

# Highland Park Neighborhood Association

## August 2019 Minutes

Meeting Date: August 13, 2019

At 6 pm Vice President Jessica Powers called the meeting to order. She made introductions of current and past officers, welcomed everyone and shared that President Elizabeth Sanfelippo would not be in attendance this evening as she was attending the Community Police Academy.

Powers stated the July 2019 meeting minutes had been distributed and asked if there were any changes or corrections. None were offered so she announced the minutes were approved. Jones shared that the biggest benefit to attending meetings was *not* having to read her minutes. Someone asked where the minutes could be found online, Powers shared they were on both the neighborhood's website and Facebook page.

### Police Update

Powers introduced Highland Park Beat Officer, Officer King (11 am to 9 pm, Monday - Thursday), saying that statistics were showing crime to be down in the neighborhood. Officer King asked if anyone had any questions, areas they felt additional patrols were needed or parking/speeding related complaints. A resident asked about car break-ins, saying her car had been rummaged through, change taken, that she was confident she had locked it. Officer King asked if she had reported it, the resident replied she didn't as she had been away eleven days and didn't know when it had occurred. She asked Officer King about recent news report of thieves able to hack their way into a car using a device that accessed a fob nearby, perhaps in the home. Officer King stated he didn't know a lot about that technology but that all cars/fobs were different. He recommended calling the dealership and finding out the operational distance for that particular model car/fob. Powers pointed out that with the advent of so many technology-driven conveniences in new vehicles it was just a matter of time before hackers figure out ways to circumvent security measures, that the best thing to do was to avoid leaving valuables in the car. Officer King added his recommendation that if in doubt, take the fob with you or leave it as far away from the car as possible. A resident reported seeing camera footage of individuals going down the street lifting door handles. Officer King encouraged people to report these incidents, share the video with the police - and to request additional patrols for that street.

A resident reported problems with individuals going the wrong way down 32<sup>nd</sup> St. Officer King said that anyone who had problems like this to call the precinct with the location and he would begin writing tickets there. Officer King asked when it

typically occurred, the resident replied it was primarily people coming home after work - but for the apartment dwellers, there was going/coming all through the day. Powers suggested it'd only take an officer sitting there one time for 2 hours writing tickets before people got the message. She pointed out that this was a good reason to come to meetings, that if you were having issues you could share them directly with Officer King and get 'action'. She emphasized how lucky Highland Park was to have Officer King on patrol.

A resident asked a question about an incident at Highland and 30<sup>th</sup> where someone walking a dog allowed it to go to the bathroom in a resident's yard. Reportedly when the resident said something to the dog walker, the walker pulled a gun. Officer King talked above the ensuing *hubbub* and shared this was an isolated incident, that they had saturated the area with officers and did not find the man. Responding to further questions, Officer King shared that the offense was considered 'menacing' and in the state of Alabama, was considered a misdemeanor - that the individual could be arrested if the 'victim' filled out a warrant or if a police officer witnessed it occurring. He emphasized the isolated nature of this occurrence and encouraged residents not to 'freak out'. A new resident asked about crime in the neighborhood, whether it was gang based. Jones, Powers and Officer King replied there wasn't gang crime present in Highland Park, that any recent gun-related incidents were generally domestic in nature. A shooting at 31<sup>st</sup> and Clairmont was referenced, Officer King confirmed that was domestic. He stated Highland Park's primary crime issue was 'property crimes' with a periodic robbery from time to time, emphasizing to the new resident that she lived in a good area. Jones asked if the city had one of those portable 'speed signs' that detected/displayed vehicle speeds, that it might be a good idea to use one of those on the 31<sup>st</sup> right of way to make drivers more aware of their speeds. Officer King suggested checking with Mr. Fowler with Traffic and Engineering. Alison Glascock pointed out that the property between the sidewalk and street is city property and residents cannot cut down a tree if it's on that piece of property. She shared that Randal Smith, the city's urban forester, handles all issues related to trees. She added residents also cannot plant trees in that right of way without getting permission. Jones added that lately the neighborhood had been successful working with the city to remove dangerous trees in the right of way.

### **Beautification Committee Update/Ray Davis**

Ray Davis asked first if the Spending Committee had approved the \$1500 for purchase of trees and Powers confirmed this. Davis reported that the neighborhood would be using these monies along with other previously approved funds to purchase 20-22 trees over the next couple of months. He said they'd be planted somewhere in the November-February time frame. Davis said he had met with Randal Smith and Danita Ryan with the city and that both were very cooperative

and on board with the pending projects in Highland Park. He said they'd be planting a combination of oak, Japanese maple and ginkgo trees. Davis replied to various questions saying the trees would be planted primarily along Highland but also in the parks; that the trees purchased would be about 8-10 feet tall and that the ginkgo trees would be male. Powers stated that the Spending Committee has recommended that an additional \$1500 be added to the \$3100 unspent funds approved last year for tree purchase. She asked if anyone wanted to make a motion on this. Anne Sunkel moved that the \$1500 in additional funds be approved. Joe Watts seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Powers thanked Davis for all the work he and his committee were doing to make this happen. He was asked if they would need help planting the trees, he said the city was handling all the planting. He shared that they actually have a former city urban forester on the Beautification Committee and that has made everything a lot easier. Alison Glascock asked which parks the trees would go into, Davis replied they had targeted Caldwell because it has lost a number of large trees. Glascock asked about the location within the park, Davis replied they would be primarily placed along the edges where trees had been lost.

Davis announced something he felt was actually bigger, more important, than the tree planting, that September 21, a Saturday, was National Clean-Up Day. He said that in conjunction with the national event, they were scheduling a Highland Park Neighborhood Clean Up Day. He said they had started planning but had already importantly learned the Alabama football game that day was at noon and the Auburn game later in the afternoon - and as such, they would be scheduling the cleanup for 9 - 11 am that morning so volunteers would be finished in time for the games. Davis said that the number one priority would be litter, that they'd be working from the overpass by Freddy's all the way to Clairmont and picking up every piece of litter, large and small. He said one area they planned to give particular attention to is the overgrown area across from Freddy's. Davis said they'd also be coordinating with the FIDO folks and their 'picker-uppers' to remove the poop also. He said they'd also be focusing on dead and broken limbs that have fallen as well as clipping what low-hanging dead limbs they could. Davis added that Randal Smith had asked them to identify larger, harder to get to dead limbs and that the city would try to get to them in support of our efforts. He said the city was providing us with garbage bags, that they were pleased we were taking the initiative to execute projects like these.

Davis reported also having talked to Randal Smith about stumps, that they've identified quite a few in the neighborhood. He shared many of these can be cut/ground - but that some can't because of the median height they wouldn't be able to get the equipment to them. He said that as they scheduled these they'd need

assistance/cooperation from residents to block off the parking areas so the city can get to the stumps.

Jones spoke of participating in FIDO de-poop events as well as several de-litter events scheduled by FIDO after DoDah Day. She said one of the problems was broken glass. She suggested that perhaps the group de-littering in the morning might take a cue from FIDO and flag the areas that have broken glass. Then there could be a second shift (for people who didn't watch football) to come back through that afternoon with brooms, dustpans and boxes to sweep up the glass - and that she would be the first volunteer for that effort if they did it. Davis said they'd be publicizing the event in a few weeks as plans came together, for residents to watch for related emails and Nextdoor/Facebook posts.

Davis mentioned 'weed control'. He said if you look at Highland Avenue, even if they've just got grass, you get a good shower and the weeds are back up in no time. He said the committee would be identifying some areas for additional attention. He reported speaking with Teddy Kapera and learned the city does treat areas pre-emergence, twice a year, once in fall and once in early spring, that they were not going to put out any 'killer' during growth season. Davis also confirmed the city does not use 'Round-Up'. Davis said over time they really hope to everyone participating and get this neighborhood in great shape. He mentioned the World Games were coming in a year or so and they wanted to show off our neighborhood.

### **Highland Park Bird Presentation/Joe Watts**

Powers introduced Joe Watts as a recent past president of Birmingham Audubon and current Board Member of the National Audubon Society. She also shared that for quite some time now he had been maintaining, updating and hosting our Highland Park Neighborhood web page - and that for years, he had done this with his own time and money. She added that the neighborhood hoped soon to be able to fund the hosting costs and thanked him for his many contributions to Highland Park. Watts said he loves the neighborhood, that he and his wife haven't been here as long as some folks but that they had been here since 1991. He said one of the things he loves about the neighborhood is - birds! And that Highland Park has a lot of them!

Watts began his presentation with photos of birds that can be seen in Birmingham and Highland Park, saying that most of the photos were taken in his yard. Bird photos included: Brown Headed Cowbird, Northern Cardinal, Cedar Waxwing, Cooper's Hawk, Downy Woodpecker, Common Grackle, Eastern Wood Pewee, Eastern Phoebe, Gold Finch, House Finch, Hummingbird, Northern Mockingbird, Northern Flicker (called Yellowhammer in Alabama - and is the state bird), Red Bellied Woodpecker, Red Headed Woodpecker, Red Winged Blackbird, Eastern Towhee, Tennessee Warblers, White Breasted Nut Hatch, White Throated Sparrow,

Yellow Warbler, American Avocet (which was a very unexpected surprise sighting in the golf course), and Barn Owl.

Watts shared a story about Birmingham's urban foresters and a tree removal, relating that a tree next to their house had long had woodpeckers in it. He said the tree died and when the city finally came to remove it, he pointed out the woodpecker hole in the tree. He told them he was pretty sure the birds had gone but he wondered if they could be sure about that when they started working on the tree. He said the foresters cut that chunk of tree out and eased it slowly to the ground and they all looked in it together to confirm the woodpeckers had indeed gone.

Watts showed the group a map of the Mississippi Flyway that showed the migratory routes of birds flying to and from their destinations through our area. He said the map really illustrates how important Alabama is to bird migration and said there are 430 species of birds that have been seen in Alabama. He said it was amazing how far these tiny little birds fly every year.

Watts shared some tips to enhance Highland Park back yard birding. He said to put out a bird feeder, that it is super fun to watch them. He mentioned that it is important to keep bird feeders clean. He had a number of recommendations to enhance the birding experience: 1) getting a field guide, either printed or something for your phone; 2) getting a pair of binoculars; 3) Listening to birds and learning two 'local' bird songs; 4) Add a water feature in your backyard, a bird bath is really great; 5) Plant native species (he added that as pretty as Nandina and its red berries are, cut them before the red berries appear because they are poisonous to birds; birds eat them because they look like holly berries which the birds love); 6) Provide water for the birds; 7) If possible, keep your cats inside because they are surprisingly effective at eating birds (climate change is the number 1 danger to birds, cats are a close second) 8) If you have large windows, get something to put on your windows so that birds don't run into the windows, 9) consider getting Audubon's free app from Audubon (it has bird songs, pictures of birds, etc) - or the free app by Cornell University called Merlin; 10) look out the window more; 11) add moving water to your yard; 12) Watch the chimney swifts at various locations in the city right now; 13) When you feed hummingbirds, don't put red dye in the water - use just one part sugar, four parts water, the dye is not good for the birds, the red color is not required.

Jones offered that one thing she did as a youngster early on was keep a 'bird list' of the various species she observed, that it made it additionally interesting and fun (and competitive! - for kids, and Watts added, for birders!) to watch over time and add 'birds' to the list.

A question was asked about whether woodpeckers could potentially do damage to a house. Watts replied that generally woodpeckers wouldn't do damage to a house that didn't already have some damage to them. He said they are typically drumming on the wood or a piece of metal to 'tell the ladies they are available'. He said they typically get interested in one particular place in a house, that you can cover it with something that is 'non-peckable' or anything that will distract them from it. He shared that most of the birds you see in Alabama are covered by the Migratory Bird Treaty Act of 1918. He said before this people hunted birds almost to extinction, many were hunted because they had beautiful plumes, they were plume hunters for ladies hats.

Watts was asked that if it was a federal crime to do harm to woodpeckers, what one could do if they were being pests. Watts replied that usually you could do something like put something up that would scare them off, for example pie plates; or temporarily cover up the spot they are attacking. The uniformed gentleman asking what to do about woodpeckers shared that the police had at one point gotten a call from someone complaining about the woodpeckers and their noisemaking - and that he was seriously asking what to do about them. Powers asked him to introduce himself - and it was Captain Raymond Cochran, the new Commander of the Southside Precinct since the first part of June. Captain Cochran added that he was finding the information being presented very helpful and said with a chuckle that the group would be surprised the kind of calls the police get. He said he had been 'policing' for 32 years, that his experience had included Tactical Swat Team for a number of years, was promoted to the North Precinct, Community Service (which included community development), promoted to Lieutenant, went back to Tactical then to West Precinct as Commander, went to Vice and Narcotics, and made Captain and was now was at South Precinct. He told the group he was and would be very attuned to their issues and problems. He said he planned to attend all of the neighborhood meetings he could. He observed that we were about to get into time when it got darker earlier and the time would change, that he wanted to strongly emphasize the importance in, when on the street, paying attention and walking in pairs when possible.

Powers asked Cochran about a checkpoint on Highland within the past week, that she thought it was good for residents to understand what the checkpoints were and what they were trying to accomplish. Cochran replied that the primary purpose for the checkpoints were to deter crime or speeders or drunk drivers, that the checkpoints let people know that the police were in the area, present. He explained the goal was not to write tickets, the goal was to make a positive difference in the neighborhood, to be present, to project presence. He said, at checkpoints, they would check for license, insurance and registration - and generally, compliance with the rules of the road. He said he thought it was good, for example, that people

partying in the Lakeview district realized there was a possibility of a checkpoint in the Highland Park Neighborhood.

Cochran was asked for his contact information. He shared his phone number was 205-254-2793 and his email was [Raymond.Cochran@BirminghamAL.gov](mailto:Raymond.Cochran@BirminghamAL.gov)

Cochran said he was appreciative of being at the meeting, hearing the information that was shared, for example, about the woodpecker noise complaint. Watts said - you can tell him it's a Federal crime to hurt the bird!

Cochran added - he spent time in the military, saying he had a general once who told him 'you are only as strong as the people who hold you up'. Cochran said - if you hold me up, I will be that strong for you. The group gave a strong round of applause for Captain Cochran.

Powers asked if there were any other questions for Watts. A resident asked about a roof-top viewing he recalled for chimney swifts downtown. Watts replied there were a number of consistent viewing spots around town but that the Audubon Society would have an event on October 4, perhaps to have dinner at the Pizitz Food Hall and then go to a nearby parking deck to view perhaps 1000 swifts that fly into that chimney tower all within a 20 minute period. Birmingham Audubon calls those 'swift-nados'.

The group gave Watts an appreciative applause for his presentation and long time service to Highland Park.

### **Public Works Update/Tammie Wheeler**

Powers introduced Highland Park's Code Enforcement Officer and Public Works representative Tammie Wheeler. Wheeler apologized for being late explaining she had several meetings on our Tuesday meeting nights. She said her primary responsibilities related to inoperable vehicles and overgrowth on properties but that she did take other related concerns to the appropriate individuals/departments within the city. She said her director was Walter Gibbins and that he had spent time in the military and as a result was a hands on manager who often visits complaint sites himself, that believes in accountability and was straight forward in his dealings with people and situations.

Alison Glascock asked if there was anything to be done about people in her alley putting bottles in her recycling bin. Wheeler said maybe it was someone passing by and doing that instead of littering. Anne Sunkel said that perhaps it was a new resident who didn't realize yet that the city didn't recycle glass. Jones said she'd put a sign on the bin.

Powers encouraged residents with public works related issues to report them to the neighborhood's email address: [HighlandParkNeighborhoodAL@gmail.com](mailto:HighlandParkNeighborhoodAL@gmail.com).

### **City Council Update/President Valerie Abbott**

Powers introduced City Council President Valerie Abbott. Abbott said it was good to see everyone this evening. She reported the City Council had, that day, approved a \$9 million street paving project, a small amount of which would be completed in District 3 in the first phase. She encouraged everyone to turn in the streets in Highland Park that they feel need paving. Abbott said they would send people out to evaluate the streets/blocks submitted but would otherwise not ride through the city streets to identify paving needs. Jones asked how someone would submit a street, Abbott replied you could call 311, email 311 or email her office and they would forward the request. She said regardless of how communicated, the request must include the street name and the cross streets between which the paving should occur. She emphasized this \$9 million was good news, that it was more than last year and in fact more than we've had in the last few years outside of a bond issue. She added that the city would likely not be running out to do another bond issue given that our credit rating had been downgraded. Abbott was asked why the city's credit was downgraded, she replied it was because of unfunded pension plan mandates that we have not met. She said the city hasn't fully funded its pension plan since Mayor Kincaid was mayor. She said when Mayor Woodfin came into office he spent time evaluating city processes and they discovered the pension fund was a train wreck. She said the city had contributed \$3 million extra into the pension plan with this budget cycle and that she expected we would continue doing that for the foreseeable future. She said the problem wasn't unusual, that there were many cities with pension plan problems, in the same way that many businesses, corporations and industries were known to have issues fully funding their pension plans. Powers asked a question about what streets were set to be paved in District 3, Abbott responded that the green streets on the city's website were in line to be paved with this year's money. She said the red streets had been turned in but were not included in the next phase of paving. She said it was a good idea, if you wanted to turn in a street to be paved, to first visit this map and see if it is already on the list; if it's not red or green, it's not been turned in.

Abbott said another topic that came up today was 'enforcement'; the city gets a lot of complaints about excessively neglected homes in otherwise nice neighborhoods. She said the mayor had looked at all the enforcement activities in city government and found there was enforcement in Community Development, enforcement in PEP, enforcement in Public Works, etc. As a result of this review, they have gathered all the enforcement people together so that they can better work and communicate with each other instead of existing in their own respective silos. She said, for example, if a housing guy goes to look at a place and discovers it's a zoning violation,



he can communicate with the zoning guy directly. Abbott shared there were 16 zoning inspectors in various departments and 6 housing inspectors for a total of 22 inspectors who are now coordinating together to try and get some of these slumlords and irresponsible property owners to be responsible. She said in most neighborhoods there were derelict properties but the neighbors didn't want them torn down, they usually just want them fixed so they aren't eyesores. She added that when Highland Park sends issues to Tammie Wheeler, if it isn't her issue she can now send it directly on to the proper individual. She shared that the City Council wasn't involved with in this decision or the process but they've asked the mayor to keep them informed. She said she feels this is a brilliant idea and has potential for making a significantly positive impact in our neighborhoods. Abbott briefly discussed department heads and complimented both Walt Gibbins, the Department of Public Works Head that Tammie Wheeler had talked about earlier, and James Fowler with Traffic & Engineering, who she says "knows how to say yes!" She said they had discussed today a speed hump out in the eastern section, somewhere in District 1. She said previously when they had discussed speed humps/bumps they had always been told no because it reportedly 'violated tenets of the Federal Uniform Traffic Code'. She said Mr. Fowler said that wasn't true. She said one had been installed on Carlisle Road in Redmont Park and the second one will be in District 1. She added they are made out of some kind of plastic composite rubber material and can be put down and later moved if there's a problem. She said there is a lot of local interest in the speed humps but that installation would require a decision process that involved the fire department and police in case they used the requested street as a frequent cut through. She said they had turned in 3 locations in Glen Iris and the answer had been 'no' because of frequent use by police/fire. She said there will be a process defined for requesting the speed bumps and the neighborhoods could request one and subsequently fund the locations, adding she thought they were somewhere around \$8,000 in cost.

A resident asked Abbott for a clarification, that the \$9 million was just for street paving and not sidewalks. She said 'correct', adding it also didn't include alleys. Abbott said there had been many requests for alley paving but the thought was to do the streets first then come back to the alleys. She stated that the city would certainly come patch bad spots in alleys if requested. The resident said there were spots in sidewalks where the pavement actually moved/shifted, that she felt this dangerous. Abbott told her she could certainly report those locations using 311, that they would need the exact street address where the problem was. Abbott mentioned they were working with Public Works now to fix sidewalks without cutting away the roots of trees to keep the trees from dying. She said someone who had recently retired had been very good and creative about trying to do this.

A resident asked who to call with a question related to a zoning/building violation. Abbott said 311 was the only centralized number she was aware that the city had and that it was her understanding that you could call anything in there and they would route it to the correct department. Powers encouraged him to email Elizabeth Sanfelippo, that she was a good resource on where to go, contacts and such. The resident stated this location was attempting change the property from single to multi family dwelling. Abbott encouraged him to still call 311 and get it into their records. She and Powers both emphasized recent improvements in 311, Abbott went on to say part of the problem had been the installation of temporary software that had been intended to be used for six month and that was ten years ago.

Jones asked Abbott about a new development going in on Arlington in Redmont that there appeared to be some controversy about. Abbott said it was to be a new development on the Bayer property site where there was now a two story office building; that the developer wants to demolish the existing building and build two 10-story buildings on the site, one being a hotel and the other being an office building with condominiums. She said people are concerned especially because of the recent 17 story Harbert development nearby. She confirmed that the 17 story building resides in the Five Points neighborhood and this proposed 10 story development would reside in the Redmont neighborhood. She said the developer, David Silverstein, asked her after the last Redmont meeting what she thought about it and she shared with him that she considered it entirely out of scale for the neighborhood. Jones asked if there was anything that Highland Park could do, since it was so nearby, would obviously affect our traffic also. Abbott said it was always good to let your opinions be known, individually and as a community. She said she felt like Five Points South would also be involved.

A resident asked about the plans for the now closed tennis facility there at the Golf Course. Park and Recreation Board is independent, they are a creation of the state legislature. Abbott said it is very difficult to find out what they are up to. It is not a city department even though the city provides all the funding. Abbott said she had understood that the previous tenants had not been meeting the tenets of their contract so they got the 'boot'. She said there were people there who were able to take fees and allow folks to play tennis but that was about it. The resident said he was concerned about the deterioration of the courts. Abbott encouraged anyone concerned about this to communicate that to the Mayor's office. She explained that all the people who work at Parks & Rec are city employees but the Park & Recreation Board controls what Park and Recreation does. Powers asked if the members of the Parks and Recreation Board were appointed by the Mayor, Abbott replied that they were appointed by the City Council but that she wasn't sure how effective it would be to complain to City Council. But, she added, if the mayor

withheld funding, that would likely be more effective. She said a citizen outcry would usually be heard, citing the Glen Iris neighborhood success in fighting off the Major League Baseball development in George Ward Park that had the support of Parks and Recreation.

Abbott was asked how to get on the list for a speed bump, she said to contact Traffic & Engineering, that there was a big long process that she thought included a request form for the neighborhood to fill out. She said this was all pretty new, that she had not yet seen the form. She reiterated that the City Council wouldn't have anything to do with the process, she understood it to be all between Traffic & Engineering, the Police Department and the Fire Department.

Powers noted that Jasmine Allen had been on the agenda to discuss the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Halloween Trail in Highland Park but that she was not in attendance.

Powers asked for any items of old business. Alison Glascock shared that the restaurant 'Eats' would be opening on August 27. She said she wasn't sure about the menu or hours but as soon as she found out, she would share it so that the news could be distributed to the whole neighborhood.

Ray Davis reported there was at least some work being done on the Sister Houses, at least on the middle one. Another resident reported the landscaping that had been done at the Enslin House next door. Further discussion indicated the property had a new owner, that the previous tenant had purchased the property and was busy making improvements.

A resident restated his concern about the property at 1310 32<sup>nd</sup> St South, and the construction going on there, wanting to be sure that this information specifically gets into the meeting records. Discussion indicated a development project at this address may have been shut down once, that it may have gone back on the market and another owner or developer involved. Powers said she would also speak to him after the meeting.

A question was asked about Airbnb and whether it had any relationship to the neighborhood. Powers replied Airbnb currently exists in Birmingham, that people can rent their places out on Airbnb, that the only way that can change would be if the City Council passed related laws or ordinances to limit their activity in our city.

### **Miscellaneous Announcements**

Public meetings on MAX Transit proposed fare and route changes are taking place through August. The meetings are: 8/14/19 3 pm Central Station (Morris Ave);

8/14/19 at 6 pm Hooper City Rec Center; 8/15/19 at 5 pm Woodlawn Library  
8/16/19 at 10 am Pinson Valley Rec Center.

Powers announced the next Brush and Trash pickup was Thursday August 15. She reminded residents to separate piles between furniture items and bagged leaves, brush and mulchable materials.

Powers noted that Maria Fortune, who is running for judge and was on tonight's agenda, was not in attendance tonight.

Powers announced that the next neighborhood meeting would be Tuesday Sept 10 at 6 pm, Golf Course. The October meeting will be at 6pm at Episcopal Place due to voting taking place here at the Golf Course.

Jones announced they would not be doing the monthly Compassion Speaker Series for August but would pick back up in September with speakers from the Crisis Center to share about their brand of Compassion. She said in October a well known Birmingham gerontologist, Dr. Andy Duxbury, would be the speaker. These events will be the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of September and October at 3 pm at the Clubhouse on Highland.

Alison Glascock asked everyone present to please make note of the proposed changes gutting the Endangered Species Act. She encouraged everyone to submit feedback and make comments on the proposals where ever possible.

**Adjournment:** With no further business the meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:00 PM.

Next meeting will be Tuesday, September 9, 2019 at 6 pm upstairs at Highland Golf Clubhouse.

Respectfully Submitted,

Judy Jones

Secretary, Highland Park Neighborhood Association