



## HPCC Community Meeting

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March 20, 2025

Zone 5 - Lt. Cunningham

HPCC Updates

80 for 80 Update - - 2025 marks our 80th anniversary as an organization

- Had Cheers to 80 Years - Wine Tasting Fundraiser on March 7 - -
- At top of the Highland Tower - SOLD OUT - - (PICTURE SLIDE SHOW)
- Great job to our planning team
  - Howard Degenholtz
  - Randy Walsh
  - Jack Brice
  - Elisa Lucke
  - Amanda Copeland
  - Beth Hutton
- ... and event volunteers, in addition to the rest of our board:
  - Kate Freed
  - Sonia Degenholtz
- ...and ...
  - Karen Toole of &flowers for the flowers
  - Caterer -
- In addition to lots of neighbors (Lucy, BJ, Ellen, Yael....) and HPCC members:
  - Mayor Ed Gainy & his COO Lisa Frank
  - Deb Gross, City Council
  - Catherine Quereshi, ED, PCC
  - Mary Mirrin, ED, Rivers of Steel
  - Jenn Torpie, Pgh Zoo & Aquarium
  - Lou & Kelley Iezzi
- Launched our initiative to raise \$80,000 - (SLIDE 1 - fundraiser)
  - We are almost entirely funded by membership, which covers some but not all of our costs.

- As many of you know, we've expanded what we do for the community in the past 7 years - adding many social events and creating and managing the Bryant Street Parklet - and we typically run at a small deficit. We have some money in a savings account to cover these excess costs, but we need additional funds to cover some one time costs that are coming up, and also because our savings is finite and we want to be able to continue all of our programming
- For example, some one time costs –
  - Parklet
  - Beautifying Bryant Street - new banners
  - ...and will be doing a community survey for other ideas about what people may want from the HPCC, including additional improvements to the parklet and Bryant Street
- And also to help us to continue funding community building activities that have real dollar costs but don't generate any revenue
  - Community Building - SOS (our initial grant ended and now we use membership dollars to provide IT services to seniors in their home - one of the only programs we know of that does that), Children's Committee events (almost monthly), and our big neighborhood picnic in the park, the Highland Park Hullabaloo
- As part of our mission to build community, we're very proud of how we've grown our membership (**SLIDE 2 - membership growth since 2019 & SLIDE 3 MAP**)
- We also advocate for the community with city agencies and other organizations, and work to provide info to the community about issues that matter to them, and to provide them an opportunity to have input on those issues when we can - like tonight
- Have raised \$9,000 toward this goal
- We hope that you understand and appreciate the work the HPCC does to make Highland Park an amazing place to live - arguably the best neighborhood in the city! - and will consider making a generous donation to our campaign so that we can keep serving the community
- You can donate electronically through our website or by sending a check - - checks are preferred b/c we don't pay a fee - - can mail to the address at the bottom of our website

#### Upcoming Events

- House Tour: Saturday May 10
- Yard Sale & BSF: DATE CHANGE - Sunday June 8
- If you're interested in volunteering to organize or work at either event, please email us at [HPCCPgh@gmail.com](mailto:HPCCPgh@gmail.com)
- We also still have a limited number of pride yard signs still available \$15 each, proceeds above our costs will go to the Hugh Lane Center - - to order, visit our website and select "shop" - I will personally deliver it to your house!

PWSA Presentation - Will Pickering, CEO, & Barry King, Dir of Engineering & Construction

Also from PWSA: Rebeca Zito, Rachael Beam  
Christine Mondor  
DQL - Michael Higgins, Project Manager and David Fisfis, VP of...

Placement of guy wire

- Attach new street light to pole
- Add crosswalk at that spot across to new trailhead

Route electric line so that it fronts as little of the reservoir as possible

Future trail around building, under secondary power line, and down the slope they cup

- Planting native plants / meadow under power lines and down slope (per Forestry)

Covered Reservoir: At various times in the evening AND then early morning hours, there are 4 very bright spot lights that are annoying to ones sleep. In the early summer of 2024, these lights started at dark. Now in 2025, they go on at various late evening and morning hours. WHY DO THESE LIGHTS EXIST?

Rising Main:

Going back to the previous presentation, can you please comment on the decision to restore the steps in the restored path over the rising main at the corner? It seems like it would have been very easy to make it more accessible at this point.

Agreed. While a ramp would have been too steep to meet ADA, it would be more accessible to strollers, cyclists, etc.

Questions from meeting:

When will the landscaping be done for the path along Bunkerhill.

We had heard that the work going on near Heth's Run / aux parking lot was related to the Rising Main project. Is that true, and if so what is the status of that work? Will it also wrap up when the pump station construction wraps? A significant wetland was removed during that work and hasn't yet been restored, and there appear to be construction debris that continue to be dumped in that area.

I'm concerned about the lack of water pressure on North Highland Avenue between Stanton and Jackson

A few months ago we were told that DEP wanted to remove all trees around both reservoirs, because the reservoirs were classified as dams. What is the status of that proposal

Getting email updates – but would like regular meetings on that and about the remainder of this project

