

## **HDNA Annual Meeting January 24, 2016**

### **Board Members Present:**

Malinda Durbin, Brandt Ford, Bob Harlow, Sherry Cornell, Jay Douds, Valarie DeSalvo, Ed Flynn, Erik Siegel, Barbara Ford, Muriel Handmaker, Shelley Piquard, and Joshua White

The audience was welcomed by HDNA President, Jay Douds. He stressed the need for volunteers to further the efforts of the HDNA, and indicated that people have the opportunity to indicate areas of interest at the sign in table.

### **Treasurer's Report:**

Presented by Treasurer, Brandt Ford

1. The HDNA has become a 501(c)(3) making donations tax deductible.
2. Money is primarily made through dues and donations.
3. The newsletter pays for itself.
4. The tree planting was reimbursed by grants.
5. The Ice Cream Social raises no money.
6. The Fete raised approximately \$3,400 part of which was donated to Save Our Center.
7. The Movie on the Lawn is funded by the HDNA and cost approximately \$1,400.

### **Eighth District Metro Council Report:**

Presented by Councilman Tom Owen

1. Has served as council member for 23 years.
2. February's Talk with Tom will be on 2/27/16 from 9-11a at the Heine Bros in Douglass Loop.
3. Encourages litter pick up, especially at the Loop.
4. Currently working on getting the clock at the Loop fixed.
5. A new bar is to go in at the old Spindletop Drapery location. The owner and developer will be meeting with Highlands Connections Monday, 2/1/2016 at 7p in the Shelby Park Library. It is open to the public.
6. Monthly meetings with Major Parks will continue. Email Councilman Owen with concerns to be discussed with the police commander.

### **Presentation by Fifth Division Police Commander, Major Shara Parks (summarized)**

The Fifth Division led the department last year in crime reduction. Crime is down 5.2% The years before that they had a 3.3% and 3.2% reduction, so in three years the overall reduction is greater than 10%. The most consistent problem is unsecured property, unlocked cars, garages, and windows. If someone has locked their car and it gets broken into, most of the time it is because they have left valuables in sight. If people would lock their doors and put belonging out of sight, crime would decrease exponentially.

This year Major Parks wants to focus on community outreach. She encouraged the audience to sign up for text alerts via Louisvilleky.gov which sends alerts regarding crimes specific to one of the five beats in the Fifth Division. Also, Coffee with a Cop will resume. Time, dates and locations will be communicated via the text alerts. Crime walks will begin in April where police and volunteers walk through the neighborhoods sharing information and evaluating safety concerns. The message that Major Parks wants to get out is please lock your doors, secure your items in your vehicles, and report suspicious activity.

**Presentation by Metro Parks Director, Seve Ghose (summarized):**

He has been in his position for 5 months, and his 100 day report to the Mayor has been delayed by snow. It is currently unavailable but it will be put out as a public notice. He has visited about 90 of the 125 parks and gone to all of the 15 center, 9 golf courses, the pools, the historic homes, etc. Parks has over 400 FT staff, and about 1600 seasonal workers, and about a \$30million budget.

The number one thing he will go after is crime. In the 5 months he's been here over \$150,000 in theft and vandalism. He has suggested a park ambassador program to help fight this crime. It is not a vigilante effort, but the idea is to educate the public. It may also serve as a deterrent. It will help to protect Parks' assets which is his job as director.

He intends to increase programming and to increase the Parks' media presence through closed circuit TV's in all Parks' properties as well as their website. He plans to organize a citizens advisory council and hold public meetings throughout the year in order to get more feedback from people who use the Parks' facilities.

The future of the Douglass Community Center remains unclear as they are waiting for post-abatement mold testing and the results of a structural analysis. He assured the crowd that the center would not be closed. Several members of the audience asked questions regarding the usage of the facility in the future, programming, staffing, etc. Councilman Owen sought to clarify by stating, "I hear you say that there would continue to be expanded recreational activity in the gym and perhaps additional recreation and community center activities in the rear building" Seve Ghose confirmed that, and added that a discussion regarding increasing programming in the main building would need to include the cost of repairs and renovation. When asked if the building would be closing, he reiterated, "No, absolutely, and I've never used the word closure."

State Representative Morgan McGarvey shared with the group that he and Representative Marzian are working to secure funding for the Douglass Community Center from the state.

Bob Harlow thanked Tom Owen for his years of service and was supported by applause from the audience.

President Jay Douds announced a break before the HDNA board meeting.

## **Committee Reports**

### **Membership Committee:**

Presented by Chair, **Muriel Handmaker**

1. A Fall Membership Drive was conducted, and membership is now up to 175.
2. The committee will maintain a presence at the Farmers' Market.
3. Work on business memberships is being finalized. The bylaws have been changed, and details are being discussed.
4. 501(c)(3) status makes donations tax deductible.
5. Dues are payable through PayPal.

### **Beautification Committee:**

Presented by Chair, **Shelley Piquard**

1. Two gardens continue to be maintained.
2. The tree planting program developed by **Joshua White** has enjoyed its 2nd successful year. The goal for 2016 is 150 trees in the ground.
3. A core group of volunteers is needed to "dig in the dirt".

### **Safety Committee:**

Presented by Chair, **Joshua White**

1. Two graffiti offenders were apprehended and two more were run off. All eight of the original offenders have left.
2. Several stop signs have been replaced secondary to fading, graffiti, and damage to reflective surface.
3. The committee continues to work with Officer Mumphrey on crime issues in the neighborhood.

### **Events Committee:**

Presented by past Chair, Jordan Davis

1. Movie on the Lawn participation was up 40% over last year.
2. Ice Cream Social had a record attendance of over 500.
3. The Fete raised funds for HDNA and the Douglass Community

Center.

### **Communications Committee:**

Presented by Chair, **Erik Siegel**

1. The committee is maintaining the HDNA website with minutes and committee updates, as well as the Facebook page.
2. A biannual newsletter is planned for this year. Spring and fall editions will be delivered to approximately 1600 homes. 20 ads would bring in \$1500 and the cost of the newsletter is \$860.
3. HDNA trifolds are available.

## Election of Board Members

The terms of two board members, Barbara Dorf and Malinda Durbin, expired this year, and Jordan Davis resigned from the board, therefore there are seven vacant board positions.

Debbie and Angus McLachlan, DG Mawn, Malinda Durbin, and Barbara Berman were nominated and elected to the HDNA Board of Directors to serve three-year terms ending in 2019.

**Motion:** To nominate Malinda Durbin as president of the HDNA Board of Directors.

**Motion:** To nominate Jay Douds as president of the HDNA Board of Directors.

**Vote:** The motion for Malinda Durbin to serve as president carried.

**Resolved:** Malinda Durbin will serve as HDNA board president for 2016.

**Motion:** To nominate Jay Douds as vice-president of the HDNA Board of Directors.

**Motion:** To nominate Brandt Ford as vice-president of the HDNA Board of Directors.

**Vote:** The motion for Brandt Ford to serve as vice-president carried.

**Resolved:** Brandt Ford will serve as HDNA board vice-president for 2016.

**Motion:** To nominate Bob Harlow as treasurer of the HDNA Board of Directors.

**Vote:** Motion carried.

**Resolved:** Bob Harlow will serve as HDNA board treasurer for 2016.

**Motion:** To nominate Sherry Cornell as secretary of the HDNA Board of Directors.

**Vote:** Motion carried.

**Resolved:** Sherry Cornell will serve as HDNA board treasurer for 2016.

There are two remaining positions on the HDNA Board of Directors, a one-year term ending in 2017 and a three-year term ending in 2019.