the Community Foundation and ESL for these funds and to finish funding this project and doing the Neighborhood Banners. Hoping for \$15,000
 - vii. Motioned by Kiersten Seconded by Stacey. Passes Unanimously

3. 2023 Activities Calendar

- a. Porch-Fest 2022 (Tom)
 - i. Reports that everyone had fun!
 - ii. Same weekend of Clothesline annually (1st Sunday after Labor Day)
 - iii. Limitations to how it can grow especially with crossing streets to visit other homes.
- b. Taste of the Neighborhood
 - i. Weekend after Clothesline historically, does it need to stay here?
- c. Spirit Contest for Marathon (Stacey)
 - i. Did we win a prize this year? Did we hear anything if there was any money?
 - ii. No response or word but their warehouse caught fire
- d. Halloween Parade
 - i. Asa Shutts has taken the lead the last two years and thrown it together.
 - 1. Megan & Mary used to run it
 - ii. Big neighborhood tradition, should HPNA be more supportive/involved
- e. BoulevArt
 - i. Could the boy scouts or others get some support?
 - ii. Typically, just before people left for vacation after school was out. So, it was end of June
 - iii. Need to be aware of when repaving the street is happening
- f. Skating event for the neighborhood

4. Gardens on S. Clinton and S. Goodman

- a. Boy Scout troop could support. Stacey will outreach
- b. HS service requirements?
- c. Is a resident that lives there willing to be the volunteer coordinator?
- d. The more social events we have allows us to get more people involved and volunteering.

5. Banner Replacement (Mike)

- a. Banners need to be taken down and replaced
- b. Survey with which need to be fixed with Bob & Roger
 - i. Three currently not hung
- c. If we get the grants for the Historic District we will replace and refresh them with that project so will hold off on what we are putting up in ordering more.

6. Colgate Divinity update

- a. Hope Lodge open
- b. Genesee Community Charter School opened new campus there
- c. No current construction or cutting of trees
- d. In a lawsuit currently

7. Board Member participation and future leadership
 - a. Board Meetings
 - i. Go back to 3rd Wednesdays of the month for Board meetings

8. Regrow American Chestnut Project (Glenn)
 - a. City will plant a genetic hybrid by this coming spring or fall 2023
 - b. First genetic hybrid to be released into the wild and has legal implications too
 - c. There is an offer for some people's yards
 - d. Need someone within 200-300 yards of the triangle park on Highland Parkway
 - e. People must be willing to dig into their yards and plant a tree