

HPCC Board Meeting
November 21, 2019

Meeting was cancelled due to multiple scheduling conflicts.
Business was conducted via email.

1. **Draft letter from the HPCC board to EPA / Dept of Justice regarding the consent decree between ALCOSAN and EPA** to resolve the combined sewer overflows (sewage running into the rivers when it rains). The EPA is now accepting public comments on the plan. This is an issue that Stephanie has been active on as the HPCC rep to the Negley Run Watershed Task Force. The HPCC sent a letter to ALOCOSAN in Aug 2018 asking for them to do more to invest in more green infrastructure as it developed a plan to address this problem. As outlined in the letter, green infrastructure addresses additional water-related other problems facing the community, such as road and basement flooding, sinkages, and landslides. This letter restates our request that taxpayer dollars are used to get the most return on investment and that ALCOSAN dedicate more of its resources to green infrastructure.

Board members received a draft of the letter, attached, and voted to submit it via email. Those who voted in support were:

Stephanie Walsh

Mac Lynch

Howard Degenholtz

Judy Beck

Chris Worley

Justin Sandherr

Karin Manovich

Betsy Rogerson

2. **Bryant Street Update, Part 1:** The Garden Club is getting estimates on doing something with the five dirt plots in front of the CDC's property on Bryant Street. On ***Tuesday, Nov 12 at 6pm***, they are meeting one company at the site to talk through ideas. Stephanie will be attending that meeting to gain a better understanding of what's

required and contribute to the visioning process; other board members were invited to come as well.

Bryant Street Update, Part 2: The CDC's interest in participating in discussions about the plots has been lukewarm. The HPCC has heard that there is a planned "food court" in the empty lot next to the building they just renovated. Mac has expressed interest on taking the lead on Bryant Street beautification. This is an ongoing topic.

3. **New Board Members:** We are currently short three board members & will lose Dave in June when his term is up (the other seats are open from Sam stepping down, Howard becoming Treasurer, and me becoming President). Please think about the folks in the neighborhood that you know who are willing and interested being engaged
4. **Super Playground:** Betsy and Mac volunteered to be on the design firm selection committee. They will be joined by myself, a HP parent who is a playground accessibility expert, and reps from the PPC and City. Community engagement should occur over the winter, design over the Spring and Summer, and construction next fall.
5. **Finance update:** The contact info for the HPCC checking, savings, and investment accounts have been updated. The updates to the Super Playground account are in progress. The Finance Committee needs to meet to discuss investment strategies proposed by Key Bank.
6. **Treasurer update:** Howard has had several meetings with Paul and has now fully taken over responsibilities as Treasurer.
7. **Membership update:** Chris is doing more data cleaning but should be able to migrate our membership info to Neon soon. We would like to have this done in the next month so that it is up and running when the annual membership postcards go out in December.
8. **Tree Giveaway** - The tree giveaway on Nov 2 that HPCC funded in conjunction with Tree Pittsburgh was a success. They had planned on giving away 100 trees, but with our contribution, they increased the number to 250. All trees were claimed in advance.
9. **Upcoming Meetings:** The next community meeting will on November 21. There will be no meetings of any kind in December. We will meet as a board in January (Jan 9 - we wait until the 2nd week of the month to meet in Jan b/c people are still in holiday mode the first week). The winter community meeting schedule is as follows:

Jan 16 - speaker TBD

Feb 20 - hoping to do a "Love Your Neighborhood" event w/ HP small / micro businesses

Mar 19 - PWSA w/ update on the rising main project