

Board Meeting MINUTES August 21, 2024

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

Agenda

1. Treasurer’s Report - Roger

- a. July 2024 Financials – reviewed July and year-over-year financials. Tom motioned to accept, Stacey seconded motion, unanimously accepted.
- b. Going forward, the year-over-year report should be January to current month, current year compared to same period previous year.

2. Communications –

- a. Membership process – no need for further updates to process until a VP is voted in and joins the board to manage the supporting membership completely.
- b. Roger and Roxanne are managing a minimal supporting membership process as an interim solution. Thank you cards are sent to people donating as a receipt with Lamberton passes included as a thank you gift if not waived. Roger has offered to hand deliver but we currently do not have a thank you “packet” to hand out. No resolution on how this will be handled without a VP dedicated to this task.

3. PCIC – Sector 6 & 7– Summary

Attendees: Linda Baier, Joan Lindberg, Tim Guyot, Marianne Pastecki, Bob Thompson, Capt. Elwood, Lt. Wilson

Capt. Elwood reported

	Since Last Report	Last Year	4 Yr Avg
Burglary	101	83	71
Robbery	28	28	24
Larceny	472	689	610
Agg. Assault	6	12	10

Currently Goodman Section is down 22 patrol officers.

Recent incidents

7/10 Assault 1300 block of Mt Hope

7/10 Home Invasion 100 block of Edgemont

7/16 Prohibited Use of a Weapon 100 Block Sander. Casing & blood found in street

7/18 Prohibited use of a weapon, Edmund Street casings recovered

7/18 Assault, 600 B=block of Monroe Ave (in front of JB Oxfords)

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7/27 Home Invasion 400 block of Meigs, entry through a window, 2 suspects

7/28 Reckless Endangerment, 15 Edmunds Street ~ 10 gunshots, 2 suspects, property damaged

8/4 Street robbery 100 block of Laburnam Cres. 12:30 a.m. took rental car, wallet, and keys. 18 y.o. arrested

8/4 Street robbery 700 block of S. Clinton 7:00 p.m. Non-life-threatening injuries

Burglaries

7/17 Wegmans

7/24 Gregory Street – delayed report

7/23 University Ave – E-Bike stolen

7/24 1800 East Ave – Mac Studio computer taken

Didn't catch date:

Village Gate, Items taken from office during event

Bellevue Drive, entered thru window, took safe with documents.

Stolen Vehicles & Vehicle break-ins

Since last report: 70 Stolen or Attempts

29 Attempts, 41 taken of which 37 have been recovered

38 Kia's

27 Hyundai's

5 other >> all of these the key was left in the car or it was running!

22 Break ins scattered throughout NBN 6/7

There was a discussion about the RPD pursuit policy, If one is initiated a supervisor must approve it's continuation within 2 minutes or it is automatically terminated. Only pursuits are authorized where there is little risk to the public and the underlying crime is serious enough to warrant it. For example, just stealing a car does not qualify in and of itself.

Tim Guyot (Upper Mt. Hope) discussed trespassing incidents his neighborhood has been experiencing and asked what can be done. Lt Wilson said citing for trespass is about the only action that can be taken but with just an appearance ticket issued. Also, the officer has to see the violator or have him on film with and victim swearing out an affidavit.

4. City Boards and Commissions (8/16/24)

Lots going on re the Planning Commission, Preservation Board and Zoning Board either in HPNA or nearby.

Environmental Board:

Decisions: Aug 6, 2024: Canceled

Agenda: Sep 9, 2024: Nothing posted

Preservation Board:

Decisions: Aug 14, 2024: Grid not posted but nothing in area on the agenda

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Agenda: Sep 4, 2024

Case: 4 File Number: A-020-24-25

Case Type: Certificate of Appropriateness

Address: 505 Mt. Hope Avenue

Zoning District: Institutional Planned Development #1 and Mt. Hope/Highland Park Preservation District

Applicant: Greg Leibenguth, Episcopal Senior Life Communities

Request: To install 5' high by approximately 385 LF of commercial grade three-rail spear-top aluminum ornamental fencing in the front yard on the north side of the Episcopal Church Home.

Code Section: 120-194A(4)

Enforcement: No

SEQR: Type II: 48-5B(22)(d)

Lead Agency: N/A

Case: 6 File Number: A-022-24-25

Case Type: Certificate of Appropriateness

Address: 681 South Avenue

Zoning District: C-2 Community Center, South Avenue/Gregory Street Preservation District and Designated City Landmark

Applicant: Daniel Richardson

Request: To legalize the installation of two aluminum Tru Yoga signs, 11'x16" (14.67 sq ft) on the south and east corner of the Abeles building.

Code Section: 120-194A(4)

Enforcement: Yes; Several unrelated items related to C of O renewal.

SEQR: Type II: 48-5B(22)(f)

Lead Agency: N/A

Case: 7 File Number: A-023-24-25

Case Type: Certificate of Appropriateness

Address: 701-705 South Avenue

Zoning District: C-2 Community Center and South Avenue/Gregory Street Preservation District

Applicant: David Steinberg

Request: To legalize the removal of windows in the rear of the building that were infilled with brick and glass block windows. Also, to propose the renovation of the front façade.

Code Section: 120-194A(4)

Enforcement: Yes; Windows removed and infilled with brick and glass block without a COA.

SEQR: Type II: 48-5B(22)(a)

Lead Agency: N/A

Planning Commission

Decisions: Jul 29, 2023 : Grid not posted, but there was nothing in the Agenda for this area

Agenda: Aug 26, 2024

Case 4 Type Special Permit

File E-008-24-25

Highland Park Neighborhood Association

Address 399 Gregory Street

Zoning C-2 Community Center District

Applicant Dan Apfel

Request To modify a previous special permit to expand an existing ancillary parking lot servicing 389-395 Gregory Street from 16 spaces to 34 spaces with landscaping and site improvements.

Action City Planning Commission Approval

Code 120-43D; 120-192B(5)

Enforcement No

Permit # B-1230910

Zoning Board:

Decisions: Jul 25, 2024

V-070-23-24: To legalize a side yard parking area of a multi-family dwelling, exceeding the maximum lot coverage limit in the district.

105 Comfort Street

0-6-0 Denied

Agenda: Aug 22, 2024

Case # 2 Case Type Area Variance – DBHV roof

File # V-011-24-25

Address 75-77 Averill Avenue

Zoning District R-2, Medium-Density Residential District

Applicant Barbara Baker

Purpose/Request To reroof two front porches of a Designated Building of Historic Value by replacing cedar shingles with asphalt shingles, not meeting certain City-wide design guidelines and standards.

Code Section 120-158

Enforcement No

Permit # Z-24-1452

SEQR Type II 6 NYCRR Part 617.5C (17)

Lead Agency N/A

Case # 3 Case Type Area Variance – DBHV siding

File # V-012-24-25

Address 236 Linden Street

Zoning District R-2, Medium Density Residential District

Applicant Christopher Barry, Property Owner

Purpose/Request To replace the exterior siding of a Designated Building of Historic Value, where the original siding is wood and the replacement material is vinyl made to replicate the original, not meeting certain City-wide design guidelines and standards.

Code Section 120-158

Enforcement No

Permit # Z-24-1368

SEQR Type II 6 NYCRR Part 617.5C (17)

Lead Agency N/A

Case # 8 Case Type Area Variance – Signs

File # V-017-24-25

Address 650-658 South Avenue

Zoning District C-2, Community Center District

Applicant Jonathan Wheeler

Purpose/Request To legalize the existing attached, non-illuminated business signs for ‘FOMO’ (24sf), ‘Julianna’ (20sf), ‘Seven Sages’ (28sf) and ‘Craft Button’ (24sf), exceeding certain requirements applying to all districts.

Code Section 120-177

Enforcement No

Permit # B-23-5993, Z-24-0323

SEQR Type II §48-5B (14)

Lead Agency N/A

Case # 9 Case Type Area Variance – Lot coverage

File # V-018-24-25

Address 224 Hamilton Street

Zoning District R-2, Medium-Density Residential District

Applicant Richard Rotolo

Purpose/Request To pave approximately 500sf of greenspace in the front yard of a corner, two-family dwelling, exceeding the lot coverage limits in the district and not meeting certain City-wide design guidelines and standards.

Code Section 120-20, 120-160

Enforcement No

Permit # Z-24-1332

SEQR Type II 6 NYCRR Part 617.5C (17)

Lead Agency N/A

5. NBN6

6. Other / New Business

a. HPNA Street Sign

- i. County is unwilling to give a general estimate on the cost of each type of sign.
- ii. Bob will send sign counts to Larry so Larry can continue getting estimates from the county.
- iii. Roger contacted Swillburg to see if they had the old estimates for when they did their street signs. He hasn't received a response.
- iv. Once we have an estimate, we will apply for a grant to cover costs.

b. Taste of the Neighborhood

- i. Event flyer draft was reviewed and suggestions were made for updates.
- ii. Bob will print final flyer on ½ sheet so both the back and front will have information and will save on paper.

c. Permits

- i. The permit for Taste of the Neighborhood has been received

- ii. Tom requested that HPNA cover the cost of the block party permits for the Sept. 8, Porch Fest on Mulberry Street. – Each Board member has a \$200 discretionary spend approval so Tom will approve this expenditure and provide the receipts.
 - iii. Board discussed covering neighborhood event permits in general, specifically block party permits. Not voted on but consensus that this is an acceptable spend.
 - iv. Request made to add info about permits to the HPNA website.
 - d. Neighborhood Service Center
 - i. John McMann is the new director for the SE NSC
 - ii. Erica Hernandez has moved into the position of Director of Neighborhood Services
 - e. NBN 2.0
 - i. City has decided to reinstitute the NBN group but there are no solid plans as of yet
 - ii. The primary mission at this point is to funnel money to neighborhood leadership groups whether or not the neighborhood has a 501c3 organization in place.
 - iii. Money is coming from the Rochester Community Fund and a large donation from ESL
 - f. Good Cause Eviction
 - i. City Council is getting ready to vote on this matter and appears to be leaning toward following the state guidelines as they exist. Other cities have changed the units owned exemption from the state guideline of 10, to 1 unit owned.
- 7. Meeting adjourned at 8:15pm by motion from Roger, 2nd by Tom, unanimous approval