

Highland Park Neighborhood Association Meeting Notes
Meeting Date: April 11, 2017

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

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

Announcements:

- Welcome new residents/attendees

Variance Request from Robert Ferrar for project at 2929 Clairmont Ave.

- Variance for front/rear setbacks, side yard, front doors, and parking
 - motion to approve, Alison Glascock seconded
 - Vote: APPROVED by 25 (0 opposed)

Police: Sergeant Haluska and Officer King attended:

- Ongoing investigation – Cliff Terrace Apts. Robbery and Shooting
 - Male victim shot in the back as he ran after perp demanded car keys. Victim is expected to recover and no arrests yet.
- Burglar found inside apt., stole tenants' gun and fled on foot. Police foot chase caught the repeat offender/known burglar
- Check Jefferson County Jail website for mug shots of offenders
- Unmarked vehicles, plainclothes officers as well as additional officers are patrolling our area
- **Incident Report (this month 4.1.17-4.11.17):**
 - Burglaries: 1
 - UBEV: 2
 - Auto Theft: 0
 - Robbery: 2
- **Incident Report (last month):**
 - Burglaries: 0
 - UBEV: 3
 - Auto Theft: 2
 - Robbery: 5
- **Safety Information:**
 - If you see something, say something! Call South Precinct: 205-254-2793 for direct connection to officers (faster than 911 sometimes)
 - 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: (Team responded to a call before they could give an update).

- General Information:
 - 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.

Public Works Environmental Code Enforcement: Tammie Wheeler attended

- Contact her at tammie.wheeler@birninghamal.gov or 205-254-2061 re: **inoperable cars and overgrown yards**

Public Works Victoria Reed attended

- Contact her at Victoria.reed@birninghamal.gov or 205-254-2061 re: **public works issues**

FIDO (Friends In Dog Ownership) presented their dates for the Flaggin' and Baggin' Campaign

- May 5th, 2017: Flags and signs will start being placed along Highland Ave. and side streets (the flags help bring awareness to the problem of poop not being picked up and reminds people to do that). Please leave signs and flags as they will be cleaned up...

- May 5th (Wednesday) evening (exact times to be determined but about 4:30-6pm): Clean up flags and poops (Rain date May 6th)
- Email HighlandParkFIDO@gmail.com to volunteer

Rushton Park Community Garden Proposal

- David Seamon with IPC and Morris Hiatt of Highland Park proposed a 1 year pilot program for community garden in the old volleyball court
- Startup costs would be \$425 and they need a minimum of 20 participants
- Area will be divided into 40 plots with pathways between, corner plots reserved for disabled gardeners
- Interested parties can email rushtongardens@gmail.com for more details
- Questions/Concerns from attendees:
 - Will there be a compost area for dead plants, weeds, etc.?
 - What about vandals? This is not a concern of the planners as community gardens tend to reduce crime. If issue arises it will be discussed then.
- Lesley McClure made a motion to approve, Elizabeth Sanfelippo seconded
 - Vote: APPROVED by 25 (0 opposed)

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

- When contacting her, please copy Darryl Lee, her assistant: (Darryl.lee@birninghamal.gov)
- Paving updates:
 - City Council approved 30% of paving list to move forward (paving tentatively set to begin late spring/summer). 5 year plan includes all roads on approved list
 - New complaints for roads needing repaving are taken on an ongoing basis for future consideration, so please report to 311
 - City has new contract to patch potholes; call potholes needing attention into 311
 - Efforts to repaint Vulcan are in the works
 - Study to be conducted on moving 20/59
 - Land Bank Authority is selling tax delinquent properties/lots. Check city website for more information.

New Business

- Chris Woods (Mayoral Candidate) spoke about his campaign

Old Business

- **signs to inform residents of Neighborhood Association meetings.** Signs will be placed out along Highland Ave. several days before meetings.
- **Updates Needed:**
 - **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 bollards.
 - **Sister Houses (on Rhodes Park)**
 - **What happens to granite curbs when they are removed/replaced** with concrete during repairs? (Valerie Abbott)

Adjournment: With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:35pm.

Next meeting will take place at Highland Golf Course (**UPSTAIRS** at the clubhouse) on Tuesday, May 9th, 2017 at 7pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
 Elizabeth Sanfelippo
 Secretary, Highland Park Neighborhood Association