

Highland Park Neighborhood Association Meeting Notes
Meeting Date: August 14th, 2018

7:00pm: President Glascock called the meeting to order.

Motion to approve July Minutes (L. Contri made motion to approve, C. Sosnin seconded). July minutes were approved.

Announcements: Welcome new residents/attendees

Police: Officer (Officer King attended)

Officer Charlie King is our normal 323 evening beat Officer and patrols from Tom and Jerry's (Chevron near Western on Highland) to Clairmont Ave. to Crestwood, Redmont, and part of 280. We have a new police chief – Patrick Smith.

Incident Report for 323 Beat (this month 8.1.18-8.14.18): Burglaries: 3, UBEV: 3, Auto Theft: 0, Robbery: 0. (last month): Burglaries: 4, UBEV: 3, Auto Theft: 1, Robbery: 0

South Precinct Facebook page is up. Search “Birmingham Police South Precinct” in FB.

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.

Do not leave bags valuables etc. in your car.

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: (Tammie Wheeler attended)

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

Resident Reports: report of overgrown yard (vacant lot at 28th and 10th Ave. S.) and Mattress and sofa on Highland Ave. by Sheraton

Environmental Code Supervisor: Debra Dubose (Debra.Dubose@birninghamal.gov)

Contact Randal Smith (randald.smith@birninghamal.gov) with urban forestry re: sidewalks being damaged by trees.

Agenda Items:

Eats at 2608 Highland Ave.: Request from owner Wendy Cruse to install New sign/awning. Picnic sign will remain. Bldg to right is used for storage and will eventually be fixed up for use. Planned opening Sept. 15, 2018. Hours: Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays 10:30/11am-9/9:30pm, Fridays/Saturdays 10:30/11am - 11pm. Cuisine will be Southern/Latin Fusion. Residents requested repair to holes in right bldg. and keep saw horses out of sidewalk.

Highland Halloween's Trick or Treat Trail: Destination Birmingham's Director Jasmine Allen (also a HP resident) gave information about the event – “Bring those costumes out... let's celebrate this Halloween as a community! Highland Halloween's Trick or Treat Trail is NOT your typical trick or treat but a community-based trail with hosted porch/yard parties along the route for neighbors to meet and mingle. We will also have three categories of Halloween Contests for neighbors to win great gifts and bragging rights for a year (•Best Trick or Treat Station •Best Porch/Lawn Party •Best Haunted House)! Lastly, as part of our #MyBirmingham Campaign, Destination Birmingham will also host a lawn party for the neighbors with live music, free food, drinks and plenty of entertainment! Prizes for. Would you like to help make this event a success???” Contact Jasmine Allen at O. 205-690-1334 C. 205-719-9019 www.destinationin.com to get involved.

City Council President Valerie Abbott and her Assistant Marcus O’Dell attended.

When emailing Abbott, please copy Darryl Lee and Marcus O’Dell valerie.abbott@birninghamal.gov, darryl.lee@birninghamal.gov, Marcus.Odell@birninghamal.gov.

Amnesty period for paying tickets for parking/low level moving violations (Mayor Woodfin’s plan) - from July 17 to September 17 people can pay any outstanding tickets without a fee or penalty. Pay online or at Municipal Court.

Re: concerns about graffiti issue - on city property Public Works Dept. will clean. Private property is responsibility of property owner(s). If we can clean quickly, taggers will get worn out and hopefully move on.

Question about any news/updates about potential parking permits for 28th St. S. - Head of traffic was replaced, so new head (James Fowler) has not yet researched it. Ticketing continues along 28th St. S.

Suggestion to get Fowler to come to neighborhood mtg. soon.

Councilors Scales and Tyson will become County Commissioners in November 2018. City Council will nominate replacements until next election term in 2021.

Emergency Management System - city system. Available for our use to announce NA mtgs.

New Business:

Motion to form Graffiti Task Force/Committee: Concern about graffiti (specifically on wall in front of Avalon condos) and need for task force to address this. (1 point person to inform the city on of issues on city property and someone to contact private property owners and get them to clean it.) D. Mason made motion to approve. J. Powers seconded. All approved, none opposed.

Old Business:

Southtown Redevelopment news: website is up and more details coming soon.

www.southsidebhm.com

Newly Formed Spending Projects Committee is meeting Aug. 28th and will report on ideas at next mtg. Plan is for them to compile ideas, put out a poll to community to weigh in, and present to Neighborhood Association for voting.

Updates on abandoned properties – E.Sanfelippo has list with updates on properties in our area. Email her for specific updates at esanfelippo@gmail.com.

Candidates for November 13, 2018 election:

Visit <https://sos.alabama.gov/alabama-votes/voter/upcoming-elections>.

Teresa Pulliam - Judge Place 16

Davis Lawley – Judge Place 3 Juvenile Court

Adjournment: With no further business the meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:05 PM.

Next meeting will be Tuesday, September 11th, 2018 at 7pm Upstairs at Highland Golf Clubhouse.

Respectfully Submitted,
Elizabeth Sanfelippo
Secretary, Highland Park Neighborhood Association