

Meeting Minutes of Highland District Council
October 4th, 2018 7:00 p.m.
St. Paul MN 55116
Highland Park Community Center
1978 Ford Parkway, St Paul, MN 55116

Call to Order – Kevin Gallatin, President, called the meeting to order at 7:03.

Roll Call – Nate Hood, took roll call.

Directors Present: Miller, Gallatin, Mattson, Willis, Hood, Tinnes, Lindsay, Whitehead, Dobier, Hurse, Duffy, Bauer, Long, Langford

Alternates Seated: Grill,

Directors Absent: Jossi, Teggatz, Schwarz, Soderberg, Basgen

Approval of Agenda: Motion made, seconded and passed to approve the October agenda as presented.

Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes: Motion made, seconded and passed to approve the September meeting minutes as presented.

SPPD Western District: Steve Anderson, Paul Ford

To answer questions re ward/district:

- Quiet, low crime area
- Crime down in all area
- Up in car burglary and sexual assault
- Positive increase in weapon recovery
- Auto theft is up, crime of opportunity; cars started in cold weather
- Limited organized crime with exception of theft of rented cars; dealers leave keys in cars
- Commercial burglary up slightly; smash and grabs of easily pawned items
- Sexual assaults at 10 this year, 3 in 2017, typically domestic

Disc golf update

- Ran data
- No calls
- More traffic stops
- No change of other crimes

Nextdoor tends to lead to over-reporting, i.e. if you report it on Nextdoor, call the police

Discussion of district parameters: territory and offices

Questions: Social media vs. actual crime: sometimes Nextdoor or Facebook may tip off police

Car break-ins are most often to cars left unsecured

Rules of engagement with beggars have become more liberal leading to an increase in quality of life crimes

Beyond the Yellow Ribbon: Dave Boden, Director, Annette Brechon

Started 10 years ago

Serve veterans, families, e.g. deployed soldier's families needing help financially or finding existing resources

Jessie Ray Rail, Social worker

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Would like reps from each district to interact with Beyond the Yellow Ribbon Network and extend the helping network, 3rd Thursday, monthly

No public comment

Standing committee reports

CDC: Mike Lindsay reporting

- JCC signage approved
- Several residential variances approved
- Ryan report

Transportation: Nate Hood

- Circus Juventas: parking issues, especially on Montreal, alternatives discussed, e.g. 9-hole revisioning to include parking, parking on Hamline; at present no certain answers
- Hamline issues: move signage, ask city for more street lighting, all to reduce peds crossing Hamline rather than mid-block to get to the Nook

Community Engagement: Amanda Willis

- Kumbaya: lot of fun, good turnout, excitement about holding again next year

Executive Directors report

- Drop was very successful, over 1000 cars, some people had to be turned away, construction debris increasing, fake volunteers in vests presented some problem, some traffic volunteers
- Ford documentary presentation: Donations have been received, donors will be recognized at the event, Oct 11
- Ryan Co. sent copy of the presentation and then revealed the next meeting will be 10.10.2018, very tight timelines
- Susan Heegard report on noise oversight for airport (MAC)
- New resident welcome at Tiffany's next Friday, Oct. 12. Need board members to attend
- Water from Half Price books is a problem in the alley and over sidewalk.
- Please note CDC and Transportation committees on the same night in November

Treasurer's Report: We did get reimbursed by all of the accounts noted as shorted last month. MSP

City Council report: Melanie not in attendance

Business Reps Report

- Trick or Treat in Highland
- Happy hour on Nov. 12 HBA/HDC at Tiffany's
- Every month business to business 2nd Tuesday of month. Location varies

Executive Committee Report

- Retreat Recap: successful, good ideas for increasing membership scope of HDC, final report is still to come with concrete steps, some concerns that CEC is focus of most proposed steps, exec comm took note and discussed how to include other committees
- Communications Task Force: Interested board members: Amanda, Sally, Kathy, Jack. MSP to form Committee
- Equity Plan Task Force: need a group to determine how to disburse funds to engage new members.

New Business: Mike L. needs someone to attend the Park Renovation plan meeting, Tuesday, 10/16, 90 min. meeting, at Wellington Senior.

Adjourn: 8:55 p.m.

Notes by Howard Miller, HDC Acting Secretary