

Hamilton Terrace Block Association

Meeting Minutes

Nov. 28, 2018

Board Members Present: Derek Johnson, Liz Wolfe, Gillian Dean, William Geddes
Quorum: Yes

Proceedings

Meeting called to order at 7:10 PM by President Derek Johnson

Approval of the Minutes

Minutes of the Oct. 3, 2018 meeting are adopted.

Reports of Officers

President's report

Filming on the block

Working to implement more advanced notice, more constraints on parking space consumed, and to give better guidelines on suggested donations. The community board gets notification of all permit applications, and Bill Geddes requested that we get on the notification list. We have not received notification yet.

Water Main Break

There was a main break at 423 on W 144. Fix was relatively quickly done. Recommend to take advantage of the suggestion to purchase the insurance for the pipes from the street to your house if applicable.

Sidewalk repairs

Repairs have begun. Started at #5, moving north up the block. Repairs are still continuing.

Contribution to Children's Art Carnival

The block association has made a \$500 contribution to the Art Carnival. An event was held to raise awareness about the Art Carnival. They are looking to raise \$50,000 and they have a matching grant from HCDC if they can raise that.

Pearline Wright suggests that we give Butch, the man that opens the door for us for the meetings, a holiday gift to thank him for his service. It was agreed to give him \$100.

Holiday Tree

Liz Wolfe moves that we have a holiday tree on the block this year. Joe Bore seconds.

Motion is tabled for further investigation on where said tree would reside. One suggestion was behind the gate at #72; a second suggestion was in the community garden at St. Luke's Church.

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Laura King and Linda Irby to work together to see if there are any feasible spots, since it usually resides in the corner of the block where the school construction is happening.

Treasurer's report

\$3,300 is in our bank account. \$1,000 will be coming in from "The Good Friend" shoot this week.

Annual Dues

People can pay 2019 dues at the after-holiday party.

Old Business

Preparation for 2019 elections

Some positions are coming open at the end of this year, namely President and Secretary. Derek Johnson is not seeking reelection. Nominations will be open for elections in December. If anyone is interested in any position on the board, contact the Board at board@hamilton-terrace.nyc. The board will then work with the Nominating Committee to ensure an informed and fair process.

Election will be held on Monday, January 28, which will be our next block association meeting.

Charter School update (691 St. Nicholas Avenue)

Meeting previously scheduled for Nov. 15 was postponed because of the snowstorm. Developer and school officials have offered to reschedule the meeting. Jessica Martinez wrote and circulated a detailed report in preparation of the meeting (copy attached). Notification will go out before the next meeting, hopefully the first two weeks of December.

Youth "Junior" Committee for Block Association

Currently four youth that live on the block are interested in participating in a new "junior" committee with the block association.

After-Holiday party

Party is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, Jan 12, 6:00 – 9:00 PM.

Jon Arancio moves that we set budget for party not to exceed \$500. Roy Bess seconds.

Motion passes.

Details for party are delegated to the board. Others are welcome to assist with the planning.

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Security Cameras

Derek working on getting the money from the city. No progress yet.

New Business

Holiday Caroling

Gillian Dean will organize the date of the next caroling party which she hosts annually.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM.