

HDNA Board Meeting

June 1, 2016

Attendees

Malinda Durbin, Bob Harlow, Joshua White, Debbie McLachlan, Erik Siegel, Ed Flynn, Valarie DeSalvo, Brandt Ford, Barbara Ford, Sherry Cornell

Fifth Division Police Report

Presented by Officer Kevin Mumphrey

Two burglaries on Woodford Place. 2300 block medications only taken. 2200 Block. Entrance via windows. Both occurred in the daytime between 5:30am and 3:00pm.

A storage shed was burglarized on Speed Avenue, and a car was broken into on Spring.

Eighth District Metro Council Report

Presented by Terra Long

- Highland Community Ministries (HCM) funding has been cut.
- Dreams with Wings needs funding as well.
- A variance hearing will be held for 2219 Millvale. They are looking to expand to the side.
- Metro Parks is compiling a citizens advisory board and are accepting nominations.
- Councilman Tom Owen requested additional funding for the Douglass Community Center (DCC) and asked Parks what their position was on the DCC. Metro Parks asserts that it does plan to maintain the building. It will be difficult to get additional funding approved as the previously allocated funds have not been spent and the total required is still unknown.
- Joshua White asked can neighbors protest the Millvale variance due to drainage issues since that site already has such issues.
- Malinda Durbin asked about tuckpointing the pillars at Douglass and Bardstown. Terra Long replied that ownership needs to be ascertained. If the neighborhood owns them, CIF can be used. The pillars at Kenilworth and Ivanhoe have been repaired.
- Police officers have been dedicated to corridor to cover the running of red lights, jay walking, noise, etc.
- Sherry Cornell asked if the \$250,000 funded for the DCC could be spent on the gymnasium and education building. Tom Owen said yes, the Mayor and Parks Director need to be contacted.

Approval of Minutes

Motion: To approve the minutes for the HDNA board meeting held on May 4, 2016.

The motion carried with one abstention.

Approval of Treasurer's Report

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

The motion carried with one abstention.

Beautification Committee

Presented by Chair, Shelley Piquard

- Tree planting prep work beginning. New maps are available.
- Joshua White discussed the Millvale variance sharing that there are no trees on the property which exacerbates the drainage issues. Valarie DeSalvo suggested asking the homeowner how they plan to address the issue. Bob Harlow, Sherry Cornell and Joshua White plan to speak to the neighbors.

Communication Committee

Presented by Chair, Erik Siegel

- Not happy with quality of newsletter and looking for a new printer.
- Movie on the Lawn posters are ready. Volunteers are needed to post flyers and yard signs.
- Further publicity via MailChimp, FaceBook, Twitter, and Nextdoor.
- T-shirt designs are being finalized and will be ready for the Ice Cream Social.
- Next meeting June 21, 6:30pm at Safai Coffee.

Events Committee

Presented by Chair, Debbie McLachlan

- Movie on the Lawn plans are complete. Extension cords are needed. Still waiting for approval to use the DCC for restrooms, so port-a-potties are on back up.
- A volunteer email will be sent for MotL.
- The Meet & Greet went well.
- Rich Campbell will attend the next Events meeting to discuss the upcoming Ice Cream Social. The next meeting is Monday.

Membership Committee

Presented by Valarie DeSalvo

- Committee has decided to discontinue efforts at Farmers Market.
- Business membership terms are to be discussed further.
- Motion: To approve the following business members - Reese Auto, Morris Deli, Edenside Gallery, Kerns Korner, Gates Auto, Family Realty, Kahn's Body Shop. Motion approved.

Safety Committee

Presented by Chair, Joshua White

- Malinda Durbin mentioned that deer have been spotted in the neighborhood and a post on social media would help alert neighbors.
- Nextdoor and FaceBook are being used to increase safety information, complimenting Officer Mumphrey's reports, including issues such as, rats, small crimes, coyotes, and the decrease in car break-ins.
- Rats are becoming a problem. Pet feces attracts them. Damaged garbage cans will be replaced if you contact MSD. Rats spread disease, damage telecommunications, and are possibly responsible for the increase in coyotes. Flooding drives them to the Highlands.
- Joshua White will write an article on rats and extermination.

Save Our Center

Presented by Chair, Sherry Cornell

- Despite Parks' assertions to Councilman Owens, significant evidence point to Parks' planning to close the Douglass Community Center.
 - Five Parks' employees have shared knowledge of a plan for 3-5 Megacenters.
 - Four other community centers have closed since 2004.
 - Timeline for DCC has included multiple failed attempts to close center including initial fire alarm scare, exaggerated mold reports, and now a structural analysis indicating a need for expensive renovations.
 - AIR was moved and staff and programming have been decreased.
 - No structural improvements are being made to any part of the center.
 - Current staff are unmotivated and/or inexperienced. Center supervisor openly states that he does not know if the center will stay open past August.

Options were not fully discussed due to time constraints and will need to be continued at the next board meeting.

- Bob Harlow suggested asking for an audit of the \$50k used so far.
- Joshua White wanted to know more about the other closed community centers.
- Barbara Ford stated that there are foundations that communities can turn to.

Meeting was adjourned. The next HDNA board meeting will be held July 6, 2016.