

Highland Park Neighborhood Association Meeting Notes
Meeting Date: July, 12, 2016

7pm: President Glascock called the meeting to order.

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

Announcements:

- **Recycling Notice:** Only #1 and #2 plastics can be put in curbside recycling now.

- **Reports from Police (Officer King and Sergeant Thomas jerry.thomas@birminghamal.gov)**
 - Incident Report for July: 5 Burglaries, 17 UBEV (unauthorized breaking and entering of vehicle), 0 Auto thefts, 1 robbery
 - shooting that took place near 800 block of 30th St. was not a random robbery according to report.
 - Shots fired on 8/7/16 – no one was found to be shot, but three shell casings were found and a bullet ricocheted and broke a nearby glass door

Proposal to purchase signs to inform residents of Neighborhood Association meetings. E. Sanfelippo to bring signage options, contents, how to secure them, and pricing to next meeting. Jerry Moore has offered to help with putting signs out and retrieving them the day of our meetings.

Request for Approval of Proposed event at Rushton Park and request to block off part of 31st St. by Independent Presbyterian Church...David Seamon of IPC described the event and that funds raised will go towards a proposed community garden in Rushton Park. "Rush (Love Thy Neighborhood)" event to take place on August 21, 4:30-7:30. Approved with all in favor and none opposed

Request for Approval of Proposed Event at Caldwell Park for Halloween event on Saturday, October 29, 1:30-4. June Reaves represented the Lutheran Church. Approved with all in favor and none opposed.

Preliminary Discussion of Proposed Community Garden in Rushton Park in the old volleyball court area. (See attached) Possible joint effort of IPC, Laney DeJonge of Rojo, and maybe the newly formed neighborhood garden club. Michelle Reynolds was present to explain some details and share her experience and success with implementing community gardens. Estimated costs to be \$5k-\$15k.

- **Report from City Councilor Valerie Abbott (valerie.abbott@birminghamal.gov)**
 - When contacting her, please copy Darryl Lee, her assistant:
(Darryl.lee@birminghamal.gov)
 - Council meeting update/highlights:
 - City Council has selected Bainbridge Law Firm to represent them separately from the Mayor in a suit brought about by the Water Works Board against the Council and City because they want more board members
 - Social Security (Haney) Building Proposed lease was voted down (Rafferty abstained, Tyson and Roberson left the room before the vote, others voted no)
 - Funding for Kingston Fire Station is tabled again – awaiting more details

- Follow up questions about the status of the proposed budget for FY2017. Mayor to meet with City Council to discuss revised proposed budget.
- William Mohamed was appointed to the Water Works Board after Jonathan Austin submitted an addendum to the agenda
- Discretionary Funds to be distributed evenly among neighborhoods and needs to be spent before end of 2016 calendar year

Old Business - none

New Business - none

Adjournment: With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:07pm.

Next meeting will take place at Highland Golf Course (upstairs at the clubhouse) on Tuesday, September 13th, 2016 at 7pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Elizabeth Sanfelippo

Secretary, Highland Park Neighborhood Association

