

Highland Park Community Center
1978 Ford Parkway
St. Paul MN 55116
February 2, 2017
Highland Park Community Center

Call to Order - 7:00pm, Melanie McMahon, President

Roll Call

Directors present: Gallatin, Jossi, McMahon, Kolar, Cleaveland, Salmela, Lindsey, Whitehead, Dobier, Thompson, Armstrong, Petterson, Heegard, Jopp, Hood, Fischbach

Alternates Seated: Bauer, Beaumaster

Executive Director Carruth

Approval of Agenda

Motion made, seconded, and passed to approve February agenda as presented.

Approval of Minutes of Prior Meeting

Motion made, seconded, and passed to approve January meeting minutes as presented, with corrections.

Presentations:

SPPD Update, Western District Patrol Commander, Sheila Lambie. Steve Anderson will be the Sr. commander starting 2/4/17. Reported on upcoming road closings, outreach to Jewish community centers, making efforts to insure security. There have only been 13 calls to Raz restaurant. It is a problem property and business. The Force Unit of the SPPD is back in business, and hopes to help with this problem. Ms Lambie also suggested methods of reporting on other problem properties.

GIS Intern Update. Katelyn Zelenka: intern researching Geographic Information Systems presented results of her research.

Public Comment. None

Standing Committee Reports

Community Engagement— **Ken Jopp**, reported on the Parks departments progress on the Pool House. Great River Passage and the involvement of the Highland neighborhood continues to be a topic of conversation. The committee is lobbying earnestly for completion of the Play Area at the community center. Parks is the gate.

Transportation— **Kevin Gallatin, Chair** reported on the January 10th & 24th meetings to address transportation issues around the Ford Site. Approximately 250 people attended those meetings. Snelling Avenue Median final design is imminent. Kevin updated the board on Hennepin

County's reconstruction's of the Godfrey bridge. Ford Parkway will have water construction in 2017. Metro Council issued a grant for sidewalk construction in 2020. St. Paul has received

Community Development — **Joe Kolar**, reported on new businesses starting at the Finn, 1750 Highland Parkway Variance request, the Ward 3 Residential Design Standards were discussed. A discussion was held on beginning research and planning for Park and Field Space Planning

City Council Report—**Libby Kantner, City Council Member Tolbert's Aide** Absent, no report.

Business Representatives Reports

W7BA – Kent Petterson : February 16 will be their Annual meeting.

HBA - Anne Langford: absent.

Treasurer's Report presented by **Kathy Carruth**.

Motion made, seconded, and passed to approve the treasurer's report as presented.

Executive Director's Report

see attached.

Executive Committee Report

District 15 Plan steering committee

Ford Update: Peter Armstrong. Request was made for input from board members to the Task Force.

New/Other Business

Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 8:58 pm.

Peter Armstrong, HDC Secretary

Administrative

Meeting with Peter Myers -Ford Documentary –Fiscal Agency –

The account at Highland Bank is all set up/ I checked in with our accountant to make sure that what we are doing will work with our accounting practices.

I checked with LegalCORPS again to make sure Peter can use our Tax Exempt information

He has already received one donation for \$10,000

2016 COPP Grant for Structural/ Engineering Review –Parks has gotten the Lead abatement report done, they had a slight delay, -there is no lead inside the building, so there will not be any work done. Parks is exploring the option of having power/an electric panel installed and CM Tolbert has approved.

2017 Calendar –the HDC meeting calendar is complete and entered on the website.

Annual Meeting –The Annual Meeting is all set for March 29th at Summit Brewing. There will NOT be an April Board meeting –so we will all have to plan accordingly. 990 Approval, etc.

Lease –Parks has assured me that they are still working on our lease, and a contract for the copier.

City Contract –I have completed 80% of the Contract and will submit by the middle of next week.

D 15 Steering Committee Applications due by Feb 10th -Stakeholders have received the invite to reply

Travelers Insurance Audit due by Feb 15th

2017 COPP Funds –may ask for some reimbursement for postage to help with Community meetings on Ford, Snelling and D 15 Plan –what do you think?

HDC Programming

Volunteer Sign Up Sheet is Active –the link was sent to the Board-I will include it in Board meeting reminder emails.

Honor Roll –Thank you to everyone who attended. The event went well and the HDC was well represented –our Honoree’s appreciated that.

New Resident Welcome –date is set as Friday April 7th –we will keep it in the Village –any suggestions on where?

Newsletter needs to be mailed mid –March –we need one letter from the Pres or anyone who would like to

Other Projects

Johnson Brothers – They came back with a new plan after the MRCCA new regulations were approved. The building was at 65’ and CM Tolbert agreed –then the City was told that Johnson Brothers parcel was actually changed at the last minute to 48’. There is much angst St Paul Ave and Cleveland –update from Kevin on what we are doing. They will do the re-pave and put in new crosswalks and ADA ramps for the sidewalks. They are moving the crosswalks to locations that will make more sense, and be in place if the intersection is re-done. Will try and get the triangle with pavement turned to grass and the bus stop on St Paul Ave moved further south on St Paul Ave.

Snelling Ave Zoning – The Committee will weigh in when the Public input at Planning opens up –probably end of March or early April –it has been put on the CDC agenda for March.

Snelling Ave Median Update- we have set a Public Meeting date for Tuesday Feb 28th

HPCC Play Area –Parks is still pushing the timeline to 2018 Construction and I am still badgering them to complete it in 2017 –not sure how this one will turn out, depends on if they want to fight with the HDC-I updated Andy Rodriguez and he is working to get an answer. I have asked for Parks to come with designs to the March CEC meeting.

Ford Update –the two January Transportation meetings were very well attended. The HDC will not have more Ford related meetings until there is something to weigh in on.

Sibley Plaza –I spoke with John Kohler who is now responsible for coming up with a master plan by the end of 2017. They have been exploring many different options, trying to form a private partnership. No one wants to build housing –it is too expensive right now?.

Riverview Corridor Update –Commissioner Ortega and CM Tolbert asked us to host a Community meeting, but there is no new information. I explained that we are only holding meetings when they have something new to report. We would gladly help them advertise if they want to do a Riverview Open House or something at St Luke’s Lutheran –also said I would help secure the room.

Hwy 5 Realignment– Confirmed that CM Tolbert and Libby are pushing Planning and PW to say they are done –no change

Albion School –SPPS could not reach a deal with the developer and will be putting out another RFP for the property in February(?).

Ford and Cleveland –Aaron Dysart with Public Art –we have a meeting with all concerned parties (including Escom Properties, the new mgmt. company) on Friday, Feb 3rd at 8:30 AM at the Highland Café. I think we are moving forward. Aaron confirmed what the City will need from Escom to allow the Public Art to go on their property.

Intern for HDC – Intern is either coming to the Board or the Feb 14th Transportation meeting, I’ll confirm.

Great River Passage –CDGB funding –we have been told that any funding is going toward housing, the Shep Dav Crossing will not qualify, so don’t apply

HDC Meetings –will update for Board meeting.

Feb 3rd – Public Art meeting – 8:30 AM Highland Café

Feb 11th – HPCC Winter Party 1:00 – 3:00 PM –need a few Volunteers please

Feb 14th – Transportation Meeting – 7:00 PM

Feb 21st – CDC Meeting –6:30 PM -Park, Field and Open Space Planning

Feb 28th – CEC Meeting – 6:30 PM – Mary de Laittre –Great River Passage

Feb 28th – Snelling Ave Median –Community Meeting -6:30 -8:00 PM HPCC Auditorium