



# HIGHLAND

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## HDC BOARD MEETING February 6, 2020 Highland Park Community Center

### Call to Order

7:01pm

### Roll Call

Duffy, excused. Pickett, absent. Langford and Soderberg excused.  
Correction: Morehead **was excused** from the previous meeting.

### Approval of Agenda

Motion made, seconded to approve agenda.

### Approval of Minutes

Motion made by Winterer to amend prior meeting minutes, seconded. Winterer moved to amend the portion of the prior meeting minutes regarding the CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION, as follows:

- Strike all current minutes referring to the closed meeting
- Insert the following:  
“During executive session, a motion was made to change executive roles.  
Motion failed with a TIE vote”.

Approved as amended.

### Public Comment

NONE

**Dr. McCann** from the University of Minnesota gave a presentation on coyotes in Highland and from around the surrounding area. Dr. McCann spoke about the TC Coyote and Fox Project. Project link: [tccfp.umn.edu](http://tccfp.umn.edu) Studies diseases and movement patterns in Ramsey and Hennepin Counties. Funded by ENRTF.

### Highland Fest

Tricia, VP of Highland Business Association, provided the Board an update as to why Highland Fest has been cancelled. Primarily financial concerns, especially with the security costs with significant raise in fees to hire SPPD for the event. Can no longer use off duty officers.

Also, the event didn't align with the mission and vision of the Business Association.

**Tour de Highland will now be Taste of Highland.** Event will be held on a Thursday in May.



## STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

### **Community Development---Susan Duffy, Chair. Kathy C reporting.**

Ryan Co and Park/Rec will have a task force for the park design. HDC will have two seats on the design committee.

There will be a meeting on February 18<sup>th</sup>, Ryan Co will bring new zoning changes to the Master Plan, due to architectural design.

### **Community Engagement---Matt McGuire, Chair.**

Busy revising documents, including HDC Board member job description. These will be set up in a Google Doc. Passed the Equity Plan with the proposed changes suggested by Sally Bauer and community members. March Highland Together event will be a Famous Dave's on W. 7<sup>th</sup> Street. Monday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> from 6-730pm. After the food/beverage, CEC will hold their monthly meeting there.

### **Transportation, Kevin Gallatin---Thursday, July 16, 2020Chair. Lynn Varco reporting.**

Ramsey County road project from St. Paul Ave to Edgcumbe. Bike lanes will make road down to one lane on each side. AUAR, Table 9. MT A-Line split stops. Lynn is concerned about the project and the upkeep of those roads. Tom R asked to get the exact street layout to clarify and are those bike lanes safe?? The MNDOT Highway 5 project starts in the spring and will be on West of the bridge toward the airport. Tentative ending date in the Fall. Home Improvement Fair. Public Works will be attending next meeting to discuss plowing intersections surrounding the Ford site.

### **Annual Meeting/Election Task Force Update, Sally Bauer reporting.**

The annual meeting/election will likely be on April 23<sup>rd</sup> at Gloria Dei. Several venues were recommended and evaluated and the church seemed to be the best one. The survey went live, nearly 300 people completed. A table at Caribou on W. 7th was staffed. More data collection will continue through February. Sally was pleased and encouraged by the task force and they will have their next and probably final meeting the end of February, before our next March meeting. Focus is now on how things will run at the annual meeting in terms of how the election will be done. Whether candidates can file ahead of time and on-line voting. By-law changes became a challenge. Sally and Michelle met separately and Michelle sent out some specific language relating to proposed by-law changes for election terms and possible modifications to the existing by-laws, to allow for current Board members who have served three terms or six years, to be able to fulfill their current grid election. Some concern over current language and existing terms and trying to avoid Board appointment mid-cycle.



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Matt McGuire commented that from a legal standpoint, you are either (1) applying the bylaw; or (2) revising the bylaw.

If you are applying the bylaw you must first apply the plain meaning of the wording to the facts at hand. If that analysis generates a result, you are unquestionably obligated to abide by that result. If you apply the facts and you end up with ambiguity (more than one reasonable interpretation), then you'd look at intent behind the bylaw to resolve that ambiguity, etc. If you think the bylaw is problematic, or flawed, or that it is generating inconsistent results, then you would look to revise that bylaw. And you would follow the procedure set forth in the bylaws for revising the bylaws.

**City Council Report---Melanie McMahon, CM Tolbert's Aide**

**Executive Committee Report---HDC President Howard Miller Reporting**

**Treasurer's Report---Bob Whitehead, Treasurer**  
Attached

**Business Representatives Reports**  
**HBA:** Anne Langford. **See Tricia's report above.**  
**W7BA:** Kathy Soderberg

**Executive Director's Report---Kathy Carruth**  
Attached

### **New/Other Business**

Rebecca asked Sally to bring the name of the insurance agent that the City of Minneapolis Council Board Members use to be covered for Liability Insurance. Would like to revisit this.

**Next Meeting:** March 5<sup>th</sup>, 7pm.

### **Adjourn**

Motion made, seconded, passed. Adjourned at 900pm.

**Submitted by: Rebecca Reiners, HDC Secretary and Grid 12 Rep**