

**HPCC Monthly Community Meeting
September 19, 2019
St. Andrew's Church**

Meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm by Stephanie Walsh

Police Zone 5 Update

Officer Karen McNeal, and Officer Jeff Crawford presented an overview of crime stats in the Highland Park Neighborhood for 8/19/19- 9/19/19:

- 1 Burglary
- 1 Non-fatal drug OD
- 5 Thefts
- 1 Theft from a vehicle

Overall, the Officers stated that the crime rate was down and commended residents for their ongoing vigilance. Please remember to report all suspicious activity to 911.

Questions were posed as to the US Defense Departments current military exercises. The Officers stated that the exercises would be completed by the end of this week.

They also confirmed there has been increased activity at the Washington Blvd. shooting range. Attendees inquired as to the status of advance notifications from Zone 5 as to when target practice will occur. Officer McNeal will check with the Zone 5 Commander and the Police Academy regarding a schedule and will keep the HPCC apprised.

Changes to the HPCC Bylaws

HPCC President Stephanie Walsh gave an overview of the proposed HPCC Board approved changes to the Bylaws. The changes primarily are adding:

- An Inclusivity statement;
- Language regarding Board Officers standing down/replacement process;
- Financial over-site and controls.

Questions regarding financial changes were posed by members and an overview of the changes was explained by Stephanie Walsh.

A motion was made to change the bylaws by Howard Degenholtz, the motion was seconded by Justin Sandherr.

Vote taken on the motion:

Ayes = Unanimous
Abstentions = 0

All changes were approved.

Neighborhood Clean Up/Garbage Olympics

HPCC Board member Justin Sandherr reminded and signed up volunteers for the annual event, Sat., September 21 from 9 – 11 A.M. Participants on the Highland Park Team will meet at 8:30 A.M at Fulton Academy. **All** are welcome including kids, dogs, strollers. Neighbors from all across the City will be completing clean-ups to see who can pick up the most trash. The competition will be judged by the Clean Pittsburgh Commission. Highland Park came in at fourth place last year. Go Team 2019!

Speaker Sabrina Culyba

Highland Park resident Sabrina Culyba, who operates Recycle This Pittsburgh and directs Humane Action Pittsburgh's No Plastic Please campaign gave a behind-the-scenes look at recycling, answering questions about what can and can't be recycled in Pittsburgh, and how we can go beyond recycling limitations. She also provided ideas for how individuals can reduce plastics waste and discussed efforts to help businesses reduce their use of single-use plastics. Sabrina's presentation was in-depth and very enlightening. Her associate, April Cassera, also provided valuable information. Sabrina will be submitting an article covering her presentation in the upcoming HPCC Newsletter. Until then, click on these links for valuable information regarding recycling:

recyclethispittsburgh.com
www.preserve.eco
www.pahouse.com/zerowaste
<https://prc.org>

Since the theme of this month's meeting was **WASTE**, all attendees received an HPCC tote bag, designed by **HPCC member Todd Shirley** to help the effort!

The next HPCC monthly meeting will be Thursday, October 17, 7 pm, at St. Andrew's. The Pittsburgh Parks Conservancy will discuss the proposed tax increase for parks and provide updates on Highland Park at the October 17 meeting.

Meeting was adjourned by Stephanie Walsh at 8:12 pm.