

May HPCC Board Meeting - 5//8/2022

Attending:

Howard Degenholtz

Stephanie Walsh

Judy Beck

Mary Beth Van Fleet

Becky Marinov

Justin Bhagat

Kathleen Paola

Sabrina Culyba

Bob Staresinic

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

Agenda:

Vote to approve March 3, 2022 Board Meeting minutes:

- Moved by Stephanie Walsh
- Seconded by Judy Beck
- Aye = 9
- Nays = 0
- Abstentions = 3 (not present - (Jim Holtzman, Jim Blakey, Bill Reier)
- **Minutes approved.**

Old Business: Stephanie

Electronic vote on WordPress

- March 25: Stephanie emailed the board on behalf of the Newsletter Committee which recommended that we upgrade our Wordpress account.
 - a. Wordpress is what we use to manage content on the HPCC website (we being Kathleen, Nancy, and Sabrina).
 - b. Currently have been paying \$8 / month (\$96 / year) for a Premium Plan. The committee would like to upgrade to a Business Plan which would cost \$25 / month, an increase of \$17 / month (a new total of \$300 / year).
- Vote to approve the proposal.
 - a. Moved by Steohanie Walsh
 - b. Seconded by Judy Beck
 - c. Ayes: Stephanie, Becky, Judy, Sabrina, Marybeth, Howard, Bill, Jim B, Bob, Justin
 - d. No: zero votes
 - e. Abstain/did not vote: Jim H., Kathleen
- **Proposal approved by the Board.**

Board Updates: Stephanie

- Sabrina Culyba has accepted the open Board Vice President position.

- Congratulations to Sabrina and the HPCC Board! Sabrina is an amazing, enthusiastic and talented asset to the HPCC Board and community!
- Jason Griess has agreed to join one of two vacant positions on the Board.
 - He is also heading up the HPCC annual Yard Sale this year.
 - Jason is a new Highland Park resident and is a Community Organizer by profession.
 - Welcome, Jason!
- Another person has been recommended by a current Board member to fill the remaining Board vacancy.
 - Keep your fingers crossed.

Events: Stephanie

New posters will be reprinted for distribution and display in Bryant St. businesses to reflect all changes - Sabrina

- The Mosaic-making location has changed from the Park entrance to the Farmhouse porch.
 - There will be signage to redirect people at the Park entrance.
 - The newsletter will be updated accordingly..
 - Listserv updates will be sent.
- Yard Sale information and notifications will “go live’ this weekend online.
 - Sabrina will create stickers for Yard Sale signs that indicate the current date.
- Bryant Street Festival
 - Our Treasurer was made aware that our current Insurance Policy did not cover this event
 - The cost of the increase to cover the event is \$400.00 and has been paid.
 - The increase will be added to the budget.
- The Super Playground grand opening has been pushed back due to shipping/installation issues.
 - The opening now appears to be slated for mid to late August 2022.
 - Will keep you posted!
- The Spring Fling/Swing has morphed into the Highland Park Hullabaloo on June 23rd 4-8 P.M.
 - Party at the Rhododendron Pavilion in the Park
 - Free weenies, snacks, root beer tasting for kids, beer tasting for adults
 - Kids activities
 - Hourly raffle
 - Live music
 - Ideas for fundraising discussed - a 50/50 raffle, HP canvas bags, ornaments depicting playground mosaics for sale.
 - Stay tuned.
 - The budget will need to be revisited due to location change (pavillion rental) and the lack of playground co funding. (5/10/22 - See updated budget document.)
- Bryant Street Parklet clean-up 5/14/22 10 A.M.

- A beautiful new bench has been created and built by Mary Beth Van Fleet It will be installed in the Parklet.
- Mulch will be spread, weeds pulled, some new plantings put in.
- Seeking volunteers/donors.
- Free lunch!
- Printed Newsletter Mailing
 - Newsletter is now at the designers
 - After Committee approval, it will be sent to the printer next week.
 - It will then be sent out to all HPCC members.
 - Kudos to the Newsletter Committee - Stephanie Walsh, Bill Reier, Kathleen Paola, Sabrina Culyba, Nancy Gohring!

Budget Review: Howard

- Current assets are down due to the cost of the third 'Welcome to HP" sign (Capital cost)
- There is a lack of a "major" fundraiser currently; previously it was the House Tour.
 - Will need to replace with something (s) else in the long run if House Tours are not feasible.
- Parklet costs
 - We are in need of an electric hook up and a water spigot to more efficiently and thoughtfully care for the space.
 - Costs could prove to be prohibitive.
 - Currently we use Casa Basil's water and electricity and reimburse them.
 - Justin will research and report out.
 - Sabrina suggested and will research solar panels as a possibility.
 - A sustainable plan for the Parklet will be necessary going forward.
 - Sabrina will work on this with others over the next year.

PLEASE SEE HPCC PROPOSED BUDGET 2023 IN THE SHARED DRIVE.

Vote to Approve the 2022-2023 Proposed Budget (with recorded adjustments)

- Moved by Kathleen Paola
- Seconded by Mary Beth Van Fleet
- Ayes = Unanimous (9)
- Nays = 0
- Abstentions = 3 (not present)

Budget Proposal Approved by the Board.

May HPCC Meeting 5/19/22 7-8 P.M.

- Social event at the Bryant Street Parklet.
- Raffle of retired bikes with helmets.
- Food and drinks.
- Live music
- The mosaics chosen for the super Playground and the sign will be shown.

- Post cards will be sent out to all new HP neighbors informing them of the meeting and the HP Hullabaloo.

Firing Range Update Stephanie

- The new schedule was posted on the Listsrv
- Shooting sessions have resumed.
- There have been several complaints.
- The HPCC has never received, as promised, a copy of the City's sound study.
 - Could be because of the change in Administration.
 - We will follow up with the City on the report.
- There is the possibility of a news story regarding the shooting range in the near future.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 P.M. by Stephanie Walsh.