

Highland Park Community Council Board Meeting
July 12, 2018
931 N. Highland Avenue

In attendance:

Dave Grasso
Karin Manovich
Paul Miller
Glen Schultz
Christine Adams
Monica Watt
Betsy Rogerson
Stephanie Walsh
Mary Beth Green
Sam Albano

Absent:

Mac Lynch
Justin Sandherr
Dave Atkinson

Proceedings:

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 PM.

2018/19 Board Members

New Board Member Betsy Rogerson was welcomed. There is one vacancy left of the Board for this year. Janine Seale is considering filling the spot. If she is unable to take the position, Jake Pawlak may fill the vacancy as is customary for Past Presidents.

New Business:

Reservoir of Jazz

- Glen will apply for the small gaming license in the next week, which will be good for all five concerts.
- A VIP parking pass was suggested as a second prize in the 50/50 raffle. Monica will confirm with the City to see if they approve.
- HPCC is responsible for the port-o-potties, police costs, and recruiting food vendors.
- For the first time, the City of Pittsburgh will be paying the musicians directly, rather than as a pass-through with HPCC.
- Volunteers are needed for Sundays in August/September from 5:00-7:00 PM to sell 50/50 raffle tickets. Board members signed up for the following dates: August 5th (Glen and Nancy; Sam and Betsy), August 12th (Sam), August 19th (Stephanie and spouse; Monica and John), August 26th (Karin and Mark; Betsy)
- Paul will work on recruiting food vendors.

PWSA Security Changes at Reservoir #1

- DEP is requiring new security features to protect the open reservoir.
- In lieu of a chain link fence with barbed wire around the reservoir, a proposed camera stand and bollards on the high-end street opening area are proposed.
- Renovations to the chemical building where staff will monitor cameras during the overnight period were reviewed and discussed.
- Photos and maps of the proposed changes were reviewed.
- Motion: HPCC Board write a letter of support for the security enhancements of bollards, the camera stand, and renovations to the security building with maintenance of these enhancements to be provided by PWSA.
- Motion by: Karin Manovich; Seconded by Stephanie Walsh.

- Motion passed with one abstention.

ALCOSAN Green First Request

- The Clean Rivers Campaign and the Sierra Club have requested a letter of support from HPCC, along with other neighborhoods, to ALCOSAN requesting that the \$2million dollar cap to ALCOSAN's GROW Program be removed.
- A sample letter template and other information relative to the request were provided to the board.
- Monica will talk to ALCOSAN to find out more information about the program and its cap.

Finance Committee Update

- The Super Playground is 26 years old, 6 years beyond its expected lifespan.
- HPCC was required to have a maintenance fund when the playground was first built.
- The City of Pittsburgh has been responsible for the maintenance for several years due insurance and liability reasons.
- A new playground is to be designed and built in the next two years, with the design phase in 2018 and construction in 2019.
- HPCC has been asked to turn over the maintenance funds to the Pittsburgh Parks Conservancy, who will assume responsibility for the design phase.
- Motion: To liquidate Super Park fund for the purpose of designing new playground and distribute to the Pittsburgh Parks Conservancy. Approval has been received from Director Gable of the Department of Public Works, since the City has taken over maintenance, and from Cliff Levine, Esq., who established the fund.
- Motion by: Christine Adams; Seconded by Stephanie Walsh.
- Motion passed unanimously.
- Paul reported that for FY 2017, we ended \$15,304 above budget due to the successful house tour.
- Shortfalls on individual line items included: the Bryant Street Festival (\$900 over budget due to increased expenses for tables/chairs), Membership (down \$1,400 over prior year), and Newsletter (lack of advertising revenue collected).
- Paul would like to move \$40,000 into the investment accounts. Action tabled on this issue until the two new board members (both financial professionals) will be available to lend their expertise.
- Spending money and investing money will be key topics at the next board meeting.

Upcoming Community Meetings Monthly Speakers

- August: Shade Tree Commission/City Forester presenting on the Tree Study recently completed and Mellon's Orchard Apartment Project Presentation (tentative).
- September: Preservation Pittsburgh Presents their Parks Initiative and FOCUS Presentation (tentative).
- October: PWSA requested to return with an update (tentative).

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 PM.

The next board meeting is scheduled for September 6, 2018 at 7:00 PM at the Union Project.