

Highland Park Neighborhood Association Meeting Notes
Meeting Date: November 14th, 2017

7:00pm: President Glascock called the meeting to order.
With no changes or edits, the October 2017 meeting minutes were approved.

Announcements: Welcome new residents/attendees

Police:

Officer King attended:

Incident Report (this month 11.1.17-11.14.17): Burglaries: -, UBEV: -, Auto Theft: -, Robbery: - (data not provided)

Incident Report (last month): Burglaries: 3, UBEV: 4, Auto Theft: 2, Robbery: 0

30th St. S. and 28th St. S. from Highland towards Clairmont – tickets being written for parking violations and police asked to focus here.

Robbery of pedestrian on 28th St. S. by garage behind Greenbriar Retirement Home (near Highland Ave.)

Robbery of Public Storage (across street from Planned Parenthood)

Warnings/tickets being written for off leash dogs in parks.

General Safety Information:

If you see something, say something! Call South Precinct: 205-254-2793

ALWAYS report suspicious activities or items, etc. to the police. Non-emergency number is 205-328-9311.

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: did not attend

Public Works: Chris Pinke and Tammy Wheeler did not attend

Leaf season is here. Bag your leaves and put them out for Large Trash and Brush Pickup.

City is proposing weekend work to stay on top of keeping leaves out of storm drains, gutters, etc.

Contact **Tammie Wheeler** at tammie.wheeler@birminghamal.gov or 205-254-2061 re: inoperable cars and overgrown yards (and furniture and large trash dumped by apt. dwellers without dumpsters on street. She can contact apt. bldg. owners to let them know).

Financial report/update for Neighborhood Association:

\$41,157 (+ \$5,000 once city budget is approved)

Alabama Environmental Council request for donation from NA:

Laney DeJonge of the AEC spoke about their 50th anniversary. 30 years ago they started the recycling center downtown and in 2016 they moved to Avondale at 4330 1st Ave. South. Visit www.AEConline.org and check out the “RecycAL” tab for details on what to recycle there – all curbside recyclables plus cork, cigarette butts, TVs, water filters, lightbulbs glass for a small fee, and more! They are working to get the city to use glass as landscaping mulch, etc. AEC started curbside recycling in 1997 with a 60% participation rate. The city took over and it has dropped to 3% participation. The AC started a business recycling program that is approximately \$100/month where they pick up glass recycling from local businesses.

They have an annual budget of \$350,000, and in 2016 they cut staff and recycling center hours and had a reduced budget of \$200,000. They’re asking for \$50,000 from the city. City used to give \$20,000/yr for

recycling center and the AEC recycles almost 2 times as much as the city. They also pick up from schools for free.

Curbside recycling (picked up in city trucks from residences but not apartment buildings – taken to Birmingham Recycling and Recovery) on Wednesdays accepts the following (in paper bags, cardboard boxes, or plastic bins):

Aluminum, tin, steel, plastics #1 and #2, paper, cardboard (not waxed or soiled).

Motion to donate \$1,000, motion seconded – all in favor, none opposed

Motion to donate \$1,000 from discretionary funds (once budget is approved) made by Martha Oyster, motion seconded – all in favor, none opposed

St. Vincent's Hospital re: issues on 28th St.

Brenna Powell and Andrew Cain addressed illegal parking issues along 28th St. S. and impacts of new curb cuts and parking deck expansion (to add 200 parking spots), erosion and vegetation buffer not being maintained along 28th to 10th Ct., and house owned by hospital on 28th not being maintained and squatters recently reported to police.

Newest curb cut on 28th is physician only entrance/exit. Master plan for hospital was approved in 2010. Plan to alleviate traffic flow onto Clairmont/University includes removing 5 parking spots along east side of 28th St. and making center lane a left turn lane and far right lane a right/straight/left turn lane.

Resident suggested security officer stationed along 28th St. to help direct traffic and help prevent illegal parking. From 8am-11am there has been a hospital officer stationed in that area (for the past week).

Resident suggested disciplinary action for St. Vincent's Associates/employees that park illegally on 28th. St. Vincent's thinks it is people who work in the POBs (Professional Office Buildings) on SVH campus who are parking illegally.

St.VH Security dispatch: 205-939-7799. Call them when you see illegal parking in the area and suspect it is hospital employees.

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

When contacting her, please copy Darryl Lee, her assistant: (Darryl.lee@birminghamal.gov)

New budget on hold until new Mayor takes office (City operates on previous fiscal year budget until current one is approved)

Old Business:

Community Resource Officer Gregory Jones is no longer working for the city. Our new CRO is Joi Coke.

Sister Houses (on Rhodes Park): Bruce Lanier, Head of the Design Review Committee spoke about recent developments...Committee met with owner and approved plan for installing new gutters, roofs, and eaves and removing scaffolding and then (within 3 months) present a shell package (plan to address exteriors). The houses have been condemned since 2005, special repair permits have been issued but little/no progress. City Council must approve Special Repair Permits, and technically if no work is done then houses are demolished. (Somehow these houses have avoided demolition). Resident suggested having a neighborhood rep. to oversee the process. (No one volunteered.)

Rushton Park Community Garden – no update. Email highlandparkgardens@gmail.com or VwmcDonald90@gmail.com to request a spot or ask questions.

New Business:

Special Election on Dec. 12th – check Secretary of State website for details (<http://sos.alabama.gov/alabama-votes>)

Adjournment: With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:50pm.

Next meeting will take place at Highland Golf Course (**UPSTAIRS** at the clubhouse) on Tuesday, December 12th, 2017 at 7pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Elizabeth Sanfelippo
Secretary, Highland Park Neighborhood Association