

**HDNA Monthly Board Meeting**  
**September 7, 2016**

**Board Members Present:**

Malinda Durbin, Brandt Ford, Shelley Piquard, Jay Douds, Barbara Berman, Erik Siegel, Joshua White, Barbara Ford, D.G. Mawn, and Sherry Cornell

**Fifth Division Police Liaison Report:**

Presented by Officer Kevin Mumphrey

- Written crime report distributed. (attached)
- In response to a question from Erik Siegel, Officer Mumphrey responded that crime in Highlands-Douglass is usually much less than surrounding neighborhoods.
- Rich Campbell noted that some crimes are not included in Officer Mumphrey's report including Mr. Campbell's own break in. Officer Mumphrey replied that they should all be there and that the report he shared is updated every 55 minutes.
- Tom Owen commented that by his own estimation, there are 8 groups of people or individuals checking car handles every night.
- Officer Mumprey reported no car thefts in Highlands-Douglass but there have been some in surrounding areas so do not leave keys in car.
- Shellie Nitsche asked about police cars speeding without their lights on to which Officer Mumphrey replied that if they are in pursuit they should use lights/siren.

**Eighth District Metro Council Report:**

Presented by Councilman Tom Owen

- He appreciates the weekly crime report and adds that 7,088 people have signed up to receive it via email. You can sign up by beat on the city website, and Highlands-Douglass is beat 3.
- September events and road closures were shared.
- The September Talk with Tom to be held on 9/24 at Starbucks, 9-11am.
- He is awaiting a report on the \$250,000 in funding for the DCC from the budget analyst.
- He has sent a letter to Seve Ghose regarding the promised increase in programming at the DCC and is awaiting a response. The city wide Parks and Recreation Programming Guide is now available on the city website.
- Joshua White asked if a tree ordinance has been passed. Not that the councilman is aware of.
- Mr. White also asked if restraints on trees in the easement are legal and mentioned four specific rules that have restricted 80% of potential plantings adding that only 5 out of 150 trees in this year's planting have been in the easement. Councilman Owen asked for an email, and Barbara Berman commented that this problem in particular exacerbating the heat island effect.
- Mr. White asked how businesses get rid of yard waste, and Councilman Owen asked for an email reminder, but thinks they put it out like residences and believes the service is free to them as well.

- Several in attendance asked for clarification of the 45' rule: Cherokee has lines on one side, but because the street is not 45' wide you cannot plant in easement on either side. The rule does not apply on private property. Councilman asked for a third email from Mr. White so that he could follow up on the issue. Barbara Berman added that LG&E can prune any tree within 30' of it's equipment.
- Shellie Nitsche commented that she did not see the \$250,000 allocated for the DCC on the most recent budget. Councilman Owen stated that it is not on the budget, but it is still there. Not sure where it can be accessed by the public but he has asked a budget analyst to look into it.

### **Approval of Minutes:**

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

**Vote:** Motion carried with two abstentions.

**Resolved:** The minutes from the HDNA board meeting held on August 3, 2016 are approved.

The **Treasurer's Report** will be reviewed at the next HDNA board meeting.

**New Business:** Malinda Durbin nominated Kathy Head to be chair of the Events Committee. The nomination was seconded and approved.

Suggestions for a speaker for the Annual Meeting included: A representative from Planning and Zoning, Brandon Coan, Tim Durst, or Cynthia Johnson with landmarks. An application to reserve the DCC for the event will be submitted. Alternate locations discussed were St. Paul's and St. Andrew's.

Gift ideas for outgoing Councilman Tom Owen included: an acorn cutting board, a glass acorn, artwork, or a book from Carmichaels. Sherry Cornell was to investigate the book idea. Hosting a district wide farewell party for him was also discussed, and Malinda Durbin was going to reach out to the other neighborhood associations.

### **Communication Committee:**

Presented by Chair, Erik Siegel.

- The newsletter is planned for printing the beginning of November. Articles from committee chairs are expected the beginning of October.

### **Events Committee:**

Presented by Malinda Durbin and Rich Campbell.

- Rich Campbell thanked everyone for their help with the Old Fashioned Ice Cream Social. It went well, and the cost for ice cream was only \$400 which is down from the usual \$500.
- The bouncy was paid for by president emeritus, Jay Douds.
- Plans for the Annual Meeting were discussed earlier. Malinda Durbin will be bringing the new Events chair, Kathy Head up to speed.

**Beautification Committee:**

Presented by Chair, Shelley Piquard.

- There will be a garden clean up before the ice cream social.
- A tree meeting to be announced.
- Joshua White presented an update on reforestation. 117+ trees have been signed and paid for. Neighbors were given free class C trees if they met 60% canopy. Bethany Baptist Church is getting 16 trees, and Notable Beginnings is getting 8. Eight more trees will be planted at Kenilworth and Bardstown, and four will going in at Lauderdale and Spring. The team will be doing no more canvassing, but trees are still available if requested.

**Safety Committee:**

Presented by Chair, Joshua White.

- 17 trash cans were replaced in the alleys of Woodbourne and Wrocklage.
- 19 houses have added visible addresses on their alleys.
- 4 houses were cited and complied with weed/yard maintenance.
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**Save Our Center Committee:**

Presented by Chair, Sherry Cornell.

- A new programming calendar for Metro Parks is out, and there is some programming at the DCC. We will be making efforts to support that programming.
- Plans for landmarking are proceeding. The petition template was just received. Shellie Nitsche suggested a landmarking or historical register representative as speaker at the Annual Meeting, Cynthia Johnson in particular.
- Efforts to discover what has happened to the \$250,000 continue.

Barbara Berman asked if there would be any interest or objection to a community mulch pile. There was general interest with no opposition pending details.

Meeting was adjourned.

The next meeting is scheduled for October 5, 2016.