

March 4, 2021 - HPCC Board Meeting

Attendees: Stephanie, Howard, Bob, Jim H., Justin, Becky, Jim B., Kathleen, Sabrina, Betsy, Mac

Absent: Judy, MaryBeth

Board Business

- Since our last meeting:
 - On Feb 15, via email, Stephanie Walsh nominated two individuals to join the board to fill interim positions: Becky Marinov & Kathleen Paola
 - The board voted via email between Feb 15 and 19 and approved their appointments unanimously.
- Vote to approve last month's meeting minutes
 - Moved to approve by Howard; 2nded by Justin
 - Passed unanimously
- Funding for Casa Brasil for use of electricity
 - \$100
 - Moved by Justin, 2nded by Mac
 - Passed unanimously

Updates

- **Welcome to Highland Park Sign**
 - 2019 2-vehicle accident destroyed the sign at Highland and Stanton
 - Howard submitted insurance claim & they paid \$3000 toward replacing sign
 - Howard is working with company that made sign to replace it - getting quote to include installation
 - Sign was on Seminary property; that property has since been sold; new owner is favorably disposed to allowing sign there but would like to see the old agreement
 - Howard will reach out to former HPCC President Moncia Watt to see if she has a copy
 - Not sure if there had been plantings there before; could coordinate w/ property owner
- **March Community Meeting: Covid Speakers**
 - 2 - 3 speakers from UPMC to talk about Covid testing, vaccines, etc.
- **March Activities**
 - Trivia night (Sabrina)
 - Two options:

- DJ who does trivia night for \$100; no real literature; Sabrina knows him
 - \$250 for up to 50 people; business that runs trivia night; local but Sabrina doesn't know them
 - There are free online trivia where we come up with questions
 - Howard & Randy Walsh will do trivia questions
 - Vote to spend up to \$100 for prizes; will come back if need more to cover platform
 - Moved by Justin
 - Seconded by Sabrina
 - Passed unanimously
 - Plan for April
 - Virtual bingo (Betsy)
 - Found online bingo system - free for 30 or under, then \$10 if more
 - Would have to figure out prizes
 - Can customize or they can do the calling for us
 - Perhaps have 4 prizes - \$25 gift cards from Bryant St businesses
 - Vote to spend \$110 on bingo night:
 - Moved by Howard
 - Seconded by Sabrina
 - Passed unanimously
 - Schedule for late March if it makes sense
 - Another board member can run
- **Membership Committee**
 - Postcards & membership update
 - May want to ask people for permission to use photo at events
 - New Welcome Bag person
- **March 23rd - Final Community Meeting on Super Playground**
 - Committee will get update on March 15
 - Sabrina will send Stephanie flier for meeting to post
- **Mik Pappas & Visions of Justice mural project**
- **PPS School Closing proposal**
 - Met with Fulton PTA reps
 - Agreed to put information on what's happening and how to engage on website
 - When there is a more definitive proposal, HPCC may want to take a position
- **Parklet**
 - LOA expires end of March - CDC will let us renew for 6 months
 - Parklet maintenance committee
 - Electric lights removed (solar lights on small trees can stay)

- Howard has boxes
 - Kathleen will try to take them down
 - Spring clean up - May?
 - Girl Scout troop volunteered to help
- Long-term:
 - URA willing to do some debt forgiveness to help us afford the lot - asked for a proposal
 - Need to talk w/ CDC to get agreement on what they would sell it for
 - Then need to find out how much debt forgiveness URA would provide
 - Decide how much HPCC money to contribute
 - Then need to think about what we want to invest re: site improvements & if we want to roll that into fundraising
 - Fund raise the rest over x number of years
 - Neighbors
 - Businesses
 - Foundations
 - City
 - Federal funds
 - Another house tour
 - Would need to decide whether HPCC retains ownership or find a conservator that would hold possession and the HPCC would maintain and manage
 - If fundraising goes better than expected, can reduce HPCC contribution

Brain storm of possible events

| Month | Community Mtg | Event | Preparation |
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| Jan | Deb Gross | Hello Neighbor! drive | |
| Feb | Mik Pappas | Community engagement around magistrate Match-ups | Confirm Mik May get pushed to March |
| Mar | Public Health/ Covid | | |
| Apr | Negley Run Watershed and/or Carnegie Museums | Easter/Spring event at parklet Paper Egg Hunt | |
| May | | Chalk Art | |
| June | Annual Meeting Budget Update | Start Porch Concert series again | |

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| | Board Elections | | We will have 3 seats to fill |
| | | Yard Sale? maybe Bryant St Festival? Unlikely Push those events to late summer? | |

Community Mtg Ideas

- Trivia Night - Sabrina to do some research
- Virtual Bingo - Betsy will find out format
- Game night
- Something health/Covid - about vaccines maybe? Howard will ask around at School of Public Health or County Dept of Health - Dr. on Bryant Street (Natalie) part of a group of independent doctors trying to get vaccine; what's the local process going to be, why you should get it (*scheduled for March*)
- Deb Gross - city update, Covid (*attended Community Meeting in Jan*)
- Someone from Parks Conservancy - stone bridge project, update on how new funding will be implemented
- Museum - talk about online offerings - Mac has contacts - he'll reach out

Event Ideas

- Yard Sale late summer - - Bob will talk to Jake about possibility
- Virtual yard sale - space where everyone can view everyone's galleries; already have HP Area Online Yard Sale
- Indoor scavenger hunt
- Neighborhood scavenger hunt
- Snow decorating contest - would have to launch on the fly, but we could let people know so they can plan and prepare for the next big snow
- Things to do in the neighborhood BINGO
- Neighborhood read - choose a book everyone reads - could set up discussion or night or add it to a community meeting
- "You've been Q'd" (quarantined - a play on "You've been Boed!")