

Highland Park Neighborhood Association Meeting Notes
Meeting Date: May 9, 2017

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

Announcements:

Welcome new residents/attendees

Police: Officer King attended:

Incident Report (this month 5.1.17-5.9.17): Burglaries: 0, UBEV: 1, Auto Theft: 0, Robbery: 0

Incident Report (last month): Burglaries: 2, UBEV: 8, Auto Theft: 0, Robbery: 6

- Homeless people found camping behind the office building to the right of the former Store on Highland
- Perpetrator caught! Man robbed woman at gunpoint on 29th St.
- 23rd St.(road from Highland in adjacent Beat 322) – tickets being written for parking violations
- warnings for off leash dogs in parks

Safety Information:

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

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: Harold Washington attended

- “Get Alarmed” Program is providing residents with a free smoke detector. Contact the Birmingham Fire and Rescue Service Department’s Fire Prevention Bureau at 250-7540 or call the Department’s Public Education Bureau at 785-1332
- Fire hydrant flushing in the area is now complete.
- General Information: Call Police or Fire Department if you see suspicious activity (relating to fires).

Public Works: Chris Pinke attended

- 2 trees at Virginia Samford Theater have been removed
- Question about protecting bird nests when removing trees, and trees were checked for nests prior to removal.
- Stump grinding required before new crepe myrtles planted
- Trees in front of medical office on Highland damaged in storm were replaced by property owner
- Three trees in front of Rojo/O’Henry’s have been trimmed, two to be removed
- Orange tags indicate trees being assessed

Contact Tammie Wheeler at tammie.wheeler@birminghamal.gov re: **inoperable cars** and **overgrown yards**

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

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

Paving updates:

- Hanover Circle re-paving tentatively set to begin this summer with ALDOT providing specialized concrete milling services
- New complaints for roads needing repaving are taken on an ongoing basis for future consideration, so please report to 311
- Dog Park discussion on proposed one in Avondale and resistance
- Trinity Steel Building possibly being converted to Humane Society Facility

- Question re: City Council quarterly evening meetings in 2016 and why not in 2017. Directed to contact Jonathan Austin

New Business

- **District Attorney Pro-Tem of Jefferson County Danny Carr attended.** carrd@jccal.org, 205-325-5252. He is reaching out to the public via Neighborhood Association meetings. Working to remind young people to use good judgement. Contact him to shadow a prosecutor to learn how the court system works.

Old Business

- **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. These are in the works.

- **Sister Houses (on Rhodes Park)** Alison Glascock to follow up with city contacts for update
- **Rushton Park Community Garden** – going through approval process with Parks Dept.
- **Larry Contri (former interim Superintendent of Birmingham City Schools)** mentioned the upcoming election will include District 3 Board Seat

Adjournment: With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:50pm.

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

Respectfully Submitted,
Elizabeth Sanfelippo
Secretary, Highland Park Neighborhood Association