Jan 2022 HPCC Board Meeting
Jan 13, 2022

In attendance:
- Stephanie Walsh
- Howard Degenholz
- Judy Beck
- Becky Marinov
- Bill Reier
- Bob Staresenic
- Jim Blakeley
- Jim Holtzman
- Justin Bhagat
- Sabrina Culyba

5G towers (Stephanie)
- The noisy ones in Highland Park are not working correctly and are being replaced
- DOMI identified the following locations for replacement:
  - 2227 Los Angeles Ave
  - 207 S Aiken Ave
  - 5556 Wellesley Ave
  - 5550 Dunmoyle St
  - 6101 Jackson St
  - 944 N Sheridan
  - 901 Mellon St
  - 5501 Avondale St

Healthy Rides Bicycle update (Stephanie & Justin)
- City is adopting a new system
- Highland Park will be losing all of its current stations initially
- Justin applied for the HPCC to distribute refurbished bikes
  - HPPC would get 15 if our application is approved.
  - Would have to come up with a plan - maybe give them away at the Spring Fling

Traffic Study update (Justin)
- Justin said the City told him to have people complain & if you complain enough, you'll get a traffic study
- Re: Stanton - the connector roads are the hardest to do because they are used by buses and emergency vehicles so they can't put speed bumps out there
- Stanton and Highland have been upped on the list for high visibility crosswalks

Super Playground update (Sabrina)
- Current condition
A community member reached out and said they were nervous about the condition of the equipment - specifically too slippery and a place where something was removed and could be a falling hazard.

Sabrina spoke with the city and they said they’d send someone to inspect it.

- **Schedule**
  - Planning on breaking ground in February
  - Final bids should be complete this week
  - Equipment should be arriving in time for the playground to open Memorial Day weekend
  - The City is in the process of getting final approvals

- **Trees**
  - The City has spent more money than planned for
  - Amount of shortfall depends on bids
  - Andrea at City asked PPC about fundraising to pay for trees
  - PPC is creating a fundraising form where people can donate $500 to sponsor a tree
  - 43 trees are needed; 4 are paid for already with generic donations
  - There is some RAD funding that they might be able to use
  - Also asked PPC about maintaining other beds at the playground
  - Ask James at PPC if people can donate to the fund but less than $500

- **Vote to support the PCC doing tree fundraising:**
  - Moved by Stephanie
  - Seconded by Judy
  - Ayes = unanimous
  - Abstentions = 0
  - Vote passed as moved..

Membership postcard (Sabrina)
- Send Sabrina photos of events to include in this year’s version.
  - Will need permission to share with all photos.

Hate Crime follow-up
- HPCC/HP’s response mentioned in Jewish Federation newsletter
- Family decided not to move from Highland Park
- Upcoming newsletter articles (Stephanie & Judy)
- Article about shooting death of former HP resident & GoFund me campaign
  - Ceasare Pampena
  - Hello Neighbor
  - Casa San Jose
  - East End Cooperative Ministry
  - Union Project
  - Vintage

Age Friendly Neighborhood grant
This initiative will rally advocates around an age-friendly vision for your neighborhood. It will support existing neighborhood projects and dream up new ones with residents of all ages. Examples of this work may include community conversations, tech workshops, job training projects, and advocacy for safer streets. We'll amplify older adult voices through creative storytelling (photo/videography, social media, intergenerational events), in partnership with Lively Pittsburgh.

January HPCC Community Meeting (Stephanie)
- PublicSource presentation
- PWSA - Bruecken Pump Station which is at the end of Washington Boulevard by the river
  - Required Public Meeting

February
- Mik Pappas, the new District Justice office/court is up and running
  - The mural is in place
  - He will present a virtual tour of the final product.

Goals for the year??
- In person meetings?
- No house tour
- Ribbon cutting for Super Playground - maybe Memorial Day weekend - could be done in combination with Spring Fling
- Community days to work on playground
- Yard sale - June? Jake is now Mayor Gainey’s Chief of Staff - -
  - also, Bryant St Festival? Don’t know if city will provide funding