

September HPCC Board Meeting

September 3, 2020

In Attendance:

- Stephanie Walsh
- Howard Degenholtz
- Betsy Rogerson
- Jim Blakley
- Chris Worley
- Mary Beth VanFleet
- Bob Staresinic
- Jim Holtzman
- Sabrina Culyba
- Justin Bhagat
- Judy Beck

Meeting called to order by Stephanie Walsh at 7 P.M.

Agenda

Vote to approve August Board Meeting minutes:

- Moved by Judy Beck
- Seconded by Betsy Rogerson
- Ayes = Unanimous
- Nays = 0
- Abstentions = 0
- August Board Meeting minutes approved.

DOMI Updates

- Reservoir Drive
 - Opened to vehicles on September 1.
 - Walkway to reopen sometime in mid September
- N. Euclid
 - Progress has slowed down due to ADA concerns and road work that needs to be done
 - Concerns with growing season realities were raised regarding the continued HPCC volunteer watering of plantings
 - DOMI has no plans to replace current pots with more seasonally hardy varieties
 - Hay bales were suggested as an option for the traffic circles in order to provide a visual sightline for vehicles.
 - Hay bales are also seasonally appropriate for fall
 - Cost is approximately six dollars per bale

- Mary Beth will verify cost and check with the volunteer watering group as to continued care of the current plantings
- The Board unanimously approved spending up to \$200.00 for hay bales for the traffic circles; Marybeth to purchase and submit receipt for reimbursement

POST MEETING ADDENDUM

- **Mary Beth purchased and installed the hay bales on September 6-7.**
- **Big thanks to Mary Beth!**
- **E. Liberty & Negley Run bikeways**

Bryant Street Lot

- After discussion, the HPCDC is very amenable to leasing the space to the HPCC.
 - The CDC feels that such an agreement has a lot of potential.
 - CDC very agreeable to a Letter of Agreement with the HPCC.
- HPCC current insurance cost will increase somewhat with the addition of the lot.
- In the short term, a newly formed committee will oversee clearing the lot, purchase and install picnic tables.
- Long term the committee will develop a Project Plan for the lot and a Site Plan for Zoning purposes and reach out to Land Trusts/the Parks Conservancy as to their willingness to take ownership of the site.
- A request for Board members to volunteer was presented by Stephanie.
 - Howard Degenholtz agreed to chair this committee.
 - Jim Holtzman, Chris Worley, and Sabrina Culyba volunteered to be committee members.
 - Bob suggested that the committee engage with Bryant Street merchants.

Shooting Range

- Our City Planning Office, Neighborhood Planner suggested that we schedule a meeting with Councilwoman Gross and Councilman Burgess regarding concerns.
- If anyone knows an HPCC member interested in spearheading this committee, please contact Stephanie.

925 Mellon Street Development

- Voted to send a letter of support that includes the following requests:
 - Create a contained and screened area for trash receptacles behind the building
 - Replace the broken concrete and gravel in the parking area with a uniform permeable surface
 - Address drainage concerns around the building in a way that does not create drainage problems for the neighbors
 - Replace the fences or work with the neighbors to do so (note: according to our Neighborhood Planner in the City Planning Office, the Zoning Board of Adjustment wouldn't have a way to enforce that happening. It might be more helpful to either frame it as a recommendation for the applicant or, better yet, to

sit in on the virtual ZBA hearing and voice that point as a participant in the hearing.)

- Motion to write a letter in support of the project
 - Moved by Stephanie Walsh.
 - Seconded by Howard Deegenholtz.
 - Ayes = Unanimous
 - Nays = 0
 - Abstentions = 0
 - Motion passed

Super Playground

- Committee members will be meeting with the City and designer next Tuesday (9/8/20).
 - Discuss community survey (City to design and disseminate); HPCC to help design and promote
 - The survey will be posted on the HPCC website.
- The Committee is receiving photos and newspaper articles from some of the Super Playground founders.
- A story will be featured in the Sept newsletter.
- The committee will reach out to other neighborhood organizations for input.
- Don't need HPCC Super Playground money for planning (approx \$45,000); other ideas:
 - 1% of city budget for public art (\$8,500) - could add to/match that
 - Honor volunteers from original volunteers (and donors/volunteers from this iteration)
 - Signage
 - The Committee will come back to the HPCC Board with suggestions as to how best to spend HPCC dedicated funds.
- Idea - a kids' contest on the HPCC website to pick out colors, design features, ex.
- The Playground will be out of commission for approximately three months.
 - Tentatively to begin on May 1, 2021.

Zone 5 Officer

- Officer posted negative, racist comments on Facebook.
- The original report was made by a Morningside resident who had a negative interaction with this Officer.
- Sabrina would like to have a letter drafted by the Board in support of Zone 5 stressing the importance of the impact of the negative pall that such behavior/statements puts upon them within the community.
 - Several Board members were not familiar with this situation and did not see the Officer's Facebook posts.
 - All will look at the articles and get back to Stephanie for a vote.

PWSA

- Trail closure
 - The trail behind the Dog Park will be closed from September 3 until October 1.
 - Work will take place Monday - Friday.
 - PWSA will be working on a large transmission line near the trail.
- Reservoir walkway reopening
 - Should/could we plan some type of celebration?
 - Stephanie asked for a volunteer for planning an event.
 - No one stepped forward.
 - Please contact Stephanie if interested.

Fall Activities

- Porch concerts have been hugely successful.
 - Concerts will continue every Sunday through September.
 - Performances will start at 6 P.M. and end at 7 P.M. beginning September 13 due to waning light.
- Halloween - parade or other event?
 - Is the City doing trick/ treating this year?
 - Idea - socially distanced trick/treat stations, St. Andrews, Highland Park fountain, e.g.
 - Candy giveaway by volunteers, gloved and masked, wrapped candy only.
 - Kids registered prior to the event.
- The Board will hold a special meeting on October 1 that will be specific to Halloween.

Meeting adjourned by Stephanie Walsh at 8:12 P.M.