

Hamilton Terrace Block Association Meeting Minutes

Oct. 3, 2018

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

Proceedings

Meeting called to order at 7:15 PM by President Derek Johnson

Approval of the Minutes

Minutes of the May 07, 2018 meeting are adopted.

Reports of Officers

President's report

60 Hamilton Terrace

There is a cleanup of the property in process by the owner.

72 Hamilton Terrace

House has been sold last spring and since rented to a film production company Firelight Media, community based, and seem to have the community interest at heart. There is consistent trash in front of the building that is not getting cleaned up. Liz Wolfe to contact Marsha Smith to discuss.

Sidewalk repairs

It has been a year since tree pruning. They also came through the block to do the inspections of the tree pits and the sidewalks that were adversely affected by the roots. They have recently hired a new contractor and that has been authorized to start work on our block in 4 Q 2018.

We will circulate again the list of places that are to be repaired.

Methadone Clinic

There was a methadone clinic scheduled for construction on about 147 and St. Nicholas. The proposal has since been defeated by strong community activism.

2018 Hi Neighbor Day recap

Hi Neighbor Day was a great success. Several people donated money over and above their annual dues. Thanks to everyone who participated and contributed!

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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.

Treasurer's report

\$4,300 is in our bank account.

Collection of 2018 dues (\$25)

Dues still being collected for 2018.

Old Business

Charter School update (691 St. Nicholas Avenue)

We were unable to communicate with the school prior to this meeting. Derek Johnson will make it a priority to reach out to the School so that they can meet with us. Discussion about having a preliminary meeting with interested neighbors to create an agenda and then invite them to a general block association meeting using the agenda we come up with.

Security cameras

We have been allocated \$8500 funding for the security cameras from The Citizen's Commission. The money will be distributed to us by the end of the year.

New Business

Film crews on block

There is a concern that we don't have sufficient advanced notice for when they will be coming to the block. Derek Johnson suggests that the city be requested to contact us when a permit is applied for.

One concern is that the companies leave trash in residents' trash bins.

The production companies donate money to the block when asked. Amounts have ranged from \$200 to \$500 to even \$1000 upon occasion. So the block is compensated for the temporary disruption.

We can ask them how much parking they need to make sure they're not taking more parking than they need.

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Holiday party

We can use block association funds to pay for a holiday party. Pearline suggests that we have the party after the first of the year. Also urged that we donate money to the Children's Art Carnival as both a neighborly gesture and in consideration for use of the facility for block association meetings.

Halloween

This year's theme is Marvel Universe Comics. We'd like to have a cohesive look for the block.

Joe Bore moves that we purchase lights for Halloween decorations not to exceed \$500.
Jon Arancio seconds the motion.

Discussion that it is important to include rental buildings in initiatives, not just private homes.

Motion passes.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.