

**Highland Park Neighborhood Association Meeting Notes**  
**Meeting Date: January 10, 2017**

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

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

**Announcements:**

- **Welcome new residents/attendees**
- **Police Officer King** attended reported the following:
  - Incident Report (this month):
    - Burglaries: 2
  - Incident Report (last month):
    - Burglaries: 6
    - UBEV: 12
    - Auto Theft: 1
  - A break in on Milner St. was a burglary via a window
  - A doggie door was used to enter another home and alarm went off
  - 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.

**New Business**

- Sister Houses (on Rhodes Park) and several other properties in the area are in disrepair, and people requested an update on the status of open permits and plans of the owner(s) to repair the buildings
  - Valerie Abbott and Alison Glascock will research with the city legal department, Carla Calvert, and Andre Bittas to get the status and options for moving forward with renovations/historic preservation
  - Local realtor with LAH (Kim Barelare) in our neighborhood was planning to attend a Birmingham Association of Realtors meeting where the Secretary of State was going to provide information on progress of Residential Historical Tax Credits.
  - Local realtor and historical preservationist with LAH (Sarah Walker) mentioned that permits are generally issued for 6, 12, or 18 months
  - Consensus was to attempt to contact the owner and offer assistance for the projects to move forward

**Old Business**

- **Signs to inform residents of Neighborhood Association meetings.** Content has been approved, and we are waiting for Neighborhood Corporation to approve funding prior to placing order.
- **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

**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))
- Addendum with 4 new Birmingham Water Works Board appointments occurred at the City Council meeting – new appointees: George Munchus, Ronald Mims, Sherry Lewis, and Brenda Dickerson

- Paving updates: Hanover Circle to be repaved, other roads on list under review, no date set for paving
- Question from neighborhood resident about what happens to granite curbs when they are removed/replaced with concrete during repairs (Valerie will check and update at next meeting)
- Civil Rights District has been named a National Monument with a ceremony on Jan. 13<sup>th</sup>
- Question about former convenience store and adjacent space on Highland Ave. (near 2600 Highland Building) – restaurant and possibly a higher end convenience store are coming
- Question about ADA compliance for parks. Ramp into Rushton Park was added in 2016, and a resident saw crew measuring Rhodes Park (about a year ago). A citywide sidewalk study was completed a couple of years ago to assess ADA compliance, etc.

**Adjournment:** With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:41pm.

Next meeting will take place at Highland Golf Course (**UPSTAIRS** at the clubhouse) on Tuesday, February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 7pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Elizabeth Sanfelippo  
Secretary, Highland Park Neighborhood Association