

**Highlands-Douglass Neighborhood Association  
Minutes  
November 4, 2015**

**Board Members Present:**

Jordan Davis	Brandt Ford
Barbara Dorf	Bob Harlow
Jay Douds	Shelley Piquard
Malinda Durbin	Erik Siegel
Barbara Ford	Joshua White

**Board Members Absent:**

Sherry Cornell	Ed Flynn
Valarie DeSalvo	Muriel Handmaker

**Guests:**

Barbara Berman, J.T. Johnson, Ed Fallon

**Fifth District Police Liaison Report:** Officer Kevin Mumphrey

There was a break-in on Edgehill Road on October 19/20 with a back door entry. Currently there are no suspects. There was an automobile stolen in the 2300 block of Valetta Road on October 26/27. Vehicle was unlocked and had an automatic starter. Vehicle break-ins due to automobiles not being locked occurred on Milvale, Spring Drive, and Carolina.

**Eighth District Metro Council Report:** Terra Long

- \$200K sidewalk repairs are now underway in the eighth district, including our neighborhood. She will check the sidewalk cave-in on the corner of Douglass and Milvale to see if it is on the repair list.
- The last talk with Tom Owens for the year will be held November 28, 2015 at Quills Coffee, 930 Baxter Avenue from 9:00 am – 11:00 pm.
- Five Tarc shelters are being refurbished in our neighborhood. They will be picked up, refurbished, and then replaced.
- There is a change in liquor license at Uptown and Cork, she heard they were making into a restaurant. She is checking into to find out exactly what they are doing and ensure if it becomes a full service restaurant, that all health regulations are followed.
- Hard liquor from a package license applied for at Circle K on the corner of Bardstown Road and Speed Avenue. Several new licenses have been applied for; Belles and Bourbon drive though pantry has forced some other places to step up their game in order to compete.

**Brandt Ford:** Has a new sidewalk but it does not drain well and holds water. He built a trench between the sidewalk and street, which helped. Terra will check into.

**Jay Douds:** There is a memorial bench at Big Rock, and because the dirt has settled, the concrete footers have moved and are twisting the legs of the bench. There are also two dead trees at Big Rock that are dropping big limbs. He also requested Terra look into when cones will be picked up on Valetta.

A corporation rented the shelter at Big Rock, and the day before the event most of the picnic tables were removed. Terra said if tables were not requested for the event, and they were needed at another location, that would be the reason. Rental fee is \$50 per table.

**Shelley Piquard:** Asked how our park could get a permanent picnic table – preferably a metal one. Terra said to write her and she will then have parks place one near the trees.

**Barbara Brandt:** Asked if Neighborhood Place received money from Metro Council. Terra said they did, but they were in the process of moving staff in order to streamline, and were not going to have supervisory staff at each location. Currently, funds are on hold until they explain and present a plan back to council.

**Joshua White:** Does council still have the money for trees? Terra said the money is still in the budget, but there are other resources and avenues available for trees without using that money. That money had originally been planned for trees along Bardstown Road corridor. Which has to be approved through the state.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **October 7 Board Minutes:**

**Motion:** *Jay Douds* made the motion for approval, seconded by *Brandt Ford*

**Vote:** Motion carried.

**Resolved:** Minutes approved

**Treasurer's Report:** *Brandt Ford* made the motion for approval, seconded by *Malinda Durbin*.

**Vote:** Motion carried.

**Resolved:** Treasurer's report approved.

- Funds moved to Park Community Federal, with three accounts: Organizational Savings, Small Business Checking and SOC Savings.
- \$7000 was moved from Organizational Savings into Small Business Checking to cover expenses for trees. Bill from Woody's for trees has not been received to date.

### **Save Our Center: *Brandt Ford***

Committee will meet with Seve Ghose, Director of Parks at his open door meeting on November 22. He will be invited to speak at our annual meeting, January 24<sup>th</sup>.

Architectural integrity of Douglass Community Center has been compromised, leading to the inability to landmark or place the building in the National Registry. Being in the National Registry would bring the availability of federal funds. *Shelley Piquard* offered to research the application process.

Foundation issues and cost of repair need and work will be explored, as Parks has brought up additional issues. An OSHA qualified independent individual will inspect and offer solutions.

St. Andrews Church is holding an art show on November 20, 2015 from 6:00 pm until 10:00 pm. The SOC will have a table at this event and will be the recipient of a percentage of proceeds from this event. Cost is a \$5 donation at the door. If you wish to volunteer, see *Sherry Cornell* or *Brandt Ford*. BJ Blevins will be contacted to see if we can get artwork from art classes held at the Douglass Community Center. *Erik Siegel* will send an email blast regarding this event. *Jordan Davis* inquired whether a percentage of proceeds had been established. It has not.

## **Committee Reports**

- **Events:** *Jordan Davis*.  
The only event currently planned is the annual meeting in January.
- **Membership:** *Bob Harlow*

Bob commended the efforts of Ed Flynn in streamlining the membership drive process. Streets were divided among committee members, and each neighborhood household will receive a door hanger with membership envelope, trifold and personal note by the end of November. **Barbara Dorf** indicated Village Drive was completed. **Barbara Berman** inquired whether a lifetime membership was available, and was told not currently.

- **Safety: Joshua White**

Deer Park has been hard hit by graffiti, but so far, perpetrators seem to be staying away from our side of Bardstown Road. In December or January, they will hold a meeting to address sidewalk obstruction and other code violations in the neighborhood. Discussed creating a future handout of codes for distribution to homeowners. Snow removal is the responsibility of the homeowner.

- **Beautification: Joshua White**

Overall it was a good experience with 86 volunteers, and 121 trees were planted at a cost of \$90 each. Josh believes they came in under budget, but all bills are not in. Other neighborhoods are now trying to compete with us, which is good, and we are willing to come and speak and share our plan. HDNA has planted more trees than any other neighborhood at half the cost, and because of this MSD has more or less promised us a blank check. One tree can soak up over 250 gallons of water per day and release moisture and oxygen into the air. **Bob Harlow** participated in the tree planting, and told the board Josh should be commended for his organizational skills, energy, hard work, and achievement of this successful event. All agreed. **Barbara Berman** presented Josh with a gift from participants of a wooden cheese cutting board shaped like an acorn. Josh is attending an all day summit on trees Friday, and will be a guest speaker on the radio Thursday, arranged by Barbara Berman.

- **Communication: Erik Siegel**

The newsletter has around 21 ads. It will be 12 pages long and delivery will start the beginning of December 1. Rich Campbell is working with him on delivery. There will be an article on trees, as well as an ad about the annual meeting on the back.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- HDNA's Annual meeting will be held January 24<sup>th</sup> from 2:00 pm until 5:00 pm at the Douglass Community Center. **Jordan Davis**, will hold a committee meeting to plan this event. Board elections will also be held at that time. If Seve Ghose is unavailable to speak, **Joshua White** and **Terra Long** suggested another option as Robert Kirchdorfer and Donald Robinson from Codes and Regulations. Cindy Sullivan was also suggested. Other speakers invited to speak briefly would be the new Division Commander of LMPD's Fifth Division, Major Shara Parks, and Tom Owens, our Eighth District Metro Councilman.
- **Erik Siegel** said the board should have a meeting in January or shortly thereafter, to plan activities and goals for the year. He recommended a speaker from the *Center for Excellence* be invited to talk about fundraising. A retreat will be planned.

The meeting was adjourned. Next meeting will be held December 2, 2015 at 6:30 pm.