

Zoom HPCC Board Meeting - Aug 6, 2020

In Attendance:

- Stephanie Walsh
- Howard Degenholtz
- Jim Blakely
- Jim Holtzmann
- Betsy Rogerson
- Bob Strarensic
- Mary Beth Van Fleet
- Justin Bhagat
- Sabrina Culyba
- Mac Lynch
- Judy Beck

Facilitated by Howard Degenholtz.

Called to order at 7P.M. by Stephanie Walsh.

AGENDA

1. Vote on July board meeting meetings, with clarifying statements regarding the HPCC/HPCDC meetings.

Vote so moved by Howard Degenholtz.

Seconded by Judy Beck.

Yeas = unanimous. Abstentions= 0.

July Board Meeting Minutes approved.

2. Update on goals set last month:

Engage Bryant St Businesses

Mary Beth and Bob visited all of the Bryant Street businesses.

New Newsletter ad pricing and no fee period discussed.

Businesses would like to see a one day a week Street shutdown to vehicular traffic in order to promote socially distanced outdoor dining.

All are encouraged to complete the DOMI Business Survey.

Engage CDC

1. An open invitation for participation/presentation to all HPCC meetings has been extended to the HPCDC.

3. Thank yous

- a. Mary Beth for organizing, implementation, and ongoing upkeep of the N. Euclid traffic circles.

- b. Jim Blakley for agreeing to assume a role in the new DOMI initiative on East Liberty Blvd and Negley Run Bike Lane Upgrades
 - c. Bob, Mary Beth, Sabrina and Membership Committee members working on engaging Bryant St. Businesses.
 - d. Howard for ongoing facilitation of Zoom meetings and his work as Treasurer.
 - e. Stephanie for her continued thoughtful support of the Highland Park community
 - f. Sabrina, Betsy, and Mac for their enthusiastic involvement with the Super Playground Project.
4. Super Playground Committee:
- a. HPCC reps met with City Planning and Merritt Chase, the proposed Playground designer.
 - b. The Super Playground redo will be completely funded by the City of Pittsburgh.
 - c. Public Art and the usage of “old wood” removed remain outstanding items.
 - d. The remaining dollars in the HPCC Super Playground account.
 - e. The Committee will put out a brief history of the Super Playground and a City proposed timeline for the project in order to gather public input
 - i. Several Board members will provide Sabrina with information regarding those instrumental in the completion of the current Super Playground.
 - ii. Old photos and news articles are welcomed.
 - iii. A plaque and celebration honoring those identified was discussed.
 - iv. A Survey from the City is to go out to the community late in August to initiate public input.
 - v. The Super Playground will be added to the “Neighborhood Development” tab on the HPCC website.
5. Vacant Lot on Bryant Street Next to Casa Brasil
- a. Possibility of HPCC purchasing additional picnic tables to expand outdoor dining?
 - b. Possibility of leasing the lot from HPCDC for a minimal amount until a buyer comes forward?
 - c. There are issues to consider on short term vs. long term maintenance and liability responsibility
 - d. Stephanie will initiate a conversation with the HPCDC regarding the possibilities
 - e. Success breeds success - if it beautifies business district, it enhances all property values down there - Frame it as how can we make it public green space (goal not method; can work way to short term lease conversation)
 - f. Partner with Grounded and/or Grow Pittsburgh
6. Fall Activity Ideas:
- a. Neighborhood Scavenger Hunt - Betsy and Sabrina have started to create one. The invitation for interested community members to participate in development will be extended.
 - b. Halloween - “We’ve Been Booed.” Treat baskets on porches;

- c. Socially distanced Costume Parade.
 - d. Garbage Olympics - will check with Justin Sandherr
 - e. Thanksgiving Food Drive
 - f. First Day of School photos.
 - g. Porch Concerts continue through Sept / Oct?
 - h. Back to school? - Sabrina will check with Fulton; Dilworth? Obama?
 - i. The Education Partnership - doing stuff for PPS - Mac -Will be lots of energy at the start of the school year - maybe plan something a few weeks in.
 - ii. Zone 5 - doing outreach to kids - Andrea Mudd to follow up
7. Accessibility Issues with/ Reservoir Drive
- a. The Board has been asked by a resident if we can put more pressure on the City to address the issue.
 - b. It was discussed if there could be a HPCC Board response to the current
 - c. What is our role as a Board on various social issues?
8. August HPCC Meeting Agenda items:
- a. Police shooting range update
 - b. New project at 925 Mellon Street - Public meeting - RCO / DAM

The Meeting was adjourned at 8:15 P.M.