

Hamilton Terrace Block Association Meeting Minutes

October 8, 2019

Board Members Present: William Geddes, Harry Marte, Liz Wolfe, Laura King
Quorum: Yes

Proceedings

Meeting called to order at 7:05 PM by President William Geddes.

Approval of the Minutes

Minutes of the August 22, 2019 meeting are adopted.

Reports of Officers

President's report

Update from Harlem Academy

Leonard Smith from the Harlem Academy school came to answer questions about their new school building going up next to Harlem School for the Arts.

Some information he shared with us:

Height of the building will be 80'

They are a commitment to being a part of the community.

Timeline – the lot was purchased in 2014. They are in the middle of doing a capital campaign, which is funding the project completely. It is a \$31M campaign. They have raised \$26M so far. Groundbreaking is planned for May of 2020, with occupancy summer 2021.

School will house 240 students, grades K – 8. There is an outdoor area now, which in 10 – 15 years may be used for another building.

Hours of the school are: 7:30 building opens, class starts at 8:10, dismissal 4:00 and school is open until 6:00 PM

Some neighbors on HT may be impacted by construction. They will be seeking out landowners along the east side of street regarding construction protection. He will follow up with individuals or request support from HTBA to be in contact with those neighbors.

Dates for Block Association Meetings in 2020

We will have quarterly meetings in 2020. They will be held on the first Tuesday. January 7, April 7, July 7 and October 6.

Upcoming Vacancy on Board

Liz Wolfe has been secretary of the board for 3 years and her term is coming to an end.

Nominations are open for a replacement. Election will take place at the January meeting.

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Treasurer's report

Update of bank account balance, income, and expenses

August 22 balance

\$18,084.92

Deposits:

\$50.00 (dues)

Expenses:

\$1,266.20 (Hi Neighbor Day)

\$27.00 (Bank Checks)

October 8 balance

\$17,225.62

Collection of 2019 dues (\$25)

Vote to spend up to \$2500 on security cameras for the block

Liz Wolfe moves that we allocate up to \$2,500 of block association funds to pay for security cameras to be installed in two locations on Hamilton Terrace, to promote the safety of all block residents.

Derek Johnson seconds the motion.

Motion passes unanimously.

Suggestion to order signs to tell people that they are being filmed and to promote safety on the block.

Charitable donations

Discussion of how to allocate money that has been put in the budget for charitable donations.

It was decided that people can forward their suggestions to the board and the board would make the final decisions about who to contribute the money to.

Old Business

Hi Neighbor Day

Future plans for Hi Neighbor Day: Next year we need to appoint a chair or have a volunteer to step forward. Primary purpose would be to oversee all the positions to have affair come off successfully.

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Discussion ensued about how to bring the community together, since turnout was low for HND. Suggestion to survey people as to what they want to do for the block party or other community gatherings.

Defer to the board for next actions. Laura King and Aude Sun volunteer to participate in a block association outreach committee to boost engagement on block, such as community relations.

New Business

Lighting on street

Lighting on 141 between Convent Avenue and Hamilton Terrace is not working under the scaffolding. Harry Marte to reach out to Caren Sharpe (contact for church) to find out who can fix this problem.

Halloween planning

We would like to put up barriers to keep traffic off the street for the safety of the children. William Geddes has requested permission from the police, waiting to hear back.

Rat problem

Call 311 to report rat problems when seen.