March 4, 2021 - HPCC Board Meeting

Attendees: Stephanie, Howard, Bob, Jim H., Justin, Becky, Jim B., Kathleen, Sabrina, Betsy, Mac
Absent: Judy, MaryBeth

Board Business

● Since our last meeting:
  ○ On Feb 15, via email, Stephanie Walsh nominated two individuals to join the board to fill interim positions: Becky Marinov & Kathleen Paola
  ○ The board voted via email between Feb 15 and 19 and approved their appointments unanimously.

● Vote to approve last month’s meeting minutes
  ○ Moved to approve by Howard; 2nded by Justin
  ○ Passed unanimously

● Funding for Casa Brasil for use of electricity
  ○ $100
  ○ Moved by Justin, 2nded by Mac
  ○ Passed unanimously

Updates

● **Welcome to Highland Park Sign**
  ○ 2019 2-vehicle accident destroyed the sign at Highland and Stanton
  ○ Howard submitted insurance claim & they paid $3000 toward replacing sign
  ○ Howard is working with company that made sign to replace it - getting quote to include installation
  ○ Sign was on Seminary property; that property has since been sold; new owner is favorably disposed to allowing sign there but would like to see the old agreement
  ○ Howard will reach out to former HPCC President Moncia Watt to see if she has a copy
  ○ Not sure if there had been plantings there before; could coordinate w/ property owner

● **March Community Meeting**: Covid Speakers
  ○ 2 - 3 speakers from UPMC to talk about Covid testing, vaccines, etc.

● **March Activities**
  ○ Trivia night (Sabrina)
    ■ Two options:
● DJ who does trivia night for $100; no real literature; Sabrina knows him
● $250 for up to 50 people; business that runs trivia night; local but Sabrina doesn’t know them
  ■ There are free online trivia where we come up with questions
  ■ Howard & Randy Walsh will do trivia questions
  ■ Vote to spend up to $100 for prizes; will come back if need more to cover platform
    ● Moved by Justin
    ● Seconded by Sabrina
    ● Passed unanimously

■ Plan for April
  ○ Virtual bingo (Betsy)
    ■ Found online bingo system - free for 30 or under, then $10 if more
    ■ Would have to figure out prizes
    ■ Can customize or they can do the calling for us
    ■ Perhaps have 4 prizes - $25 gift cards from Bryant St businesses
    ■ Vote to spend $110 on bingo night:
      ● Moved by Howard
      ● Seconded by Sabrina
      ● Passed unanimously
      ● Schedule for late March if it makes sense
      ● Another board member can run

● Membership Committee
  ○ Postcards & membership update
    ■ May want to ask people for permission to use photo at events
  ○ New Welcome Bag person

● March 23rd - Final Community Meeting on Super Playground
  ○ Committee will get update on March 15
  ○ Sabrina will send Stephanie flier for meeting to post

● Mik Pappas & Visions of Justice mural project

● PPS School Closing proposal
  ○ Met with Fulton PTA reps
  ○ Agreed to put information on what’s happening and how to engage on website
  ○ When there is a more definitive proposal, HPCC may want to take a position

● Parklet
  ○ LOA expires end of March - CDC will let us renew for 6 months
  ○ Parklet maintenance committee
    ■ Electric lights removed (solar lights on small trees can stay)
- Howard has boxes
  - Kathleen will try to take them down
  - Spring clean up - May?
  - Girl Scout troop volunteered to help
    - Long-term:
      - URA willing to do some debt forgiveness to help us afford the lot - asked for a proposal
        - Need to talk w/ CDC to get agreement on what they would sell it for
        - Then need to find out how much debt forgiveness URA would provide
        - Decide how much HPCC money to contribute
        - Then need to think about what we want to invest re: site improvements & if we want to roll that into fundraising
        - Fund raise the rest over x number of years
          - Neighbors
          - Businesses
          - Foundations
          - City
          - Federal funds
          - Another house tour
      - Would need to decide whether HPCC retains ownership or find a conservator that would hold possession and the HPCC would maintain and manage
      - If fundraising goes better than expected, can reduce HPCC contribution

Brain storm of possible events

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Board Elections

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Community Mtg Ideas
- Trivia Night - Sabrina to do some research
- Virtual Bingo - Betsy will find out format
- Game night
- Something health/Covid - about vaccines maybe? Howard will ask around at School of Public Health or County Dept of Health - Dr. on Bryant Street (Natalie) part of a group of independent doctors trying to get vaccine; what’s the local process going to be, why you should get it *(scheduled for March)*
- Deb Gross - city update, Covid *(attended Community Meeting in Jan)*
- Someone from Parks Conservancy - stone bridge project, update on how new funding will be implemented
- Museum - talk about online offerings - Mac has contacts - he’ll reach out

Event Ideas
- Yard Sale late summer - Bob will talk to Jake about possibility
- Virtual yard sale - space where everyone can view everyone’s galleries; already have HP Area Online Yard Sale
- Indoor scavenger hunt
- Neighborhood scavenger hunt
- Snow decorating contest - would have to launch on the fly, but we could let people know so they can plan and prepare for the next big snow
- Things to do in the neighborhood BINGO
- Neighborhood read - choose a book everyone reads - could set up discussion or night or add it to a community meeting
- “You’ve been Q’d” (quarantined - a play on “You’ve been Booed!”)