

Highland Park Neighborhood Association Meeting Notes
Meeting Date: February 14, 2017

7:02pm: President Glascock called the meeting to order.

With no changes or objections, the minutes from the January 2017 meeting were approved.

Announcements:

- Welcome new residents/attendees

Police: Officer King attended and reported the following:

- Incident Report (this month 2.1.17-2.14.17):
 - Burglaries: 0
 - UBEV: 0
 - Auto Theft: 0
 - Robbery: 1
- Incident Report (last month):
 - Burglaries: 11
 - UBEV: 3
 - Auto Theft: 1
 - Robbery: 0
- Several arrests were made regarding residential burglaries end of January/beginning of February
 - Perp from Milner St. burglary was caught and many items returned to owner
 - 1 Male and 1 female perp were caught at Hotel Highland with stolen items and perps tied to other recent crimes
- UBEVs tend to happen during the night/early morning
- Burglaries tend to happen during the day
- Surveillance cameras are helpful for BPD, so share footage with them if you have/get it.
- Continue to keep an eye out and call police if you see anything suspicious or are the victim of a crime.
- If you see finger prints, notify the responding officer so prints can be taken.

Fire Department: Lieutenant James Zeigler attended.

- Investigations continue in suspected cases of arson on the West side of town. A suspect was detained and released, and they are working to build a case of possibly 28 linked fires at vacant structures (17 in 2017 alone).
- Call Police or Fire Department if you see suspicious activity (relating to fires).
- BFD is out of free smoke detectors, but residents needing one can contact the Red Cross.

Environmental Code Enforcement: Tammie Wheeler attended

- Contact her at tammie.wheeler@birminghamal.gov re: inoperable cars and overgrown yards
- Complaint from a neighborhood resident that Clubhouse on Highland is blocking parking spots for valet service during events. Tammie will notify her supervisor.

Do Dah Day requests use of Caldwell and Rhodes Parks and liquor license for annual event

- **Saturday, May 20th with a parade along Highland Ave. at 11:01 and music from 12-6**
- Event is free, open to public, happens rain/shine and proceeds go to the Greater Birmingham Human Society and Friends of Cats and Dogs Foundation (last year they gave \$50,000 to these charities)
- Kevin Burke, President of the DDD Board was present to answer questions, etc.
 - FIDO members made a request to vote to approve under the stipulations that DDD Board do the following:

- Reimbursement of \$50 (or find sponsor) to FIDO for stocking the bag stations for in parks for the event
 - A plan to secure volunteers to help with poop and litter cleanup during and after event – including parks and side streets off Highland Ave. (students needing community service hours to be utilized)
 - Announcements for education/awareness throughout the day reminding people to pick up after their pets and not litter
- Request for Park Use:
 - Charles Glascock made a motion to approve, Harry Nelson seconded
 - Vote: APPROVED by 13 (0 opposed)
- Request for Liquor License:
 - Sharon Nelson made a motion to approve, Brother Sims seconded
 - Vote: APPROVED by 13 (0 opposed)

First Lutheran Church: request to use Caldwell Park for Easter Egg Hunt

- Event is free, open to public, happens rain/shine, includes pictures with the Easter Bunny, cake walk, and egg hunt
- April 15th, 11:30-1:30
- Contact June Weir to volunteer: 205-746-7164
- David Dinehart made a motion to approve, Octavia Kuransky seconded
- Vote: APPROVED by 13 (0 opposed)

Unity Church: request to use Rhodes Park on May 13th

- No one from the church was present to clarify what the request is for
- Vote deferred to next meeting

Report from City Councilor Valerie Abbott (valerie.abbott@birminghamal.gov)

- When contacting her, please copy Darryl Lee, her assistant: (Darryl.lee@birminghamal.gov)
- Paving updates:
 - Abbott has personally driven all roads requested for repaving in her district
 - Hanover Circle to be re-paved (with funding from alternate source), Mtg on Feb. 28th with residents to discuss
 - other roads on list going to bid in 2 weeks, paving tentatively set to begin late spring/summer
 - New complaints for roads needing repaving are taken on an ongoing basis for future consideration, so please report to 311
 - Patching: when the city digs into the street, they cut/patch from the curb to the center of the street. Patches are left to settle for 6 weeks and then permanently patched.
 - Small patches are done illegally by private plumbers and contractors and should be reported to Abbott and her assistant Darryl Lee if you see them in progress

New Business

- Brother Sims (Mayoral Candidate and resident of Highland Park) spoke about his campaign

Old Business

- **signs to inform residents of Neighborhood Association meetings.** Signs are in and will be placed out along Highland Ave. several days before the next meeting.
- **Valerie Abbott and Gregory Jones (Community Resource Officer) were checking on status of requests from 2016** for trash cans to replace destroyed or stolen ones, replacement trees to be planted along Highland Ave., and a neighborhood sign. These are in the works.

- **Sister Houses (on Rhodes Park)** owner has a new architect and is back in design review with the city.
- Question from neighborhood resident about **what happens to granite curbs when they are removed/replaced** with concrete during repairs (Valerie Abbott will check and update at next meeting)

Adjournment: With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:58pm.

Next meeting will take place at Highland Golf Course (**UPSTAIRS** at the clubhouse) on Tuesday, March 14th, 2017 at 7pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Elizabeth Sanfelippo
Secretary, Highland Park Neighborhood Association