

**HPCC
Monthly Community Meeting
August 15, 2019
St. Andrew's Church**

The Highland Park Community Council held its August Meeting with a Twist on August 15, 2019, What was the “Twist?” This meeting was also a very successful Pot Luck! Two informative presentations were given.

Meeting Called to order at 7:10 pm by Stephanie Walsh

Police Zone 5 Update & Introduction of Commander Vinansky

The first presentation was by our new Pittsburgh Police Zone 5 Commander, Stephen Vinansky. The Commander is familiar with Zone 5, having been assigned to this area a few years ago and is looking forward to working in and with the Highland Park neighborhood again. He introduced three officers assigned to Zone 5: Sargent Harrison Maddox, Officer Karen McNeil, and Officer Jeff Crawford. He stressed the overall safety of Highland Park but advised awareness and preventative measures in order to assure this continues. Commander Vinansky cited three automobile break-ins in Highland Park in the past week. All were unlocked vehicles, two had items stolen. It was stressed that all vehicles should be locked, even if in a driveway, and all items removed from the vehicles when parked. Leaving on a porch light or a flood light can also be a deterrent to vandals/thieves. Thefts from vehicles are often a seasonal thing. Late summer and early fall typically have upswings.

Pot Luck

Next was Pot Luck! Attendees certainly proved without a doubt that Highland Parkers can cook and bake! Tables were filled with a summer banquet of salads, quiche, gazpacho, and scrumptious baked goods. Thanks to all who prepared and brought this wonderful repast!

**Diane Cromas, Preservation Pittsburgh
Bill Callahan, PA State Historic Preservation Office**

A very interesting and enlightening presentation covering Highland Park- the actual Park - being added to the National Register of Historic Places followed. Highland Park, the neighborhood, is already listed in the National Register. The Park itself was not included in the neighborhood designation. With inclusion of the Park, the boundaries will abut. An application has been drafted. The next step will be a review by the Statewide Historic Preservation Board on October 1, 2019 before submission to the National Parks Service. The grant was initiated by Diane Cromas of Preservation Pittsburgh, who explained the reasoning and process behind the grant. Bill Callahan who is a Staff Coordinator at the Historical Preservation Office, explained in detail the significance of historical designation for Highland Park. Historical significance and integrity play equal parts. A very interactive discussion followed. Several attendees had questions based upon their knowledge of Highland Park history. Based on the questions and comments of one knowledgeable member, an amendment may be added to the grant pertaining to the efforts to integrate the Highland Park swimming pool. The application can be viewed on the Preservation Pittsburgh website: <http://www.preservationpgh.org/highland-park>

Next Meeting: Thursday, Sept 19, 2019 at St. Andrews at 7:00 PM.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm