

HPCC June 2019 Community Meeting Minutes June 20, 2019

The meeting was called to order by president Monica Watt at 7:05 p.m.

Zone 5 Police Update

Lt. Matt Gauntner encouraged residents to please keep personal items out of their cars and to lock them when not in use. If people locked their cars, many of the thefts this past month would not have occurred.

Highland Park Porch Crawl, Saturday, June 29

Sherry Goldman talked about the upcoming porch crawl, how it got started and answered questions on how the event works. She encouraged people to participate as a porch destination (they have 10 so far) or by purchasing tickets.

Petroleum Pioneers of Pittsburgh

Al Mann was on hand to talk about his new book, Petroleum Pioneers of Pittsburgh, and signed books purchased by attendees. The book gathers and interweaves the stories and oil/ natural gas business ventures of many Pittsburgh men who helped develop and lead this emerging energy industry from the 1850s into modern times. Cost is \$55 plus tax and shipping. For more information, contact Al Mann at amann23451@gmail.com or call 412-826-5834.

HPCC Committee Annual Updates

WELCOMING COMMITTEE

Todd Shirley, Welcoming Committee Chair, continues to deliver welcome bags to new neighbors. The bags are full of useful information to help newcomers adjust to their new neighborhood. Todd also designed and purchased new bags this year.

PARK & SUPER PLAYGROUND COMMITTEE

Monica Watt, Committee Chair, confirmed that design of the Super Playground replacement is going to move forward in 2019. With HPCC funds, the Pittsburgh Parks Conservancy (PPC) and a landscape architect will conduct a community workshop in August/September to develop a vision for the project. The landscape architect will use this vision as the starting point for design. Some starting points: 1. It will be in approximately the same location. 2. The design will be inclusive and accessible. 3. It will respond to and interact with the trees. 4. It will incorporate valued play elements from the current playground. 5. The design will stimulate the imagination and senses, encourage cooperative play, and support childhood developmental stages —

physical and cognitive. PPC, working with the HPCC, will conduct a summer playground survey of playground visitors.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Glen Schultz, Committee Chair, gave a brief update on HPCC finances and the 2019/2020 budget, which was passed at a prior meeting.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Stephanie Walsh, Committee Chair, and the committee are in the process of transferring our membership data to a new CRM – Neon. Once in place, annual membership reminders, etc. will be automated and outreach to members will be more streamlined.

YARD SALE COMMITTEE

Jake Pawlak, Committee Chair, stated that 2019 was another successful year for the Highland Park Yard Sale. Nearly 150 sellers participated and despite a threat of rain in the morning, there were strong crowds throughout the neighborhood all day. Looking ahead to 2020, we'll be looking for a more central and convenient packet pick up location for sellers, considering whether to use a different mapping service for the online listing, and exploring some new advertising options to increase attendance even further.

WEBSITE COMMITTEE

Jake Pawlak, Committee Chair, confirmed that things have been going well with the HPCC website since our last major overhaul in winter 2017/18. No major changes are currently planned, but we're open to any and all suggestions for improvements or new content.

ZONING COMMITTEE

Jake Pawlak, committee chair, stated that the zoning committee continues to monitor planning and building permit applications for work planned in the neighborhood. The number of applications has gone down slightly recently after a significant uptick in activity over the past few years.

2019 Elections Held

Nominations passed unanimously, the slate was voted upon and the following were elected to the HPCC Board:

Directors

President – Stephanie Walsh

Vice President – Karin Manovich

Treasurer – Paul Miller

Secretary – Judy Beck

Board Members

Howard Degenholtz

Jim Holtzman

Chris Worley