

**Highland Park Neighborhood Association Meeting Notes**  
**Meeting Date: October 11, 2016**

7pm: President Glascock called the meeting to order.

With no changes or objections, the minutes from the September 2016 meeting were approved.

**Announcements:**

- **Welcome new residents/attendees**
- **Police Officer King** attended but did not have current incident report (E. Sanfelippo to follow up with Captain Sellers to make sure we get them each month)
  - Car break ins (UBEVs) have been on the rise and no one has yet been caught. Continue to keep an eye out and call police if you see anything suspicious or are the victim of a crime.
  - Complaints about illegal parking on 28<sup>th</sup> St. near St. Vincent's. King will work on checking this area and writing tickets to offenders. This illegal parking makes the road very narrow and dangerous. Call the South Precinct and ask them to ticket illegal parking when you see it and give them the location.
- **Public Works Environmental Enforcement Officer Tammie Wheeler** was present and discussed what she does and the process for reporting offenses (overgrown yards at 13" or more and inoperable cars (flat tire(s), no headlights, hasn't moved for extended periods, etc.)):
  - [Tammie.wheeler@birminghamal.gov](mailto:Tammie.wheeler@birminghamal.gov); 205-254-2061
  - A citizen may submit a complaint with details and the address to T. Wheeler. She investigates, takes pictures, and submits to Deborah Dubose.
  - Letter is sent to offender from Dubose stating the issue and that the person has x days to comply...
  - If they do not comply within the specified time, a second letter is sent and a summons is issued and offender must pay \$271 court fee and explain to judge why they are non-compliant
  - If they continue to not comply or do not show up for court, a warrant is issued for their arrest and they have to pay \$500
  - Inoperable cars are on a person's private property and must be visible from the street (does not include cars on street. For those contact police non-emergency number)
  - Note that when Ms. Wheeler responds to a complaint, she checks the entire block for offenses.
  - Alley shrubs and grass are the responsibility of the owner adjacent to that part of the alley.

**Episcopal Place** (HUD housing facility for disabled adults and low income seniors near Virginia Samford theater **requested a donation for their annual fundraiser Gumbo Gala happening on 4/22/17 at Sloss Furnace.** Motion to approve donating \$250: 16 approved, 1 opposed. Jessica Powers of Highland Park offered to contribute \$50 to the donation and encouraged people to join her and others in forming a team to compete in the gumbo competition.

- **Old Business**
  - **signs to inform residents of Neighborhood Association meetings.** E. Sanfelippo is ordering since we have the FB username for Highland Park now.

**Report from City Councilor Valerie Abbott** ([valerie.abbott@birminghamal.gov](mailto:valerie.abbott@birminghamal.gov))

- When contacting her, please copy Darryl Lee, her assistant:  
([Darryl.lee@birminghamal.gov](mailto:Darryl.lee@birminghamal.gov))
- Public Works Department now works 7 days

- Operation Green Wave is beginning in the city: <http://wiat.com/2016/09/12/city-of-birmingham-launches-operation-green-wave/>
- Land Bank Authority is working to clear titles on properties that are tax delinquent so the public can buy plots

Lee Cleveland and Dorothea Baptiste spoke about their candidacy for judgeships. Vote on Nov. 8<sup>th</sup>!

#### **New Business**

- Gregory Jones from the City of Birmingham announced the new city newsletter. Email [opi@birminghamal.gov](mailto:opi@birminghamal.gov) to receive the newsletters.
- Request for Brian Giattina to come to a mtg. and update us on school board happenings
- Public Involvement mtgs re: transit in Birmingham. (flyer was sent to neighborhood email list for mtg in Oct.)

**Adjournment:** With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:00pm.

Next meeting will take place at Highland Golf Course (**DOWNSTAIRS** (due to election day) at the clubhouse) on Tuesday, November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at 7pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Elizabeth Sanfelippo  
Secretary, Highland Park Neighborhood Association