

**Meeting Minutes of the Highland District Council**  
**March 10, 2016, 7:00 p.m.**

**Highland Park Community Center**  
**1978 Ford Parkway**  
**St. Paul MN 55116**

**Call to Order - 7:03pm**

**Roll Call**

Directors present: Jossi, Schicker, McMahon, Kolar, Salmela, Anderson, Nichols, Dobier, Thompson, Gallatin, Haws (HBA), Petterson.

Absent: Jopp, McDonald, Cleaveland, Brady, Heegaard, Krivitz, Armstrong, Beaumaster.

Executive Director Carruth

**Approval of Agenda**

Motion made, seconded, and passed to approve March agenda as presented, with understanding of accepting guest speakers when they arrive.

**Approval of Minutes of Prior Meeting**

Motion made, seconded, and passed to approve February meeting minutes as presented. Director Thompson abstains.

**Public Comment**

- Jackie Mosio: Highland Community Initiative—grassroots organization to motivate people to get involved with Ford plant redevelopment. HCI continues to develop, with increasing interest in environmental issues. Started as faith-based small groups, and grown to create the community that will be the community. Interested in hosting events (ie. Environmental Fair) to help see future possibilities.

**Treasurer's Report**

Presented by Treasurer Amy Salmela and ED Carruth

- Pretty routine report.
- Check detail: Welcome to Highland Park signs
- Audit is complete; awaiting final report.
- Credit card for Highland District Council: US Bank has card tied to Executive Director and HDC organization. Community Organizer will also have a card, underneath the main E.D.'s account. This credit card will have Automatic withdrawal from HDC checking. Set up Checks and Balance when Financial Policies and Procedures are reviewed in 2016.
- Director Dobier moves to authorize credit card usage by HDC, motion seconded, and passed.
- PayPal account is being set up for HDC, motivated by bike rack orders and Tour de Highland registrations.
- Flag fund: \$400+ raised for flag pole at Rec Center, thought this money would be rolled into HPCC renovation, so taken off the books in 2014. Library nixed flag pole idea, HDC refunded \$400+ in 2015. Funds are restricted to flag pole related spending. HBA may be able to pitch in out of their community development fund.

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- Motion made to approve Treasurer's report as presented (with amended Profit and Loss statement reflecting \$670 spent on welcome signs).

### Met Council Update: John Commers

- Growth: Saint Paul will add approximately 50,000 residents in the coming years, which sets the stage for many new developments.
- Riverview Corridor: moving into the "brass tacks" of the work; no recommendation on mode or route at this point.
- A-line: first arterial BRT route in the metro.
- Kevin Gallatin: Transportation Committee happy to help spread the word on A-Line info; would like to see additional celebrations on the A-Line opening.
- Kent Petterson: W7BA has taken a position on a modified/hybrid route, and hopes to gain traction on their idea. W7BA will be launching a petition drive to gain support for their position.
- Riverview: very prescriptive federal process to determine validity of each mode and route.
- Gallatin asks when would be an appropriate time for HDC to weigh in. Commers will think on when HDC, institutionally, would offer an opinion.
- City comprehensive plan must be updated by 2018. This will trickle up to Met Council. Met Council sent out system statements to each city in the region. Saint Paul's was received positively, in general. Saint Paul is close to peak population, Minneapolis is 20% short of peak population.

### Executive Director's Report

- Xcel Energy will be back in April, miscommunication about this meeting.
- Former Chatterbox location will be occupied by Turnstyle, freeing up their space.
- Volunteer Sheet: Directors asked to respond, especially to annual meeting.
- Highland Village Streetscape: following up on assessments since project came in under budget.
- Serendipity survey: now distributing.
- New Resident Welcome: Frank, Joe, and James. Three lanes reserved.
- Deadlines: HIF sponsors and HDC newsletter. Coffee needed at HIF for vendors.
- HIF: draping set up will be more expensive with ABC Rental.
- Welcome signs: delivered to Public Works, will be up soon.
- Community meeting for Snelling median on April 5<sup>th</sup>.
- Communications Task Force: recommendations to be presented at April 7<sup>th</sup> HDC meeting.
- Pool House: two interested parties toured the site, good energy around it; potential STAR grant application from Friends of Highland Arts/Pool House to make building structurally sound.
- March 15 CDC meeting: Mike Richardson to attend, talking TIF and Residential Design Standards

### Executive Committee Report

- Info already covered.

### Standing Committee Reports

*Community Services Committee – Melanie McMahon, Chair*

- Organized Trash: multi-step process, dictated by state law: a) negotiate with 19 garbage haulers in the City of Saint Paul, 60 day window; if failed, b) review different models, put out RFPs, potential

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creation of new creation zones and creation days; Public Input: open Saint Paul, no actual meetings scheduled, plan is to have staff at existing community events

- Recycling RFP: Plan is to have big carts for garbage pick up location by January 1, 2017
- City wants picture of your garbage bill: email, twitter

### *Transportation Committee – Kevin Gallatin, Chair*

- A-Line Planning
- Safe Routes to School: advanced to Expo/Holy Spirit/Randolph Heights/CDH getting together for meetings; their plan is to have each school come up with their own safe routes plan and then educate their own students; will want sidewalk infrastructure investments and HDC support
- Construction projects and planning: Good news-not as bad as last year; Bad news-not much better than last year. Randolph will be inaccessible from Hamline to 35E. Xcel energy will continue pipeline replacement: W. 7<sup>th</sup> and Montreal will be closed all summer. Mill and Overlay on Cleveland south of Ford; 94E from Downtown to 494 closed.

### *Community Development Committee – Amy Salmela, Chair*

- 1809 Yorkshire: Letter to BZA
- Sidewall Articulation: Mike Richardson coming to explain

### **City Council Report**

- No report—Councilmember Tolbert's sent word of no new update at this point.

### **Business Representatives Reports**

#### *HBA – Brian Hawes*

- Second annual HBA retreat.
- HBA could partner with HDC on development projects.

#### *W7BA – Petterson*

- Kent Petterson new president of the W7BA.
- W7BA grant funds now available.

### **New/Other Business**

- Crosby Farms Park allocation possible.

### **Adjourn**

Motion made, seconded, and passed to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 9:01p.m.

Joe Kolar, HDC Secretary