

HDNA Monthly Board Meeting August 5, 2015

Board Members Present:

Jay Douds	Malinda Durbin
Brandt Ford	Shelley Piquard
Barbara Dorf	Joshua White
Jordan Davis	Barbara Ford
Bob Harlow	Muriel Handmaker
Erik Siegel	Valarie De Salvo
Sherry Cornell	Ed Flynn

Fifth District Police Liaison Report:

Presented by Officer Kevin Mumphrey

- A trailer was stolen from Kaelin Drive on July 5, 2015.
- A vehicle was broken into on Casselberry.
- The new police major is Shara Parks, and she will be at the Night Out on Tuesday, August 11.

Eighth District Metro Council Report:

Presented by Councilman Tom Owen

- The councilman will be meeting with the new police major on the 14th, and she has said that she will continue the meetings every 45 days with Tom.
- August's Talk with Tom will be held on the 15th at Dunkin Donuts.
- He is working on the sidewalk damage on Millvale, and working on drainage issues with MSD.
- Metro Council is spending a lot of time on the issue of short term rental regulations. Coverage is on line and in the Courier Journal.
- **Jay Douds** thanked Tom and Terra for help with the tree removal on Woodbourne.
- **Joshua White** asked who to call about an issue concerning meters and circuit boxes on a rental property. The Councilman did not know other than IPL.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion: To approve the minutes for the July board meeting.

Vote: Motion carried.

Resolved: Minutes from the HDNA Board meeting held on July 1, 2015 are approved.

Treasurer's Report:

Presented by Treasurer, **Brandt Ford**

- There is one more step to obtain the desired 501c3 classification.
- \$775 has been deposited from the reforestation effort.
- Highland Community Ministries requested \$500 sponsorship for their 5k in October. The board will discuss charitable donations in December.

Old Business

Save Our Center:

Presented by Chair, **Sherry Cornell**

- **Brandt Ford**, Shellie Nitschie and **Sherry Cornell** met with Councilman Tom Owen, Terra Long and Metro Parks and were able to stress the importance of defining programming at the Douglass Community Center in order to move forward with architectural plans.
- **Brandt Ford** and **Sherry Cornell** subsequently met with BJ Levis to discuss programming at the center.
- **Brandt Ford** is currently coordinating a meeting with architects and Metro Parks.
- St. Andrews Episcopal Church has expressed interest in the ongoing efforts, and **Sherry Cornell** is to appear before their vestry on August 19, 2015.
- Going forward **Sherry Cornell** will set up meetings with Mary Casey regarding fundraising, Mary Lou Marzian to discuss state funding, and the new Parks Director, Seve Ghouse.
- **Sherry Cornell** requested a donation of \$2,000 from the HDNA based on profits from the Fete. After discussion it was decided that 50% of the net profits would be acceptable in addition to private donations made at the Fete and specified for the Douglass Community Center.
- **Motion:** To donate 50% of the net profits from the HDNA Fete towards the restoration and renovation of the Douglass Community Center.
Vote: 12 for, 2 opposed. Motion carried.
Resolved: 50% of the net profits from the HDNA Fete will be set aside for restoration and renovation of the Douglass Community Center.

Committee Reports

Evans Committee:

Presented by Chair, **Jordan Davis**

- The ice cream social will be held on August 30.
- No NDF grants were received for events this year.

Membership Committee:

Presented by Chair, **Muriel Handmaker**

Motion: To approve an amendment to the by laws allowing and defining business memberships.

Vote: Motion carried.

Resolved: The Highlands-Douglass Neighborhood Association bylaws are amended to include business memberships.

- New envelopes with the increased dues amount are to be printed.
- The committee will send out emails in the fall to everyone on the current membership list as a reminder to send in their dues. Bullet points regarding why to be a member will be included.
- The committee will have a table at the Douglass Loop Farmers Market monthly

in the fall.

Safety Committee:

Presented by Chair, **Joshua White**

- Continued efforts in graffiti removal and abatement.
- A dead tree at Woodford and Bardstown has branches overhanging the wall which could damage the wall if it falls. **Joshua White** suggested contacting the owner of the property. **Jay Douds** stated that the city may take care of it.
- The bushes blocking Wrocklage have been reported.

Beautification Committee:

Presented by Chair, **Shelley Piquard**

- 48 trees have been placed.
- Garden clean ups are coming.
- An issue for future consideration: the pillars at Douglass and Kenilworth are in need of tuck pointing.
- **Joshua White** revisited the issue of nurturing trees now for future plantings. After discussion a trial "nursery" costing \$500 (down from the original \$764) was considered.

Motion: To approve a trial nursery of trees currently available to be used in future reforestation efforts.

Vote: Motion carried.

Resolved: \$500 is allocated to purchase trees for a trial nursery.

Communications Committee:

Presented by Chair, **Erik Siegel**

- The mini-newsletter scheduled for August will be postponed.
- A full-size newsletter is planned for the winter. The size will be smaller than years past and the ad rate will be raised.
- Ways to optimize the website and Facebook need to be considered.
- Yard signs for garden clean up are being ordered.
- Regarding yard signs for any event, a rider can be used for the date so that signs can be reused for recurring events.
- 18 x 24" yard signs are available for \$10.

There is no new business. The meeting was adjourned.