



HISTORIC HUDSON COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION  
October 13, 2016 Meeting, GMP Hall  
<http://hhcaohio.com>

The regular meeting convened at 7 PM, with Mark Fraizer presiding. Persons in attendance were Jim Amore, Sandy Gartner, Jose Cabral, Connie Rutter, Dwight McBride, Liz McBride, Bobbie Meldahl, Kalani Friend, Mark Fraizer, Ely Rau, Beth Pheneger, Doug Pheneger, Bob Meldahl, and Gloria Thompson.

### **Guest Speaker**

Kalani Nelson  
Health and Wellness Specialist  
Licking Memorial Health Systems  
Licking County Memorial Hospital

Ms. Kalani filled in for a colleague and discussed some programs regarding Newark sidewalks. The program "Safe Routes to School," funded by federal grants, is intended to encourage and enable students in grades k-8 to safely walk or ride their bicycles to school. Projects can be either engineering (improved crossings, sidewalks, etc.) or non-engineering (education and encouragement programs). She stated that communities can work with the agency by recording sidewalk conditions of a neighborhood that affect the routes to school. These records are then used when city officials conduct projects in these areas.

### **Minutes**

The minutes of the September, 2016 meeting were approved.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Our current budget stands at \$3327.65. We received \$180.00 in revenues, while posting \$1170.00 in expenses, including two HHCA scholarships.

### **Old Business**

**Hudson Ave Median Update** – Bob Meldhal brought us up to date on progress concerning the median to be created on Hudson Ave at the Wyoming St intersection. The committee reported having a positive meeting with Mr. Brian Morehead, Newark city engineer, where various issues were addressed. The committee awaits a response on these issues. Members also stated that HHCA may need to seek funding to carry out some of its vision for the median. Possible funding sources include the Chamber of Commerce, Park National Bank, Licking County Foundation, Licking County Historical Society, Gibb Reese Foundation, Licking County Parks, and Licking County Soil Conservation. See Notes below.

**North Street Park** - Mark Fraizer reported that finishing work on the fencing of the garden area of the park is scheduled for this Saturday, Oct. 15, at 11 AM. Volunteers are encouraged to assist in finishing the project. In the near future wood for raised beds and soil for these beds will be sought, while water barrels will be secured for the winter season.

## New Business

**Miscellaneous** - It was stated that 494 Hudson Ave was purchased at the sheriff's auction. The cake factory is closed and empty at this time. The Ohio EPA has been conducting soil evaluations for possible water contaminants around the Maple St-Hudson Ave alley.

**HHCA Officers** – we need a ballot for the election of officers whose terms are expiring in Dec 2016.

- Secretary and Vice-president:
  1. **Secretary** (Jan 2015 – Dec 2016)
  2. **Vice-President** (Jan 2015 – Dec 2016)
  3. President (Jan 2016 – Dec 2017)
  4. Treasurer (Jan 2016 – Dec 2017)
  
- Two Trustee:
  1. Carol Floyd (filling remaining of term ending Dec. 2016)
  2. Bob Meldhal (Jan 2015 – Dec 2016)

### Notes, Hudson Ave Median

Issues raised with Mr. Morehead regarding the median, 10/10/16

1. Will the city provide electricity and pay utility bill? We are interested in putting in lighting if yes.  
Answer: Electricity is possible... checking with SD on who pays the bill.
2. Will the city provide water to the median and pay the water bill? .... We are interested in plantings but will only do this if we can get water conveniently for maintaining the trees/plants.  
Answer: Water dept. says no to installing service and meter
3. Will the city provide paver bricks or provide for the installation of stamped and dyed concrete (brick look)?  
Answer: We are welcomed to all the pavers we want... we will need to clean and install.... City may put in packing aggregate we need to lay them on. The city is not providing stamped concrete for the project.
4. We understand that this median is Newark City property, and we are concerned for the liability and repair of the area should we design, build and give general maintenance to the area – who repairs or replaces items damaged by accidents or vandalism and who pays for the associated costs?  
Answer: City Law Director will have to draw up an agreement about responsibilities.
5. We are looking to marry the themes of *Gateway to Downtown Newark* and our *Historic Hudson* area in this median, in this light we may want to carry the theme of the planters used in downtown... as many as 4 of them, can the city provide these? As well, we want to consider appropriate sized "street" trees, can the city provide the grate surrounds?  
Answer: Grates are for walkways where people may step. We won't have foot traffic on the median... the planters are a fiberglass/plastic vessel and he will look into them... but more over (Brian feels we need to see if the city will provide us a budget we might draw upon for our vision of the median. He offered to meet with the Mayor and SD to see if that can happen. Allow 2 weeks (10/24/16) for him to get an answer and he will email Jose the answer.)
6. Share pictures of Victorian Village featuring the sign. This is a well-designed aesthetic median that was ruined by adding signs. Can we be assured that street signs will be hung overhead and not within the median?

Answer: Also a suggestion to paint the “sign” on the street. Brian said he has signage called for on the drawings for the specs on the median. He will look into the flexibility on how it must be done.... Knowing our concerns and having seen the pictures of Victorian Village.

7. If we include lamps in the design (they will be in keeping with those currently on the street and looking to place 1 at each end of the median – unsure if we are looking at the same pole or the pedestal design on the new bridge) will the city install the lights?

Answer: Brian proposed a Double Lamp Post exactly like that used in the median in downtown on 2<sup>nd</sup> Street. We would need to place it central to the median. He feels the City would be able to provide it as it is a light they are already stocking parts for, it is in harmony with the lighting we have on the street and with that in downtown. The lights in the area of the median will be taken down for street widening then replaced.

8. We are looking at low maintenance designs, but if the financing is minimal and the city fills the area with top soil – will the city mow the grass?

Answer: yes

- Our median committee will take the answers to these questions into consideration when we come up with our design proposals for the median. We will present the designs to you for your approval. With your approval, we then look into funding for our optimal design selection. We understand we may have to do this in piecemeal fashion based on when funds become available, but we want to have the foundation for the construction in place in a timely fashion for project contractors.
- Our overall object is to present Newark with a well-conceived, attractive, practical median that both welcomes travelers headed north on Hudson Ave to the *Historic Area* and south on Hudson (3<sup>rd</sup> Street) to the *Gateway to Downtown Newark*
- The committee looks forward to working with the City to make this project a reality.

#### Additional notes:

- Brian feels that a curb within a curb can be created for the median. This means there will be a mandatory 6 in curb surrounding the median at the street level and an 8 – 10 in curb within the median (like the stone wall shown in the Victorian Village photo) allowing us #1 protection for our lights, planters, signs, trees etc. and #2 allowing us a raised bed effect inside the median.
- There will be no need for a concrete base for pavers as no traffic will drive on the pavers. An aggregate base will serve our needs.
- The “Pink House” (now a parking lot) belongs to the city. It is a staging area for the construction currently but will likely go to the Land Bank in hopes a private investor will buy it so the city can benefit from tax revenue and to get rid of the responsibility of maintaining it. If the alley adjoining the property is vacated, then ½ of it (width) goes to the adjoining properties on either side of the alley.

#### Timeline:

- Must approve our project plan by February or March for contractors to adjust their construction. We voiced that we would like to have it done by early January for their planning and for our group to look into funding and work projects.
- We will – upon hearing back from Brian – begin voting what we would like to have in the median and draw up plans to vote on our top (3) favorite designs. We will then present these top 3, in order of preference, to Brian for the city’s blessing and then begin securing funding for the project.

- NOTE TO GROUP: there will be work (labor) involved in this project. We must either do it – or hire it out. If we have plantings – someone or a committee will be responsible for upkeep. Be prepared to be asked to be involved.