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HDC Board Meeting July 18th, 2019 Highland Park Community Center

Call to order: 7:03pm

Roll Call: Roll was taken. Absent were: Michelle Doyle, Anne Langford, Kathy Soderberg. Alternate, Gary Martland.

Approval of Agenda: Motion, second, approved

Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes: Motion, second, approved

At Large Election: Four candidates came forward. **MIKE PICKET** won and was seated.

At Large Alternate Appointment: Four candidates came forward. **TOM ROMENS** won and was seated.

Public Comment: Brandon Long spoke and spoke against the election that had just taken place. He also felt that he had been disparaged by a board member via email communications. Jim Guenther spoke against Brandon's behavior and wanted to bring forward an ethics complaint. Fiery and loud comments were made so President Miller called for order. Several people walked out of the meeting at that point.

HDC Website Design Overview—Lisa Haines, Web Designer: a comprehension presentation was shown to Board and community members in attendance.

Standing committee reports:

Community Engagement Committee-Matt McGuire Chair

Exciting time for Community Engagement. Highland Fest: we will have a Common Canvas at the HDC booth. Pick a brick and share your memory of Highland. Fox News anchor will be at our booth, Stu Voight, Former MN Viking player will be in our booth, and Miss Minnesota will be in attendance on Sunday.

National Night Out is in August. A new community member has joined the committee and he has a real passion for Justice and will be working with the City prosecutor's office. August 26th will be a Crime Prevention meeting with SPPD at the Community Center.

Community Development Committee-Susan Duffy Chair

Susan spoke about the Ford Site Design Standards, Public Grounds Maintenance. And committee voted against the build on St. Dennis.



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Transportation Committee- Kevin Gallatin, Chair

A resolution was brought forward on the notification process will be sent to the City asking to keep community better informed of projects effecting our neighborhoods. Resolution was approved by Board. Kevin gave a presentation regarding the entrance/exit issues at Trader Joes. A resolution to Improve Access to Trader Joe's Property was brought forward to the Board. Approved.

Transportation talked about the AUAR and the committee was afforded the opportunity to hear about that study. Every 5 years another AUAR study is performed.

Matt asked if Transportation took any official position on the AUAR study. NO

Concerns of the scope and study? Kevin didn't have any concerns. Any concerns about the study of noise? This is a concern everywhere in Highland. Matt brought forward more concerns about the study, including noise, vehicle traffic and the calmativie impact of the density.

Ask the City for extra comment time? Kevin does not support this. Ask City for extension? Not supported by Kevin. Matt suggested that the HDC ask the City for a grace period for us to comment on the draft plan. Sally Bauer doesn't feel like we can fully understand the study. Sally stated that we need to trust people who have the expertise that we do not have. Matt moved to ask for the City to give the HDC extra time, 30 days from this date, to comment and respond to the scope. Seconded by Susan. Matt asked for a special meeting for the Board at which time we look at proposing some recommendations to the City.

Kevin spoke against the request and stated that no one on the Transportation Committee had expressed concerns about this study. Matt asked if Committee knew about the noise issues, traffic issues. Mat H. stated that we can still make a statement to City Hall, even though the public comment is closed. AMENDMENT: if the request for extension for comment period HDC should still make a statement. **FAVOR: 10 IN FAVOR. OPPOSED: 6 OPPOSED.**

Resolution, with amendment, passed.

Executive Director's report: attached.

Kathy thinks that the City will respond that the next public comment period is in August. Kathy is meeting with the consultant on Aug. 5 to ask some of our questions. There are several meetings coming up where the Board can learn more. Mat H. feels that the community would like us to bring forward these concerns of noise, emissions, etc.

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

City Council report: NONE

Business Rep's Report: NONE

HBA:

W7th BA:



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Executive Committee Report, Howard Miller, President

Equity report will be sent out to Board and we will discuss at our next meeting.

New/Other Business: NONE

Adjourn: motion, seconded, approved, meeting adjourned at 8:57PM.

Report Submitted By: Rebecca Reiners, HDC Secretary

Next Meeting: Sept 5, 7-9pm HPCC