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HDC Board of Directors Meeting June 4, 2020 1978 Ford Parkway Saint Paul, MN 55116 Virtual ZOOM Meeting

Call to Order

703pm

Roll Call

PRESENT: Miller, Doyle, Langenfeld, Reiners, Whitehead, Gallatin, Morehead, Varco, Hollinshead, Winterer, Hurse, Bauer, McGuire, Langford, Soderberg, Butler, Vargas, Isom

Executive Director Carruth present.

Appoint At-Large Alternates to HDC Board

Josh B, Diana, Romens each identified themselves as wanting to be an alternate on the Board.

VOTES:

Diana: Alternate One

Josh Braaten: Alternate Two

Tom: was not selected

Elect Officers

Officers elected are:

President: Michelle

V-President: Paul

Treasurer: Bob

Secretary: Rebecca

Motion made to accept the slate of candidates, seconded, slate of officers approved.

Approval of Agenda

Motion made, seconded to approve agenda, approved.

Approval of Minutes

Motion made, seconded to approve minutes of previous meeting, approved.

Public Comment

NONE



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Standing Committee Selection

All Board members were seated on a committee. Most Board members choose to remain on their current committee.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Community Development---Gary Martland, Vice Chair

Two spaces open for community members to be appointed. Process to apply is to just show up.

All resolutions have been submitted to the City.

Meeting will be June 16th at 6:30pm. Ryan Companies will be there.

Four primary parks, Gateway and Hidden Falls are at 60 percent design at this point. Break ground in the Fall. Other two are planned for 2022.

Community Engagement---Matt McGuire, Chair.

Have a Highland Neighborhood Facebook page but it's separate from HDC. Thank you to the Board members who were active during the riots and helping to keep Highland safe.

Given the fact that we have not met in person could impact some of our events.

Next meeting is June 22, 7pm.

Transportation---Kevin Gallatin, Chair

Next meeting is June 9th at 7pm. Deal with all modes of transpo in Highland.

Sheffer/Griggs project is underway. Edgecumbe Ave will be getting sidewalks. Future projects: need to meet about plowing, design for SPAve and Hamline for bike lanes and bump-outs. Stop for Me events will be back this summer.

Executive Director's Report---Kathy Carruth

Attached

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

Tenant's protection notice back on agenda June 17th. Golf course open and community centers are slowly opening. May have another evening of curfew, keep in tune with news on this. Masks are required to be worn in any City officer/sponsored office. Reach council members through their Ward office. Any discussion for increasing availability of digital books? There is a digital subscription cost associated with that. Melanie will check.



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Executive Committee Report

NONE

Treasurer's Report---Bob Whitehead, Treasurer

ATTACHED

Approval of 2019 Audit happened in May.

Appoint new signers to HDC account: Bob, Michelle and Paul

There will be a revised 990.

Business Representatives Reports

HBA: Anne Langford.

Thank you to the volunteers/watch group who stationed themselves in Anne's lot and took care of all of our businesses. Highland Fest cancelled and it seemed to work out okay due to COVID.

W7BA: Kathy Soderberg

Minor damage down on W 7th. Lots of graffiti on Friday night.

New/Other Business

Do a review of the on-line elections.

Budget cuts/tax increases—will affect district councils.

Peter is interested in reviewing the by-laws and clarified. Some tend to conflict with each other.

Matt suggested that a speaker come and give a brief talk about the fiduciary duties of non-profits.

Training for new Board:

Next Meeting: July 16th, 7pm.

Adjourn

Motion made, seconded, passed. Adjourned at 836pm.

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



Executive Directors Report

Administrative

HDC Staff – Thank you to all of the current and past Board members that have volunteered to help in the community. The support is amazing. Staff has worked with James Farnsworth behind the scenes to organize and spread the word about boarding and unboarding businesses, spent an 1 ½ on a call with the Mayor's office Friday morning, at the request of his staff trying to get a plan for HP. I was in communication with SPPD and Mayors office about the Community Watch group that was out in the Village, making sure they could be on the streets, and the Police knew they were there. Worked on Saturday, with rumors about a coordinated attack on the SPPD Highland Park Traffic building, worked with MGCC and HBA to put together the Fundraiser, still working on a local food drive. Summit Brewing may put something together, we can help publicize or volunteer.

Listening Session with Rep. Dave Pinto –met with Rep Pinto's staff for an hour and a half yesterday to organize/host a listening session with Rep Pinto and CM Tolbert before the legislature goes back into a special session a week from Monday. This invite went out to HBA and W7BA.

Website Update – Patty and I met this morning, to go over the website. We need to clean up some of the pages, put in criteria for searches on minutes, and resolutions, consistency of look on pages, content, and more or less learn how it is set up. Patty has been researching, and has had 2 or 3 meetings with the web designer, seems it looks better than the old site, but we feel we lost some functionality (and gained in other areas). Between COVID and other community unrest, our focus has not been on the website, but we are getting closer.

2019 Audit- the audit was approved electronically by the Board

City Contract –was finally approved and we received our reimbursements for Jan, Feb, March and April. I submitted the reimbursement for May yesterday.

CIB Process 2020- 2021 –The HDC submitted two projects: The "fingers"/crossings on Shepard between Elway and Davern and the HPCC field improvements. A neighbor has asked us for three years to support a project to install lantern lighting on Cleveland between Bayard and Randolph. I know Tom Romens also submitted two projects. I have not seen the CIB project update

HDC 2019 990 – this was approved by the Board and filed with the IRS, sent on May 15, 2020.

HDC Programming

Home Improvement Fair 2020 –the total net profit was \$6,895, which we split with MGCC. They have been paid.

Food Shelf and PPE Fundraiser –the HDC has started a Food Shelf and PPE Fundraiser with Macalester Groveland and the Highland Business Association. The link went live this afternoon. 1,000 masks have already been purchased, and distribution will start as soon as they arrive. If you know of events coming up that need masks or sanitizer, please let us know and we will make sure to distribute. Thank you



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Volunteer Appreciation –Highland Park volunteers were going to be honored at the Annual meeting this year- it would be nice to try and reschedule sometime in the Fall
Annual Meeting/ Elections –thank you to everyone who worked so hard to make this year’s online election process run so smoothly. We have at least 3 DC that are modeling their elections on our process.

Taste of Highland Park – We postponed this event until the fall, not sure if it will happen.

Pool House Rock – The June event was cancelled. We still have the August 13 date, not sure if can keep it, or Parks will let us. The HBA and neighbors are looking to hold some kind of a neighborhood get together and fundraiser, I will stay in communication with James Farnsworth with the HBA to figure out what that could look like. We still have the Selby Ave Jazz band from Jazzed about Highland for Aug 13.

Garage Fest was postponed –not sure if we will be able to have in the Fall

Drop Off Event –Sept 26 is still scheduled to happen. We are working on ways to make it safe for volunteers and people dropping. All drop offs were cancelled besides the Fair and Shepard Road.

Stop for Me Events –are still happening. HDC submitted intersections and will hopefully receive dates/times in the next few weeks.

Transportation – upcoming topics: Edgcombe sidewalks, Snow Plow discussion, slow roll bike ride through Highland Park

Development Committee –links to all the resolutions that were approved: 897 S Snelling Lot Split; Agra Culture Liquor Application; CDH Sign Variance; Ward 3 Residential Zoning Code updates; Ryan Sign Variance

Engagement (Fun Committee) – hasn’t met, needs to refocus on a plan

Other Projects

Southwest Business Coalition – we have had a few communications, but no joint gatherings since COVID

Ryan Company Update –Lot 3 Development will be at the June 16 Development Committee meeting.

Ward 3 Design Standards –the standards were on the agenda for the May 29th Planning Commission meeting, and the Public Hearing was closed. The changes will be sent back to the Comprehensive Neighborhood Committee to weigh in on.

Sibley Plaza –Starbuck’s is progressing nicely –the neighbors are excited.

Shepard Development (Johnson Brothers) –same

Cameras at the top of Rec Stairs/ Hillcrest Turn around –Parks was going to install signage

MnDOT – Highway 5 Project –has been proceeding at a much faster pace with the lower amount of traffic, I will check in and see what their timeline looks like.

River Modern Street Car Project –Kathy Soderberg is the HDC rep –not sure if they have met(?).

HDC June Reminders:



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June 4 - HDC Board Meeting 7:00 pm Zoom

June 8 – meet with new Board member 3:00 pm Zoom

June 9 -Transportation Meeting -7:00 pm Zoom

June 10 – James and Lexington Development eMeeting 6- 7:30 p.m.

June 10 – Meet with new Board members 10:00 am HPCC field if weather allows

June 16 – CDC meeting – 6:30 PM HPCC

June 22 – CDC meeting – 7:00 pm

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