

Highland Park Neighborhood Association
Board Meeting MINUTES May 15, 2024

In Attendance	Absent
Bob Thompson, Chair Glen Coykendahl, East Section Leader Larry O’Heron, South Section Leader Tom Slothower, At Large	Roger Ramsay, Treasurer Roxanne Townsend, Communications Stacey Bershod, North Section Leader

Agenda

1. **Treasurer’s Report - Roger**
 - a. April 2024 Financials
 - Unavailable at time of meeting, will review in June board meeting

2. **Communications – Roxanne (absent)**
 - a. Membership process update – Roger & Roxanne
 - no report, Roger and Roxanne unavailable

3. **PCIC – Sector 6 & 7–** Emailed by Larry
 Minutes: PCIC Meeting for Sectors 6/7 (May 08, 2024)

Attendees:

- Capt Elwood RPD, RPD, Goodman Section
- Lt Rob Wilson (Crime Prevention Officer)
- Officer Adam Johnston (Crime Prevention Officer)
- Larry O’Heron - HPNA
- Judy Hay - Swillberg
- Gary Domenico - ABC Streets
- Linda Baier - Azalea NA
- Bob Thompson - HPNA
- Gary Domenico - ABC Streets
- Glynis Valenti - SWPC
- Marianne Pastecki - ABC / Park Ave
- Rome Celli - Upper Monroe

Goodman Section Crime Stats: In general, things calming down. The Goodman section covers approximately 40% of the city. This PCIC meeting covers neighborhoods that represent approximately 20% of the city.

- Burglaries: Up compared to last year. With covid in the past, people are home less. Two types: entry without break, e.g. doors left unlocked; forced entry, e.g. broke a window. Currently trending about 50% / 50%. Often the perpetrator simply tries doors to see if they are unlocked.
- Robberies: about the same as last year
- Aggravated Assaults: South part of Goodman section is safest in city.
- Larcenies: trending down in the south part of Goodman section.
- Definition: Strong Arm Robbery - criminal uses some physical force, e.g. rips purse off shoulder, but does not employ a weapon.
- Car larcenies: car was typically unlocked. People are leaving their car running with the keys in the car. Much more a case of just trying doors, and then finding something of value (purse, phone, etc).

Bordering HPNA: Homicide at Towers at Clinton S and Goodman. Two people who know each other. An arrest has been made.

HPNA only (over the past thirty days)

- Burglary: 2 in area. Entry w/o break. Caroline St. & Menlo Pk.
- Various larcenies: 5 in area. Typically, valuables are left visible in cars, or public accessible places. In addition to electronics, larcenies occur to get at athletic gear / sunglasses. Don't leave items in plain sight. Lock doors.
- Motor Vehicle Theft: In other areas, it is Hyundais and Kias primarily. RPD has arrested two adults and two juveniles. Don't leave car fobs in the vehicle.

Southeast Neighborhood Service Center: Regarding HPNA, nothing specific to report.

Homeless detail will be out every Thursday, trying to get people services.

Crime Prevention Officers will be at the Lilac Festival, so if you need to call, you might have to leave a message. CPO's do not take 911 calls.

So far in 2024, the CPOs / NSC have issued as many nuisance points as in all of 2023.

General topics:

- National Night Out is Aug 24, 2024.
- Have you written down the serial numbers of major appliances, electronics, etc? These are extremely useful to the RPD as they query pawn shops, etc during the investigation.
- If you would like a security assessment on your home, contact the Crime Prevention Officers at the Southeast Neighborhood Center. (585 428 7640)
- 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. 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

4. NBN6 – Stacey (absent)

5. Other / New Business

- a. Elwanger & Barry Playground Sandbox
– Sandbox has been repaired by the City and partially filled. Roxanne has agreed to order more sand for the city to install in the sandbox.
- b. HPNA Banners
Canvas banners to replace those that are missing are approximately \$250/ with hardware. RGE was hesitant to agree to install them. Bob made a suggestion to take those banners that are currently in place or available to install and install them at positions entering the HPNA area and forego replacing every banner.
- c. Larry has been researching replacing street signs with custom HPNA signage. County would be producing / installing them and gave Larry specifications (shared with the board via email) but did not estimate cost as the County wanted to know how many signs would be involved. Larry & Bob will count the signs when walking PacTac next week. Hopefully, the County can then provide an estimated cost. More discussion in the June meeting on this.

- d. Clean Sweep – S. Clinton Ave, May 4 – Bob (result)
 - Approximately 13 folks volunteered to clean up the S. Clinton garden (near the Artisan Church) Their help was greatly appreciated.

 - e. Flower City ½ Marathon, April 28 (result)
 - Stacey and Bob played loud music and handed out over 800 cups of water to cheer on the marathoners on S. Goodman.
6. Approval of Minutes
- April meeting minutes were approved through a motion of Larry O’Heron, seconded by Tom Slothower, Passed unanimously.
7. Motion to Adjourn at 7:35 by Tom Slothower, seconded by Larry O’Heron, Passed unanimously.