

# Highlandtown Community Association

## Meeting Minutes

October 20, 2014

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

Next meeting: October 20, 2014, 7:00pm, Salem UMC, 3405 Gough St

### Agenda Items

- 1) **Call to Order**-Brian Sweeney
- 2) **Reading of Minutes** (Derek Miller)-minutes approved
- 3) **Treasurer's Report** (Agnes Arnold) payments to WTMD, Breath of God, SECDC for Tree-planting, and Art Cart Derby expenses.
- 4) **Guest Speakers**
  - a) Brooke Lierman-encouraged all to vote, begins this Thursday through next Thursday 10am-8pm St. Brigid's (900 S. East Ave.) for early voting, Election Day 7am-8pm. Direct correlation to voting and policy/funding.
  - b) Councilman Kraft
    - i) Encouraged us to vote for funding reasons, city is dependent
    - ii) City Council President has asked for a review of the Circulator program. Could extend to Canton shops (\$2 mil/year investment)
    - iii) Development-Haven St being rebuilt from Danville to Eastern Ave, continued East/West development streets around Brewer's Hill
    - iv) Legislative-Rezoning of the city continues
    - v) Crime-discussed the "6 players" in crime-stopping: neighbors, police, prosecutors, judges, corrections, probation officers.
      - (1) Reporting: call 911 and do it any time there is something happening that you think is illegal.
      - (2) 5 robberies in the last 28 days
      - (3) Discussion around trash issues
  - c) Officer Beall (New neighborhood services unit)410 396-2422, cell for officer 443-986-8107, first Monday of the month 7pm at SEDC, reviewed complaints related to problem homes, drug activity (45 arrests in the past month), drug unit is present in Pratt St. area, cleaning up behind Family Dollar (3800 Benefit St.) Rachel offered pamphlet information for homeless resources (to post on HCA website)
  - d) Our Lady of Pompeii-Urban Space Properties Christopher Taylor  
Chris offered plans and requested feedback from community members on renovating former parochial school to create market-value apartments. Generally favorable response from board and members.
  - e) Garden Update-Kevin Bernhard (not in attendance)-4 phase plan, Kari Snyder mentioned that phase 1 (fencing) and phase 2 for mural (Healthy Neighborhoods)
  - f) Tree-pit Project-invite given by Kara Miller to participate in tree-pit fencing project for Highland Ave on Nov 15<sup>th</sup> from 10am-2pm.
- 5) **President's Report (Brian Sweeney)**
  - a) Sign-survey for irrelevant no parking signs and for 4-way stops (moving rather than removing signs could help)
  - b) Nuisance Abatement (Rachel Timmins)-able to take care of a problem house, offered resources (they are available on the HCA website).
- 6) **Upcoming Events**
  - a) Basement Bar Tour on Nov 8 2pm-6pm \$20 donation for the HCA.
  - b) Main Street Update: Oct 25<sup>th</sup> Small Business Saturday Nov 29<sup>th</sup>
- 7) Meeting Ended at approx. 8:40pm