

Highland Park Neighborhood Association
Board Meeting – Wednesday July 20, 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 Larry O’Heron, At Large	Glen Coykendahl, At Large Tom Slothower, At Large

AGENDA:

- a. Approval of Minutes
 - a. Motion by Kiersten, Second Stacey, Passed unanimously

- b. Treasurers Report – Roger Ramsey
 - a. \$10,292.60 balance
 - b. A few expenses for Genesee Coop and GoDaddy
 - c. Financial report approved motion by Kiersten, Second by Bob, passed unanimously

- c. Historic District – Bob Thompson
 - a. Update on progress
 - i. Once the application is accepted end of July or early August then we will have a public meeting for neighbors
 - ii. Applications will be accepted but not approved until the entire project is approved. Some people in the Gregory Tract put in applications before finalized and once it was approved, they got their credits.
 - b. Banner (see attached from M Thompson)
 - i. Potentially add “Historic District” to the banner
 - ii. Grant application from Monroe County and Mary Lupien
 - iii. Remaining expenses will need \$10,000 for historic district, \$10,000 banners, \$5,000 promotion of the neighborhood to get the word out if we can get grant funding

- d. Porch Fest – Tom Slothower
 - a. Working on a September timeline
 - b. Will discuss further next meeting

- e. PacTac / PCIC – Report submitted by Larry and forwarded previously
 - a. Summary emailed to board following the last meeting
 - b. We have a very quiet neighborhood and almost always it is car larceny and leaving the car unlocked and/or valuables in view.

- c. RPD is incredibly under-staffed. There will be an academy starting in the fall with about 40 candidates prior to background checks and such. The last time RPD gave the police exam in April only 300 people took it. They are already down 100 people.
 - d. Since January of last year 73/73 people arrested for crimes involving guns were already carrying guns illegally. RPD is not sure the new gun laws will change anything.
 - e. Roger and Larry did a 4-hour PacTac walk on 7/19/22 and shared with the neighborhood service center.
- f. NBN6 – Stacey Bershod
- a. July meeting was a get together w/o any business agenda
- g. ZAP -Zoning Alignment Project
- a. No new updates since last month
 - b. Expect it to become more active this fall
- h. Highland Hospital – Mike Thompson
- a. Will need someone to take over attending meetings
 - b. South side of Strong and the sunlight bouncing off the windows being installed might be an annoyance to residents of Bellevue. They might want to contact the Hospital and ask what they are thinking because it seems this could be a problem. It is impossible to do anything what is in so we need to make the ask of the hospital now.
 - i. Larry lives on Bellevue and is happy to pick this up and remind them they are here.
 - ii. Kay Hall on Mt. Vernon is also willing to take this up
 - c. The hospital goes to NBN6 occasionally but that is more the hospital reporting. The monthly meetings stopped during the pandemic. We used to speak short and focused monthly.
 - d. Contact at Highland is Maureen & Wendy in Community Relations
- i. 2022 Activities
- a. Annual Meeting Aug 20
 - i. Potluck Flier and post on Facebook page
 - ii. Bring a dish to pass
 - iii. HPNA supplies the pizza for the meeting
- j. Other Business
- a. Agenda items from Roger
 - i. Filling board vacancies
 - 1. Mike Thompson – approach Mulberry Men
 - 2. Bob – Post on Facebook & Website
 - 3. All – Networking
 - ii. Volunteer Coordinator position & job description/program
 - iii. Monroe Co. In Bloom Garden status

1. My last year running this HPNA important gateway project
 2. Need for new garden manager
 3. Need for regular volunteers
 4. Roger described hours spent in 2022 and need for new leader / group to handle ongoing maintenance / plantings. Also discussed help from Boy Scout Eagle candidate project. Scouts might be a good resource going forward
Bob asked who manages the Honor Garden on S. Goodman. No one knew, Bob will try to follow up on that with the thought they could manage all HPNA garden areas (with help!) perhaps as a Beautification Committee
- iv. HPNA assets inventory & location
 - v. Membership chairperson job description and program
 - vi. Beautification committee, description of responsibilities
 - vii. Taste of the neighborhood status
 - viii. Street calming traffic control status
 - ix. Other social events
 - x. HPNA communications (how to connect with ALL neighbors)
 - xi. Calendar project or other fund-raising ideas
 - xii. New board & committee member training
 - xiii. Annual budget by committee/project
 - xiv. Annual meeting (general membership) and elections
 1. Annual meeting Aug 20 will be like Taste of Neighborhood format
 - xv. Annual planning meeting
 1. Roger discussed the idea of bringing back an annual planning meeting by the Board and publishing an event calendar for HPNA
- b. Succession planning
 - i. Tables for future meeting
 - c. Other: Mike Thompson expressed the need to step back while attending to his family needs. Stacey will reach out to Kay Hall regarding her willingness to become involved in the Board and act as a Highland Hospital communications conduit in Mike's absence. We send our very best wishes to Mike as he takes care of his family.

**Highland Park Neighborhood
Small Banner Proposal – July, 2022**

Rough count for small banners at intersection poles...
 periphery 20
 interior 40
total 60

cost estimate : @ \$80 print \$60 brackets \$40 install \$10000.

Est \$6k-\$10k

