

Board Meeting – October 13, 2021

In Attendance	Absent
Bob Thompson, Chair Kiersten Shinrock, Secretary Mike Thompson, South Section Leader & Highland Hospital Liaison Stacey Bershod, North Section Leader Larry O’Heron, At Large Roxanne Townsend, At Large	Roger Ramsay, Treasurer Dan Barnak, East Section Leader Hank Wedow, At Large & Business Liaison

Minutes

1. Historic District (Roxanne)
 - a. Gregory Tract has been accepted and are waiting on it to go through the official channels
 - b. Landmark will have an Oct 27 meeting and target to finish is December 2022 which is typical with a yearlong process
 - c. This means almost every property will be a historic district
 - i. South Clinton and South Goodman into the neighborhood and Linden to the Cinema that triangle of houses is not included in anything. Landmark is going to review that and try to include it in Ellwanger Barry which would mean all houses would have this same status
 - d. Next step is fundraising the \$5,000 after letters go out
 - e. When can people apply for the benefit?
 - i. Not yet...
 - ii. Landmark starts the project this month and they will work to see when applications can come in.
2. By-Laws
 - a. Highland Park Neighborhood Association (HPNA) should be made consistent throughout and the corporation vs association
 - b. Do we want to deal with a board of directors or instead have it be one entity?
 - i. If a commercial entity the board of directors technically would control the officers of the organization
 - c. Clean up the language of the boundaries to reflect suggestions and clarification from board and make this consistent throughout the document.
 - d. Reword the Purpose section with focus on the board not as the doers but secure volunteers for execution of tasks
 - e. Provide our members a way to tell us concerns or issues so we can connect them with the correct group to address those concerns. We are not the entity addressing the concerns unless it seems relevant. Board member work with neighbors and volunteers to host events.
 - f. Ensure a safeguard to make sure the board Article 2 section B and Article 2 Section B iii (suggest to propose)
 - g. Membership
 - i. In Cornhill, only those who register are voting members. Which also ensures that no one can show up at the last minute and take over. Must be a resident or business owner to be a registered voting member which is verified in the process of registering.
 - ii. Upper Mt. Hope, is proposing a stricter one “persons of 18 years of age or older, currently a residential owner occupant or someone established their membership in 4 or more years...” which eliminates renters who haven't been here 4 years and excludes investors.
 - iii. How restrictive do we want to be with membership?
 1. If you own property or a business in the neighborhood, it makes sense to be a member of the neighborhood association. But should they be a voting member?

- a. Business owners should be able to vote but should the board be only businesses or investors?
- b. Distinguishing factor is anyone can be a member but what is a voting member?
 - i. Clarify board membership with residency status as opposed to a voting piece.
 - ii. We have so few people vote in an election which could be impacted by this of absentee landlord or businesses.
 - iii. We could have stipulations around % of the board that are residents. Someone can be a member of HPNA, but then “voting member” has a distinguishing factor
- 2. Supporting membership can be eliminated as it is covered with Member and Voting member as revised
- h. Article 4: Elections and Terms of Office
 - i. Term limit of 3 terms of 2 years for a max of 6 years
 - ii. Removal - reassess this standard as it relates to entire board
- i. Article 5: Executive Board
 - i. Descriptions of Positions
 - 1. Use the working descriptions as the foundation for this bylaws document
 - 2. Include any legal nuance required for a corporation