

**HPCC  
Monthly Community Meeting  
September 20, 2018  
St. Andrew's Church**

**Meeting Called to order at 7:05 pm by Monica Watt**

**Police Zone 5 Update – Officers McCale & Crawford**

Car break-ins continue to be a problem, particularly in evenings and overnight. Zone 5 has a plain-clothes detail out. Be sure to lock your car and do not leave valuables in it.

They have a lead and a warrant out on the person stealing packages from Friendship.

The Commander sends out emails each Monday with updates on incidents in the neighborhood that people can sign up for; they are usually also posted in the list serv.

A community member requested that officers patrol in the alleys, notably Robley Way and Orsenious Way, because there are incidents happening there. Zone 5 identifies hot spots where they do more intensive patrolling. If there are areas where people think more patrols are needed, community officers can increase patrol more there (call 311 to put in a request), but if there's a crime in process, people should call 911.

Community members raised concerns about traffic violations, including school buses that do not stop at stop signs. The officers were concerned to hear these complaints and said that they should be called in. They mentioned that sometimes police cars may be driving through the neighborhood on the way to a call and cannot stop for a traffic violation if there was not an accident.

If there is an abandoned car that needs to be towed, send a photo of the car and the license plate to Monica and she will call it in to the police ([monica.watt@elias-savion.com](mailto:monica.watt@elias-savion.com)).

**Mike Cmar – Pittsburgh Zoo, RAD Day**

RAD Day, when admission to the Zoo is free, will be Sunday, October 7<sup>th</sup> from 9 to 5. Residents should expect more traffic than usual as attendance typically is very high on RAD days – sometimes they get up to 20,000 visitors. RAD is the Regional Asset District which provides funding for cultural institutions and sporting venues, including the zoo. The zoos staff tries to prevent people from parking on Washington Boulevard, but it is a hectic day and some people park there anyway.

**Saturday, September 22, 2018 from 9 – 11 am is the neighborhood clean-up.** Meet in front of Fulton School. Afterwards there will be a party in Lawrenceville.

**Susan Radmacher - Pittsburgh Parks Conservancy, Negley Run Watershed Project**

Negley Run at lower Washington Boulevard is one of the worst areas of flooding in the city. There have been two incidents with deaths here, and it is the worst area in the city in terms of combined sewer overflows. The Army Corps of Engineers is designing a new plan for

that area. The Negley Run Task Force is seeking community input into that plan. The Task Force is seeking community input into ways, not just improve sewage and water overflow, but to help people connect to our water resources. There was a design charrette last month to brainstorm ideas for reconfiguring lower Washington Boulevard and project leaders are working on addressing water issues throughout the watershed. The Negley Run Task Force members includes the Pittsburgh Parks Conservancy, Sierra Club, and representatives of local community groups, including the HPCC. They are also working with PWSA and ALCOSAN, as well as storm water engineers, urban planners, architects, engineers, community leaders. In the last year, they received several large grants, including one from the Heinz Foundation. They are hoping to develop a consistent process by which communities around the city can become engaged in these types of discussions. Next month the report on the charrette will be released. Copies will be given to PWSA and the Army Corps of Engineers to help inform the design process.

**Matthew Falcone and Brittney Riley, Preservation Pittsburgh, and Angelique Bamberg, Clio Consulting – Preservation Pittsburgh’s Parks Initiative**

Preservation Pittsburgh was formed approximately 30 years ago when the Syria Mosque was demolished. It’s a nonprofit that helps communities with preservation efforts, such as designating landmarks and working with City Council to advance good preservation policy. Its parks initiative was launched this year. In partnership with the City of Pittsburgh, the Pittsburgh Parks Conservancy and other neighbors, it is working to get all major city parks listed on the National Parks Services’ National Register of Historic Places by 2020. Currently Schenley Park and Allegheny Commons are already listed. The timeframe for the getting the other parks listed is:

- 2018 Frick Park
- 2019 Highland Park
- 2020 Riverview Park

Being on the National Register recognizes a site’s historic importance but does not directly protect properties, but it does open grant opportunities and can be helpful for planning. It also can help facilitate getting the park included on the City’s Register of Historic Places. The City of Pittsburgh's Cultural Heritage Plan specifically calls for Schenley, Frick, Highland, and Riverview Parks to be listed on the City's Register of Historic Places and it is Preservation Pittsburgh’s aim to ultimately work toward that goal. Inclusion on the city register does add legal protections to a site: alterations to properties on the city’s register must be reviewed by the Historic Review Commission.

This fall, Preservation Pittsburgh will be doing research, taking photographs, and conducting land surveys in preparation for submitting an application for Highland Park to be considered for inclusion on the National Register. They need to look at when different parcels were acquired and if/how they were included in the park; inventory park assets; and determine what is of historic significance. For a National Register listing, sites dating back 50 years or more related to people, events, architecture, archeology can be considered

significant. In the spring, they will submit a nomination and hopefully in fall of 2019, the nomination will be considered by the State Historic Board.

Preservation Pittsburgh will report back to the Highland Park community next spring with the results of its research and to talk more about what listing would entail, the potential benefits, and how it could affect future changes in park (such as renovations to the reservoir).

For more information, please visit Preservation Pittsburgh's website [www.preservationpgh.org](http://www.preservationpgh.org) and its page on its parks initiative: [www.preservationpgh.org/parks-coverpage/](http://www.preservationpgh.org/parks-coverpage/)

**Meeting adjourned at 8:04 pm**