

HDNA Monthly Board Meeting October 7, 2015

Board Members Present:

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

Board Members Absent:

Malinda Durbin	Jordan Davis
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Guest Speaker:

Metro Parks Director Seve Ghose shared his experience working in both private and public sectors, specifically his history in recreation. He will continue to review the parks system in Louisville including staff, facilities, programming, etc., and he will give a 100-day report to the mayor sometime in December. So far he has seen an increase in staff but a decrease in programming, and he considers that a problem. He would like to turn that around and provide more guidance for the staff as well as educational opportunities. Mr. Ghose attended the National Recreation and Parks Association(NRPA) recently and commented that it had been six years since anyone from Louisville had attended. He will be "holding staff accountable" and looking to Indiana and other surrounding areas for ideas. He would also like to increase public meetings and public engagement. To this end he will have an open door policy on Friday afternoons from 2-4p beginning soon.

Jay Douds recommended he look at the 2004 Operational Review of the Parks Department.

Bob Harlow asked what had attracted Mr. Ghose to Louisville, and he said that Louisville has a good name in the Parks community.

Joshua White asked about his experience with graffiti problems, and Mr. Ghose stated that he had experience with graffiti and other vandalism and was looking into it here. Shellie Nitsche asked if he had any experience with historic preservation to which he replied that he'd been involved with the local landmarks commission in Davenport Iowa, and also sees the American Museum Association as a resource. He will be going to Locust Grove on the 12th of October.

Mr. Ghose closed by saying that changes were coming in the next few weeks and that there would be interesting programming for the holidays.

Fifth District Police Liaison Report:

Officer Mumphrey was absent, however, JT Johnson stated that there had been two car burglaries in September and that, if we would lock cars and garages, there would be an extreme decrease in crime.

Eighth District Metro Council Report:

Presented by Terra Long

- The trees taken down at Mid-City Mall will be replaced by the owner.
- The library book sale will be 10/17 from 10a - 4p at the Shelby Branch.
- A Halloween parade will take place on 10/16 beginning at 7:00p at Broadway and Grinstead.
- **Erik Siegel** commented on the need for better signage regarding road closures especially through the park. Ms. Long stated that there is an app for that.
- Cyclouvia will take place on 10/18 from 2-6p. Bardstown Road will be closed to traffic from the Loop to Broadway. Cross streets that will be open are Eastern Parkway and Grinstead Road.
- The October Talk with Tom will be on the 31st at Starbucks, Highland and Baxter Avenue from 9 - 11a.
- The Belknap Festival is Friday and Saturday, the Loop will be closed to traffic.
- JT Johnson reported that the alley behind the 2200 block of Woodourne is overgrown with weeds and bushes. Terra Long asked if he had talked to the homeowners to which he replied, no. She added that Highland Community Ministries can help if the person is physically unable to address the situation.

Approval of Minutes:

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

Vote: Motion carried.

Resolved: Minutes from the HDNA Board meeting held on August 5, 2015 are approved.

Treasurer's Report:

Presented by Treasurer, **Brandt Ford**

- The Park Community Credit Union accounts have a total balance of \$21,115.76.
- The Commonwealth Bank and Trust accounts stand at \$4,720.89.
- The expenses for the ice cream social totaled just over \$1,600.
- The Treasurer's Report was distributed via email and is available on the website as well as in Google docs.

Old Business

Save Our Center:

Presented by Chair, **Sherry Cornell**

- **Sherry Cornell** and **Brandt Ford** met with Parks Director Seve Ghose and Terra Long. The meeting was positive and they are awaiting his final evaluation.
- A meeting has been set up with Parks historian, John Hamilton to discuss the relationship of the Parks Department with historic properties.

Reforestation Report:

- Presented by **Joshua White**
- The tree planting will take place on October 17th and 18th.

- There are 115 tree contracts.
- Able bodies are needed for digging on the 17th, and everyone is needed on the 18th. 8:45am both days at 2142 Woodbourne. Breakfast and lunch are donated. Bring tools, hats, gloves, sunscreen and phones.
- Trees are to be delivered and unloaded on October 13th at 7:45a.

Committee Reports

Events Committee:

Presented by **Joshua White**

- Suggestions for a speaker for the Annual Meeting
- Seve Ghose was recommended by several present.

Membership Committee:

Presented by **Ed Flynn**

- A membership drive will be taking place in November. A brochure, membership envelope and a personal note will be left on every door in the neighborhood.
- **Erik Siegel** will send revised language for the note to **Ed Flynn**.
- The drive is to be completed by December 1, 2015.

Safety Committee:

Presented by Chair, **Joshua White**

- Letters will be sent to neighbors before they are reported for code violations.
- Beautification may be able to offer help in certain situations.

Beautification Committee:

Presented by **Shelley Piquard**

- (See Reforestation Report)
- Committee meeting Sunday, 4:00p at Sol Aztecas.

Communication Committee:

Presented by **Erik Siegel**

- Articles for the newsletter are due on October 19.
- The newsletter will be out late November/early December.
- It will be eight pages long due to the decrease in ads.
- Ad sales are changing to digital.
- There were 1,800 visits to the website in September.
- The HDNA at work sign was presented. **Sherry Cornell** commented on the lack of HDNA acorn/oak leaf logo. **Erik Siegel** said he could add it.