

Board Meeting Minutes of Highland District Council
June 6, 2019 7:00 p.m.
St. Paul MN 55116
Highland Park Community Center
1978 Ford Parkway, St Paul, MN 55116.

Call to order: 7:00pm and Moment of Silence for D-Day, 75th Anniversary

Roll Call: Roll was taken. Kathy mentioned that Nate Hurse would be late.

Approval of Agenda: Motion, second, approved

Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes: one correction, Sally mentioned that Susan Duffy should have been mentioned and not her with regard to the Community and Equity Task Force. Motion, second, minutes, approved

How HDC interacts with City, Joe Mendyka, DC Coordinator, city liaison to 17th district councils gave the council an overview.

Public Comment: NONE

Standing committee reports:

Community Engagement Committee-Matt McGuire Chair

Three community members were mentioned as wanting to join committee. Motion, seconded, members approved.

Highland Fest: Unity, Inclusion and Voice. (IDEA) Common Canvas, smaller bricks that folks can sign for future viewing, kid's designs too. Would be posted in a public place. Volunteers for booth needed.

Highland Together, Ice Cream Social event: was a good idea however weather prevented better attendance. Subcommittee supported continuing this and looking at ideas for better promotion next year.

National Night Out: Recommend that all directors participate in your grid, even those close to you.

Kristina is hosting Fresh Produce Distribution, Wednesday, October 2nd. Volunteers needed. Sign-up on-line.

Community Development Committee-Susan Duffy Chair, Gary Martland reporting:

Two meetings held. Two community members came forward to volunteer to be on committee. Motion, seconded, approved.

Issues:

1767 Eleanor Ave property, approved.

1653 Pinehurst property, variance requested, voted against resolution.

A community member stated that tear-downs have become a real problem; realtors are threatening that if property isn't given a variance that property would be torn down.

Transportation Committee- Kevin Gallatin, Chair

Eight candidates came forward for community members, two were selected. Motion, seconded, approved.

Letter to Howard Paster discussed. Attached. Letter sent out by Kathy.

Cleveland Bike Lane: an upgraded bike-lane was discussed. Bump-outs discussed (for ease of ped crossing).

Michelle Doyle stated that she and Lynn drafted a motion with relation to this topic, highlighting better communication and community notification and how to facilitate this for future, South Cleveland Avenue

Motion. Michelle read motion, discussion followed. Kristina expressed that historically motions go through

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the committee, before coming to the full Board. Lynn argued that motions can go directly to the Board, based upon timing of next committee meeting but to also register concerns about how projects go forward in the future. Lynn made a motion, Jim seconded. Discussion: ability for public comment for may have been lost when dealing with type of commination. Kevin spoke in opposition. Several clauses need further discussion by the Transportation Committee. There are several mitigating circumstances right now as to how projects are funded. Sally stated that the Whereas statements and Therefore recommendations seemed to not follow an order. What is the goal of the resolution?

Matt commented that the big concern is that this issue has received a lot of publicity and seems like lacking support at the City. Sally mentioned that hot topics on the neighborhood FB page do not need to be immediately sent to the Board, should be discussed in committee meeting.

Jim made a motion that the resolution be sent back to the Transportation Committee with more direction given and possible revision. Seconded. Approved.

Executive Director's report: attached

Treasurer's Report: attached. Motion, seconded, approved.

City Council report: Melanie stated that there is now an adopted pedestrian plan. Budget process has started.

Business Rep's Report: NONE

Executive Committee Report: NONE

New Business: NONE

Adjourn: motion, seconded, approved, meeting adjourned at 8:56pm.

Report Submitted By: Rebecca Reiners, HDC Secretary
Next Meeting: July 18th, 7-9pm HPCC

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ED Report

Administrative

Innovation Fund Contract –we have been reimbursed for a little over ½ of 2018 funding and not any of 2019 Innovation Fund contract will be included with our regular City Contract. Reimbursement's for 2018 should be complete before 8/1/2019

D 15 Steering Committee Update – The Planning Commission at the May 17th meeting set a Public Hearing date for June 28. This is the time for Public Comment on the plan, we are posting and will include in the Villager. The Steering Committee is mostly disbanded, just a few still participating. We need representation at the June 28th hearing, please let me know if you are able to attend.

Equity Plan – Michelle has graciously agreed to work on a draft of the Equity Plan, using the retreat notes, and data collected from the previous board.

RFP for Graphic Design- We are working with JuJu on the logo. She will be doing a table top banner, letterhead, business cards, info cards to hand out, a template for our MailChimp newsletter and maybe magnets. I will be getting pricing to run by Exec on some of the extras.

RFP for Website was sent out early last week with a deadline of June 14th. We have had one person decline to give a proposal, saying the timeline didn't work for them.

Tech Support – met with Brian Haws, he has transferred our email to Microsoft Exchange online. We still have a few kinks to work out. Please let me know if you have a delay when receiving HDC email.

Allina Grant – We received an Allina Neighborhood Health grant for Sibley Manor Community garden. The Gift cards have been purchased and the immediate paperwork filled out.

Communications with HDC- Contact HDC office: with Grid questions, copy office on all communication, please try to make sure to include all committee members on any email, please represent yourself professionally on Social media (ie. swearing, etc./try to take the high road)

At –Large Alternate –will be appointed by the Board at the July 18th Board meeting. The Board has always made it a priority to give notice (per the Villager) to the community before appointing or electing a replacement.

HDC Programming

HIF –MGCC sent the check and the financials are in the Treasurers report

Highland Together (formerly New Resident Welcome) –working on rescheduling the Highland Together event for September 7th (?) from 1 -3 PM

Citywide Drop off event –We are organizing the event on Saturday, Sept 28th , on Shepard Road.

Event Plans –are being made for every HDC event and stored in a Google File

Tour de Highland –Thank you to all the volunteers! We had around 135 riders, and it was 44 degrees.

Garage Fest- we have 54 homes registered, We had to order new signs this year, Tom Kreuzer our amazing garage sale volunteer did the map. Seemed successful, saw lots of people in the neighborhood. Financials in Treasurers report.

Pool House Rock –I am working with FHA, Parks to get our schedule together. We are sponsoring a larger band this year, along with one High School band, and maybe a free performance from SPCO Youth. I have gotten the Sound Level Variance waiver from DSI, reserved the Sound person, Ice cream truck and confirmed with Parks that they will clean, get port a potty, and we paid for the movie. We selected Jumanji – Welcome to the Jungle. Highland Dentists are doing a gourmet popcorn table, YumYum Ice cream will be back☺

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Jazzed About Highland –This event is the Highland Park Stage for Jazz Fest. We have JoyAnn Parker reserved as the performer, Nick the sound guy, stage from Parks, Sound level variance has been given, working with HBA on details, Tiffany's will be the backup in case of rain

Highland Fest – We are a sponsor of H Fest, and will have a table. CEC update

Other Projects

Ford –Design Standards are on the CDC agenda for June 18th, open for public comment until June 28th Planning Commission meeting.

Public Art –The Bench is in!!!!!! This has been about a 4 year project at the corner of Cleveland and Ford pkwy.

Ethiopian Community Center –nothing has happened that I have heard. May be waiting to hear about STAR

HGRO Account- HGRO is the Community Garden that HDC worked to start about 7 years ago. The garden stewards, Doug Krinke and his wife would like to use HDC address on the bank account, no other involvement

Sibley Plaza – the site plan has been approved. Construction is in full swing. Homeless people on roof and behind building, asked Paster to work with Property mgmt. to clean it up.

Shepard Development (Johnson Brothers) –updated them on the MRCCA updates from the City. Put them in contact with Lucy Thompson the City Planner working on it.

Highland 9 Visioning –There are tentative plans to hold one final meeting to present a preferred option. However, this is contingent upon further funding since they have exceeded our initial scope. Have not heard anything further.

Historic Pool House –the person that was interested, is not anymore, Susie Odegard will check with Mike Hahm to see if they can release the RFP one more time. Have not heard anything more

HDC June Reminders:

June 6 – HDC Board meeting -7:00 PM

June 11 – Transportation meeting – 7:00 HPCC

June 13 – Pool House Rock & Movie night –still need volunteers please

June 18 – CDC Meeting HPCC 6:30 PM

June 20 – Jazzed about Highland 6:00 PM Langford & Karls Chiropractic –Still need volunteers

June 24 –CEC (Changed to Monday) 7:00 PM HPCC

June 28 – Planning Commission Public Hearing 8:30 AM –Room 40 City Hall

- Highland District 15 Plan
- Ford Design Standards

July 18 – HDC Board Meeting 7:00 PM HPCC

July 19-21 Highland Fest –NEED Volunteers