

Highland Park Neighborhood Association Meeting Notes  
**Meeting Date: July 10<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

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

With no corrections or edits the minutes from the April, May, and June meetings were approved.

**Announcements:** Welcome new residents/attendees

**Police: Officer** Nicholas Clark with BPD attended (Officer King was off)

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.

Violent crime tends to spike in the summer.

Cameras in/around the city are no longer being monitored consistently because the contract with ion fell through.

**Incident Report** for 323 Beat (this month 7.1.18-7.10.18): Burglaries: 2, UBEV: 1, Auto Theft: 2, Robbery: 0. (last month): Burglaries: 13, UBEV: 8, Auto Theft: 4, Robbery: 4

**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 and Chris Pinke did not attend)**

Contact **Tammie Wheeler** at [tammie.wheeler@birninghamal.gov](mailto: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).

**Environmental Code Supervisor:** Debra Dubose ([Debra.Dubose@birninghamal.gov](mailto:Debra.Dubose@birninghamal.gov))

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

**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](mailto:valerie.abbott@birninghamal.gov), [darryl.lee@birninghamal.gov](mailto:darryl.lee@birninghamal.gov),

[Marcus.Odell@birninghamal.gov](mailto: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.

New Parking Meter System: There have been conversations about new parking meter systems but nothing yet confirmed.

New head of Traffic Engineering for the city - James Fowler (Gregory Dawkins is no longer the head). Incentives for Shipt - the city sold them a parking deck for \$1 million, and they will be adding 800+ jobs for which the city is giving \$2000 each new hire for training.

Following up about the lights being out at Caldwell Park, Valerie Abbott/Marcus A. Odell to check to make sure they have been fixed.

311 online system is not currently working and is being revamped but no timeframe for when. Mayor Bell was committed to repaving all roads in five years, but Woodfin is putting that money into other projects. So now only ALDOT money is available. Hanover Circle will be repaved by ALDOT, but it's a slow process.

Andre Bittas is now the Head of Capital Projects (no longer the head of Planning, Engineering and Permits). Complaint about the light at Niazuma and Highland Avenue. It seems to have been adjusted in terms of timing and is causing traffic problems/backup.

Check out new website with helpful information: [www.birminghamdistrict3.com](http://www.birminghamdistrict3.com).

### **July 17<sup>th</sup> Run-off Elections - Candidates for various positions introduced themselves:**

Judge Kechia Davis, District Court Judge, Place 9

Jacqueline Gray Miller, District Court Judge, Place 9 (former opponent Sheila Weil endorsed her)

### **New Business:**

Resident asked about a proposal to demolish the Western Supermarket shopping center and re-develop. We have no confirmation on that.

Question re: 2601 Highland Ave. building (former senior center on the corner of Highland and Niazuma) - construction is underway for office spaces.

### **Old Business:**

Remember to vote July 17<sup>th</sup>, 2018 in the runoff elections! Visit <https://sos.alabama.gov/alabama-votes/voter/upcoming-elections>.

Update on 2608 Highland Ave.(former picnic store and convenience store to the right of 2600 Highland Ave. Building) - they have a contractor and are working on roof and HVAC system.

Concentrating on the left building which will be a restaurant.

Update on cat that was being housed in 2614 Highland Ave. building (also near 2600 Highland) – cat was being housed/quarantined there for health reasons and is now back at home.

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

[www.southsidebhm.com](http://www.southsidebhm.com)

**Adjournment:** With no further business the meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:25 PM.

Next meeting will be Tuesday, August 14<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 7pm Upstairs at Highland Golf Clubhouse.

Respectfully Submitted,

Elizabeth Sanfelippo

Secretary, Highland Park Neighborhood Association