

Welcome!

What is a District Council?

Technically 501(c)3 nonprofit, majority of funding from the city

Develop a district plan to help guide City Council budget and law-making

Our neighborhood's official communication path to City Council on community development, transportation, parks, recycling, public safety, and more!



Mission

To foster opportunities for the people that live, learn, work, and play in Highland Park to engage and connect with neighbors, businesses, and local government, and to help build a more vibrant, welcoming, and safe neighborhood.

What We Do



1. Listen.

2. Advocate for the best interests of our community.

What We Do

Make recommendations to City Council

Plan, host, and volunteer at community events

Evaluate
homeowner
variances
(fences,
rooflines,
etc.)

Review plans for new construction (Highland Bridge)

Advocate for parks improvements and other community spaces

Educate community on available resources

Discuss plans for new transportation options Partner with local businesses to solve problems

Board Members



12 Grid Reps + 4 At-Large + 2 Business Reps 18 Board Members

Structure

Vote on Resolutions (Official Recommendations to City Council, **District Council Board** Zoning Board, etc.) (18 Members) **Appoint Executive Committee** Set Agendas **Executive Committee** Facilitate Meetings Executive Director (.75 (Pres, VP, Secretary, Treasurer + 3 FTE) **Coordinate Guest Speakers** Committee Chairs) **Annual Review of Exec Director Board Members + Community** Community Representatives Community **Transportation** Engagement Development More Detailed Discussion Committee Committee Committee **Vote on Resolutions**

Purpose

Example Initiatives

Transportation Committee



Discuss issues pertaining to modes of transportation (pedestrian, cyclists, cars, public transit, road construction)

- Reviewed plans for and made recommendations to City Council regarding new pedestrian and bike lanes along Montreal and Cleveland
- Discussed traffic light implications for Lexington / Hwy 5 / Montreal

Community Engagement Committee



Discuss concerns related to outreach, community resources, events, environment, parks, and public safety

- Planned and hosted community events (Blood Drive, Bike Giveaway, Movies in the Park, etc.)
- Secured the new organics recycling drop off site in Highland (opening December 2021)

Community
Development
Committee



Discuss planning and execution of any construction or building projects in Highland Park, both commercial and residential

- Discussed ideas to improve Highland Bridge development
- Approve zoning variances for private and commercial construction (distance from property lines, parking requirements, max building height, etc.)

Role	District Council Board Member	Community Committee Rep
Make-Up	 12 Grid Members (Based on Address) 4 At-Large Members (Live Anywhere in HP) 2-year terms, half elected each year 	 2-4 Representatives per Committee 2 Alternates (They vote if others are not in attendance)
Qualifications	 At least 18 years of age Live in the grid you'll represent Receive at least 2 votes 	At least 16 years of ageBe engaged!
Time Commitment	 2-year term Attend monthly board meetings (~2 hrs) Attend monthly committee meetings (~1.5 hrs) Minimum of 4 additional volunteer roles per year Participate in community outreach 	 1-year term Attend monthly committee meetings (~1.5 hrs) Potentially additional volunteer / follow-up opportunities
Election Process	Elected every year at Spring annual meeting / online elections (April) • Submit online application • Advocate for yourself with neighbors and	Nominated and voted in at the first committee meeting post-elections (April) • Attend the first meeting and express interest (can self-nominate)

interest groups

Thank you!



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