

HDNA Board Meeting

October 5, 2016

Attendees

Shelley Piquard, Kathy Head, Barbara Berman, Ed Flynn, Bob Harlow, Erik Siegel, Muriel Handmaker, Joshua White, Valarie DeSalvo, Anne Glosky, Angus McLachlan, Sherry Cornell

Fifth Division Police Liaison Report

Presented by Officer Kevin Mumphrey

- Theft from unlocked vehicle 2000 block of Village Drive between 9/17/16 9:00pm and 9/18/16 9:30am.
- Theft from unlocked vehicle 2200 block of Eastview Avenue between 9/15/16 11:00pm and 9/16/16 6:30am.

Eighth District Metro Council Report

Presented by Councilman Tom Owen

- Regarding parking for the farmers market at Douglass Blvd Christian Church, spaces will be painted on Bardstown Road delineating the bus stop and bank entrance using discretionary funds.
- Working with Public Works to get a stop sign at Woodbourne and Wallace. Also planning to address parking close to the intersection.
- Report received from Parks detailing usage of the funding for the Douglass Community Center, but he had not had a chance to review it as of meeting time. He will share it ASAP.
- Sherry Cornell asked about the property on Douglass Blvd recently sold and rumored to be becoming a bread and breakfast. Tom Owen stated that it is to be the primary residence of the owner, and there are no applications for demolition on file. Brandt Ford has emailed Tom, and he will review that email.

Approval of Minutes

Motion: To approve the minutes for the HDNA board meeting held on September 7, 2016.

Joshua White thought that an inaccurate comment had been made regarding planting near electric lines. That comment will be deleted from the minutes and the correct information will be shared via other means.

The motion carried with two abstentions.

Approval of Treasurer's Report(s)

Motion: To approve the combined treasurer's reports for August and September.

The motion carried with no abstentions or opposition.

New Business

- Welcome new board member and Events Chair, Kathy Head.
- Report from Belknap hearing by Joshua White revealed a compromise by the developer reducing the parking from 14 to 2 with 3 additional unpaved spaces. They will also consider using a white roof where possible, absorbent paving, and planting trees to a 45% canopy coverage.
- Report from Jefferson Development Group(JDG) charrette by Erik Siegel showed that the project is large, and, with the other developments going on in the area, will result in the addition of as many residences as are currently in the Highlands Douglass neighborhood effectively adding an entire neighborhood. Lexington will become one lane in each direction with bike lanes and a turning lane in the middle. JDG estimates an additional 20 second wait time at the traffic light at Grinstead and Lexington. The property will have fewer curb cuts and probably one way entrances/exits only. Shelley Piquard added that they exaggerated the green space which is actually minimal, rooftop, and not open to the public. Cogan already owns all but one of the properties at the site. It is currently zoned to 8 stories, but JDG will seek a variance for three 40 story towers. A need to work with other neighborhoods was identified and discussed.

Old Business

- Annual Meeting details were discussed focusing on inviting Brandon Coan to be the guest speaker and securing the Douglass Community Center as the location.
- A farewell event for Tom Owen and Terra Long is being planned. Kathy Head will host an Events meeting soon to iron out the details.
- Ed Flynn, Brant and Barbara Ford, and Sherry Cornell would be available to cover a booth at the Belknap Festival.

Beautification Committee

Presented by Chair, Shelley Piquard

- Details of the upcoming tree planting to be held October 15 and 16 were discussed. Volunteers are needed.
- Barbara Berman has talked to St. Paul's regarding locating a mulch pile in their parking lot near their dumpster. Also Limbwalker is interested in dumping mulch.
- Survey of 2015 trees is 80% complete with loss of 2 trees only.

Membership Committee

Presented by Chair, Muriel Handmaker

- End of November/first of December the neighborhood will be canvassed again for new and renewing memberships. Erik Siegel asked if landmarking should be tied into that effort. Ed Flynn said that a brief update from each committee would be included on a flier in the canvassing materials.
- 13 business members to date.

- Motion: To approve Highlands Hardware as a business member. Motion approved.

Communication Committee

Presented by Chair, Erik Siegel

- Newsletter to be delivered 2nd week of November so committee updates are needed now. Using same printer due to cost savings.
- Nextdoor has been a successful way to communicate with the neighborhood.

Save Our Center

Presented by Chair, Sherry Cornell

- The Mayor's office was not interested in a partnership with Norton, so Norton is seeking another location for their Wellness Center. Lynn Meyer may speak to the Mayor himself if the opportunity presents itself. A follow up meeting may be considered to clarify details.
- Proceeding with landmarking efforts. The petition itself is being drawn up and may be initiated at the Belknap Festival.
- Programming guide from Parks is online now and there is programming at the DCC, however, current users are included which is not true programming offered by Parks, but private groups using the space.
- The email from Tom regarding the \$250,000 will be reviewed.

Meeting was adjourned. Date of next board meeting: November 2, 2016.