

HDNA Board Meeting

July 6, 2016

Attendees

Malinda Durbin, Brandt Ford, Bob Harlow, Sherry Cornell, Joshua White, Jay Douds, Shelley Piquard, Barbara Berman, Barbara Ford, Erik Siegel, Angus McLachlan, Muriel Handmaker, Valarie DeSalvo, Ed Flynn, D.G. Mawn

Fifth Division Police Report

Presented by Officer Kevin Mumphrey

- Car burglaries are up, all were unlocked vehicles
- Garage burglaries were also unlocked.
- Muriel Handmaker complained of speeding on Douglass including the police.
- Malinda Durbin reported an incident on Eleanor at the alley where a car was going 70mph. It was an old grey car with no license plate.
- Bob Harlow if there had been any reports regarding the noise from Big Rock at 2:00am. Officer Mumphrey knew of none.
- Joshua White asked if they were still addressing cars parked on grass. Officer Mumphrey replied yes. White called in several times one week yet saw only one ticket. Neighborhood curbs are being damaged by these cars.
- There was a discussion regarding fireworks, noise, and law enforcement with no satisfactory resolution.

Eighth District Metro Council Report

Presented by Councilman Tom Owen

- July's Talk with Tom will be on the 16th from 9:00-11:00am at Dunkin Donuts.
- The city's budget passed unanimously. 58% of the budget comes from people working. \$22million went to sidewalk and street paving. We are playing catch up from 2007-08.
- Joshua White asked about an automated road rating system. It exists and is not new, Tom Owen can send current rating if White will email asking for specific streets.
- J.T. Johnson asked about uneven sidewalks being cut down to level. Owen replied that this was a cost saving repair used downtown, and he is hopeful that it is reaching neighborhoods.
- Malinda Durbin asked about 2209 Woodbourne which is in a state of disrepair. Owen replied that the city can send an inspector who may send a citation, but it is difficult to enforce.

Approval of Minutes

Motion: To approve the minutes for the HDNA board meeting held on June 1, 2016.
The motion carried with 5 abstentions due to absence.

Approval of Treasurer's Report

Motion: To approve the treasurer's report for June 2016.

The motion carried with 1 abstention.

Guest Speaker

Mike Hayman spoke at length regarding the removal of trees at Bowman Field.

Following the speaker, D.G. Mawn objected to language in a recent email that stated the "HDNA is opposed to" tree removal. The board had not met or formally made this determination. There was general agreement among the board members present that future communications stating the position of the HDNA board to the public should only be shared following formal approval and agreement by the HDNA board.

Beautification Committee

Presented by Chair, Shelley Piquard

- There will be a committee meeting Sunday, July 10.
- Big thank you to Brandt Ford for cleaning out the weedy area on Douglass near the DCC.

Communications Committee

Presented by Chair, Erik Siegel

Contact information for an illustrator was requested. Many previous graphics were created and kept by the previous Communications Committee chair.

Events Committee

Presented by Malinda Durbin

- Malinda Durbin is co-chairing the Ice Cream Social with Rich Campbell.
- Metro Parks has been asked for written confirmation of their verbal permission to use the DCC restrooms.
- 5th Division Police station has okayed use of their electric.
- Rich Campbell sent an application for an event permit last week.
- "Another Color" is providing music for \$250, same as 2015. The cost for ice cream depends on the amount consumed which was approximately \$500 last year. The bounce costs \$215. The bubble truck is confirmed for \$200. They are waiting to hear from the face painter, Molly Peters.
- The date and time, August 28 from 3:00-5:00pm) should be shared on the web page, NextDoor, Facebook and Twitter. Fliers to be distributed beginning of August. Rich Campbell and Cindy Norton will take care of yard signs.
- Brandt Ford is to get trash cans from Joshua White. Ed Flynn will set up HDNA table.
- Volunteers for set-up and clean-up are needed.

Membership Committee

Presented by Chair, Muriel Handmaker

- Membership is up to 224.
- New business members include: Havana Rumba, Heine Bros Coffee, Fantastic Sam's, and ProRehab Physical Therapy. A motion to accept these businesses passed unanimously.
- Brandt Ford reported that the Loop Barbershop is not interested due to a lack of support from the neighborhood.
- Ed Flynn suggested going to businesses you support and asked for ideas for more benefits to offer business members.

Safety Committee

Presented by Chair, Joshua White

- Topics of discussion at the last committee meeting included: potholes, rat infestation and trash cart replacement, missing street addresses from properties, graffiti, missing/faded/vandalized/obstructed street signs, dangerous street obstructions, and sidewalk passability.
- There are plans to educate the public regarding storm water runoff.
- Joshua White has been supporting Belknap's efforts at noise reduction which has also been supported by the police.
- The neighborhood's alleys were canvassed for trash carts that need to be replaced in an effort to address the rat problem. There is a backlog of 1,300 for trash cart replacements.
- At the next meeting, they will follow up on the trash carts and look into missing addresses.
- There were 22 reports of car break-ins in one week. 7 involved broken windows, 8 cars were unlocked, and 7 reports did not list the method of entry.

Save Our Center

Presented by Chair, Sherry Cornell

- As talks with Norton are proceeding, any concerns or objections are requested. There were no objections or concerns raised at this time. D.G. Mawn clarified that opinions may change dependent on future developments.
- A question to be addressed is "Who retains ownership of the land, Norton or Parks?"

Meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm. The next HDNA board meeting will be held on August 3, 2016.

