Called to order at 7 P.M. by Stephanie Walsh

Opening Remarks - Stephanie Walsh

Since moving to Zoom meetings, our average meeting attendance has increased which hopefully is at least as much about people being excited and interested in the content we provide as about them having nothing else to do b/c of COVID.

Tonight we have >50 registrants which is more than usual which I believe is a reflection of everyone’s concern about the war in Ukraine. Since the last time we met, Russia invaded Ukraine and we’ve all been following the news in shock and grief and confusion. We’re lucky to have our 2nd guest speaker tonight who will help provide some context beyond what we get from the news and hopefully help us as we try to process what’s been happening.

Unlike our usual meetings, we are going to record this one and hopefully post it because we know there’s so much interest.

With that, I’d like to get us started - - -

Zone 5 Report - Commander Vinansky
- In the past 30 days:
  - 5 thefts from vehicles
  - 2 vehicle thefts
- Neighbors are strongly advised to keep their vehicles locked and porch lights lit.
- Zone 5 is stepping up enforcement along Stanton Ave. near Dilworth School and Highland Ave. near Obama
  - Focus is on illegal parking and speeding in school zones.

HPCC
- Yard Sale & Bryant Street Festival will be June 5
- The new Super Playground is now under construction
  - We’re still collecting pictures of the old playground; send them to HPCCSpecialProjects@gmail.com
- Work on the Historic Stone Bridge may be delayed
  - For concerns about the bridge or other city issues, call 3-1-1.

PWSA - Mora McLaughlin
● Water main and lead service line replacements in the southwest quadrant of Highland Park are starting

● See presentation slides and map: blue indicates water main replacements; green indicates lead service line replacements

Ukraine Conversation- Longtime Highland Park resident Mike Staresinic discussed Ukraine.

● Mike is an international development leader who hails from Highland Park. Mike has worked on 7 projects over the past 23 years on topics at the core of the current conflict: Ukraine’s desire for EU integration, democracy, human rights, and for the past 5 years, his City50 project on the future of cities in the Donbas region which butts-up against the contact line with Russian forces inside Ukraine. He gave a brief first-hand update of three cities under siege, then discussed other topics of interest to the community, such as Ukraine’s connections with Pittsburgh from 1878 to the present, what a new (fifth) wave of Ukrainians immigration might look like, and how people can help. Mike spent the last half of his time responding to questions.

● See Mike’s presentation which was posted

● Mike provided examples of three local charitable organizations that he knows are reputable that people may wish to support. Those organizations are:
  ○ Global Links: Shares surplus medical supplies with communities that lack resources. [https://globallinks.org/](https://globallinks.org/)
  ○ Hello Neighbor: Supports recently resettled refugee and immigrant families. [https://www.helloneighbor.io/](https://www.helloneighbor.io/)
  ○ Global Pittsburgh: Builds cultural, educational, & business relationships between the Greater Pittsburgh Region & the global community. [https://globalpittsburgh.org/](https://globalpittsburgh.org/)