

Highlandtown Community Association

Meeting Minutes

April 20, 2015

Present: Brain Sweeney (President) has sign-up sheet for list of attendees/members/board members on file

Next meeting: April 20, 2015, 7:00pm, Salem UMC, 3405 Gough St

Agenda Items

1) **Call to Order/Pledge**-Brian Sweeney

2) **Treasury Report** – Agnes Arnold was absent, will post report

3) **President's Report** (Brian Sweeney)

A) Pompeii project-renegotiated a deal with the church, 27 units instead of 28. Will go to zoning board tomorrow for approval.

B) Odd Fellows lodge on Highland Ave., developer wants to turn it into apartments. Board will be receiving plans before any agreement is moving forward.

C) Bank and Haven project pitched (behind Walgreen's)-no details given yet

D) Tree-pit project completed!

E) Clean-up day occurred on Saturday past, had dumpsters delivered, finally

4) **New Business/Announcements**

A) Wine Festival-Keith Gibson 12:30-3pm 3-5:30pm, need volunteers to take tickets at the gate, free admission!

B) Breath of God (Heather)-Sat May 16th-Mobtown Prom at church, \$30 tickets 35 at the door, proceeds go to help fund preschool

C) Blockenstein May 30th (Bank and East) 8am-1pm, need sellers and buyers 1pm community cookout, need volunteers to clean up the night before.

D) Art Cart Derby-is on hiatus for this year, but we will promote next year's event this year at Blockenstein, bring your cart anyway

6) **Guest Speakers**

A) Steve Fogelman-4020 E. Lombard St-Transfer of El Antro to Mr. Portillo and Mr. Davis-want to bring a more positive environment to the establishment, focus on security, committing to hiring security staff, banning people who have caused problems. Probably will go before liquor board in May.

Questions:

-Will still be a bar, occupancy of 100, will want to do some renovations

-What will be the difference between this establishment and others

-Nature of security-3 staff within the bar (private security), contracted outside company for the weekends (possibly armed)-proper credentialing

-Senior housing any complaints? None on record

-Who will be around to file complaints? MOU gives us a seat at the table.

B) City Councilman-Jim Kraft

- 15 minute rule repealed for double-parking around school hours
- Human trafficking bill-up for vote on April 28th at 9:30am
- Commission on Sustainability-Tues night from 6-8pm
- Wed night 5pm. Public hearing on parks and open space
- Concentrated code enforcement in PP and Highlandtown (flyers will come out 2-3 weeks)
- Truck traffic is not to be in Southeast, south of Monument St.
- May 27th-29th Hearings
- Baseball-tomorrow is opening day for Southeast schools little league
- June 13th constituents breakfast from 9-12:30 location TBA
- No child left inside
- MOUs are contracts for the liquor boards
- Discussion around

C) Mark Parker-PPNA-

- Dia del Nino THIS Sat 11-2pm
- PP Master Plan-conversation around future of ice rink, spring surveys available in person at the park, designating entire park as a historic area under CHAP

E) Highlandtown Pharmacy-free delivery on 3911 Eastern Ave.

F) Amanda Smit (SECDC)-Creative Placemaking Workshop presented

G) Neighborhood Safety-Officer Beall,6 robberies this month, four arrests, targeting Hispanic victims, need a Hispanic Liason, shooting on 3600 Claremont, arrest was made, emphasis on Lombard/Claremont Ave.,

7) Committee Reports

A) Green Committee (Mike Dorsey)

- Community Garden, May 9th build day, May 16th dirt day,
- 2 trees need to be planted this Wednesday after 5pm at the community garden
- Question about run-off (plans to remediate this

B) Erin (Traffic)

- need to get obsolete signs removed, will follow up

9) Meeting Ended at 8:45pm