

August 19, 2021
HPCC Community Zoom Meeting

In Attendance : 34 Participants

Convened at: 7:01 P.M. by Stephanie Walsh

Agenda:

Public Safety/Zone 5 update: Commander Vinansky

- The Highland Park report for the past 30 day period:
 - One burglary in the 800 block of Portland Street.
 - Five thefts from/of vehicles.
 - 1 bike stolen
 - One wallet stolen from an employee at the Highland Park pool.
 - June gunfire at the Highland Park pool.
 - Detectives are investigating. It was allegedly a domestic situation.
 - An arrest has been made.
 - Concerns were raised regarding Spin Scooters in the neighborhood - safety and parking.
 - Younger children not wearing helmets using them; traffic laws not being obeyed; littering neighborhood streets when abandoned.
 - The Commander urges all who see unsafe behaviors on the Spin Scooters to call 911 immediately and to call 311 with ongoing scooter issues such as parking of scooters.
 - Stephanie will also contact DOMI with a request for Spin Scooter staff to participate in community training/informational sessions with the HPCC.
 - Send Spin scooter stories or feedback to HPCCPgh@gmail.com with "Spin Scooter" in the subject line.
 - A question was raised as to progress on the Bryant Street planter (s) theft.
 - No further progress has been made identifying the thieves.
 - Camera footage is not clear enough.
 - Zone 5 continues to investigate.
 - Commander Vinansky's email is [stephen.vinansky @ pittsburghpa.gov](mailto:stephen.vinansky@pittsburghpa.gov) Please email him any questions or concerns or if you would like to be added to the Weekly Crime Report Distribution list.

HPCC Announcements : Stephanie Walsh

- Bryant Street Parklet.
 - The HPCC now has a two year lease with the URA on the property. and will do some further community engagement as to an ongoing plan going forward.
- The Annual Yard Sale will take place on September 19, 2021.
 - Please register on the HPCC website.

- Or find the Yard Sale sign up form at:
<https://hpcc.app.neoncrm.com/np/clients/hpcc/event.jsp?event=1&>
- There will be no Bryant Street Festival this year due to Covid restrictions.
- The Halloween Parade will return for kids in October.
 - Stay tuned for future updates.
- The Pumpkin Patch was a huge success last year and will return to the Parklet in October!
- Light-up Night in the Highland Park neighborhood was a glowing success in its premier last year and will bring in the holidays this year in December!

Development Activities Meeting for Highland Park Pedestrian Bridge: Adam McCullough, D'Appolonia Engineering; Cas Pellegrini and Mark DePasquale, City Department of Public Works

- Please see Adam's slide show presentation on the HPCC website.
- Or click onto :
<https://www.dropbox.com/s/bgspxn6y66yhqun/Presentation%20-%202021-08-19.pdf?dl=0>
- Much active community participant input followed, Major points of concern include:
 - Elimination of the proposed new path from the Ginkgo Trail to the Super Playground.
 - The trail is intended to accommodate people walking from the park entrance to the playground. However, pedestrians walking in that direction are much more likely to use the existing path on the other side of Reservoir Drive.
 - The proposal includes two sets of Jerseybarriers on the bridge: one between the sidewalk and vehicles and a second between the bicycle lane and vehicles.
 - This level of intervention seems both excessive and unsightly.
 - Minimize traffic impacts and provide explanatory signage for the road closure
 - Request that the city install signage at both ends of the road closure that clearly explains why the road is closed and provides an estimate of when it will be reopened.
 - Coordinate with the Super Playground Project.
- Next Step - the HPCC will put together a letter to the City with our support for this project and also outlines community concerns as stated in this meeting.

Meet the artist for new art in the park: Marlana Adele Vassar introduced by Nicole Czapinski Project Coordinator for the City's Art in the Park Program

- This presentation was postponed due to time constraints and will be added to the September HPCC meeting agenda along with a presentation by Ryan from Urban Conga, the other artist (s) involved in the project.

- In the meantime you can contact her/see her work at <https://engage.pittsburghpa.gov/art-parks/marlana-adele-vassar>
- Or find out more about the projects at :<https://engage.pittsburghpa.gov/art-parks>

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 P.M.