HPCC Community Meeting - February 17, 2022

Called to order at 7:02 pm by Stephanie Walsh

Zone 5 update - Officer Jeffrey Crawford

- Since January, there have been 5 thefts from vehicles, 3 thefts of vehicles, 2 aggravated assaults, 1 burglary, 1 robbery
- The aggravated assaults involved individuals who knew each other; the individuals responsible have been arrested and/or there are warrants out for their arrest
- The burglary was on Lake Drive; a maintenance shed was broken into and tools were taken
- Officer Crawford is in charge of abandoned vehicles now; if you see an abandoned vehicle, call 311 or call the station and leave a message for Officer Crawford with the make, plate number, and address

HPCC Update

- Playground update
  - Info and updates are available on the Engage Pgh site: [https://engage.pittsburghpa.gov/highland-park-super-playground](https://engage.pittsburghpa.gov/highland-park-super-playground)
  - They expect to break ground by March 1, so playground will close before that
  - We are tentatively planning on opening event the weekend of June 4
  - The Pittsburgh Parks Conservancy (PPC) is fundraising for trees: [www.pittsburghparks.org/superplayground](http://www.pittsburghparks.org/superplayground)
  - We will have a call for photos - particularly then and now photos - so go get your photos now before the playground closes for good!
  - We received 65 submissions for mosaic ideas. We will share the results soon & will be working with the Pittsburgh Glass Center to develop and install them

- Yard Sale
  - Will be happening this year on June 5
  - Info on how to sign up will come out in April
  - Thank you to long-time organizer Jake Pawlak and new volunteer Jason Griess; HPCC events and work is conducted by volunteers - we can’t do it without you!

Magistrate Mik Pappas

- Provided video tour of his new office & court on 5811 Bryant Street
- At some point, he will host an in-person open house
- The space incorporates trauma-influenced design theory, and is also designed so that it can be used for public events

Highland Park Historic Stone Bridge Restoration

- Presentation by:
  - Cas Pellegrini, DPW
  - Adam McCullough, D'Appolonia Engineering
Mark DiPasquale, DPW, Project Manager

- Info and updates are available on the Engage Pgh site, including the slides shared during the meeting and the traffic plan: https://engage.pittsburghpa.gov/highland-park-pedestrian-tunnel
- The project started in 2018 when dangerous parts were removed and stored on site
- Phase 1: Site Prep
  - Site prep is underway and should be done by end of March if not sooner
  - Reservoir Drive will stay open until Phase 2 starts
- Phase 2: Reassembly
  - Once project is awarded, will begin construction (likely in April)
  - Anticipating 8-9 months of construction during which time, Reservoir Drive will mostly be closed
  - Plans were modified after public input to:
    - Removed planned jersey barriers and instead install more aesthetically pleasing wrought iron railings
    - Put in a temporary trail between Reservoir Drive & the Ginkgo Trail so that pedestrians and bikes can complete the loop
  - Around the bridge will be completely closed
  - Most of road will be closed except to the contractors for the bridge and playground projects, DPW, and PWSA
  - The road will be open to the public from the park entrance to Connecting Drive
  - The small parking lot across from the intersection of Reservoir Drive and Connecting Drive will be open for accessible parking
  - In addition to restoring the bridge, the project includes new infrastructure to address stormwater management, too
- Follow-up needed:
  - Need coordination meeting b/c contractors for bridge and playground projects
  - Meeting between HPCC, HPCDC, DPW and bridge contractors re: barricades and signage for road closure (signage is part of DPW contract)
  - Reach out to Andrea Ketzel (PW) about possible repairs of trails in that part of the park

Meeting ended 8:20 pm