

HPWNA Board Meeting – April 9, 2014
Minutes

1. Call to Order -- 7:36

In attendance: Gretchen Helmreich, John Friedmann, Libby Karier, Erin Engstrom

2. Approval of Minutes

Minutes of March 12, 2014, meeting, approved with one amendment.

3. Treasurer's Report

Balance as of March 31, 2014: \$1,642.08.

Outstanding deposits: none

Outstanding payments: none

4. Meetings Attended

a. CAPS – Beat 1724

i. There was a community alert regarding residential burglaries. The string had been going on since mid-February. (Since the HPWNA meeting, the 17th District reported detectives had arrested suspects in these crimes.)

ii. The permanent garage sale going on in the 4300 block of North Francisco is still going on.

b. 33rd Ward TAC (Transportation Advisory Committee)

Meeting was rather disjointed. It's still not clear who is running the meetings. The education and enforcement committee was talking of focusing on how and when to use crosswalks (how to signal to motorists you'll be crossing and, as a motorist, what to look for); repainting the striping in the crosswalks; perhaps running stings of cars and bicyclists at crosswalks; putting bump-outs at the Francisco L stop to prevent cars from blocking the crosswalk there.

c. HPAC (Horner Park Advisory Council)

i. Riverfront restoration project is well underway. It looks horrible now, but it is progress.

ii. Farmers market has vendors lined up – organic produce, meats, artisanal cheese and breads. It will run every Saturday starting July 12 thru Sept. 27, with a possible extension into October.

iii. HPAC was approached by Welles Park to go into partnership for the midnight circus in the park. HPAC would help provide volunteers and marketing, and get a share of the proceeds

d. Bateman LSC

i. The father/daughter dance was a huge success.

ii. The PTA had their most successful scholastic book sale on record.

iii. There is a new health curriculum.

e. NRC (North River Commission)

There was a community meeting on flooding on April 1, about 150 people attended the very successful event. Tom Laporte from the city's water department was among the speakers

f. Special Services Area #60

CleanSlate started their cleaning work on April 2. They'll be out 4 times a week during the summer, twice a week during the winter. There's a noticeable improvement already.

5. Committees

a. Social

i. The first TGIF was held April 4; a good turnout. Next will be May 2 (John or Gretchen will host); Jose and Bethany are up for June 6.

ii. The summer kick-off party will be at LeaderBar on June 21 from 3-6 p.m.; Gretchen got the confirmation. HPWNA will pay for a few pizzas, but everything else will be a la carte.

iii. Block party date is still up in the air. Aug. 16 looks most promising. The 4100 block of Richmond will host.

b. Beautification

i. First clean-up is slated for April 11; meet at the corner of Montrose and Sacramento at 10.

ii. Horner Park Earth Day cleanup is April 26. Register via the Friends of the Park website. Because the park is fairly clean, the focus at Horner Park will be on environmental things (mulching trees, etc.). A science class from Bateman will be participating.

iii. We had discussed what to do about the planter that is falling apart at the corner of Richmond and Belle Plaine. Gretchen will reach out to the owner and see if they need help carting the stuff away; if so, we'll do it at the next block cleanup.

c. Economic Development

i. Vision Board. Mark Jones hasn't had time to work on it. He will get together with Gretchen and do a walkthrough to see what she is thinking of. Gretchen also has another architect who might be able to help and she will follow through there as well in case Mark won't have time.

ii. Inventory. Still need to reach out to the owners.

c. Communication

Website Erin says she should be able to get it going in the next few weeks.

d. Spring general meeting

i. Still little confirmation on the food vendors. Grand Tour still is showing interest, but no commitment. No word from Fina Estampa. Gretchen will reach out to Tano's and the popcorn people. Patino's, maybe.

- ii. We won't have the new business table. We still need to do the marketing on this; need to have a plan in place by April 21.
- iii. The order now looks to be: Business Meeting (words from president; treasurer's report; election.) Then John will give a brief intro to Tom Laporte (if he agrees to come); then Julia Bunn; then John will pull it all together. We'll have a panel for the q-and-a after.
- e. Canvass: We need to do it both electronically (do the refer-a-neighbor e-mail campaign) and door to door. We'll do it in the run-up to the party, with the goal to be done by June 7.

6. Old Business

None

7. New business

Feel we should take advantage of our NRC relationship. Ask NRC to help in forming the neighborhood wide presidents' board; use the NRC website to post our events.

8. Adjourn – 8:50 p.m.