

HHCA

HISTORIC HUDSON COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

MEETING MINUTES – March 12, 2020

President Bob Meldahl presiding. President called meeting to order: 7:00 p.m.

DISCUSSION

New Attendees:

Dale Lewellyn & Tara Briner @ 564 Hudson Avenue

Dale's career has been in education and is currently the Superintendent of the Education Service Center in Newark. Tara is a musician and the organist at the Congregationalist Church in Mansfield.

Philip Strzalkowski @ 522 Mt. Vernon Avenue. Phil is a firefighter for Newark and Mary Ann Townships and Buckeye Lake.

Welcome to the neighborhood!!!

Scheduled speaker from the Newark Fire Department, per request from the Mayor's office respecting the ongoing current health issues, was unable to attend.

BUSINESS MEETING

Item: Meeting Minutes from Previous Meeting: February 13, 2020

Action: Motion to accept Meeting Minutes

Motion: Greg Grisanti **Motion Second:** Bobbi Meldahl
All approved: Unanimous **Dissenting:** None

Item: Treasurer's Report – Penny Grisanti

Action: Previous Balance: \$13,060.91 - Current Balance: \$ 19,876.37

NOTE: Details of income and disbursements in report.

NOTE: Per HHCA Board vote: Treasurer Penny Grisanti and President Bob Meldahl now have debit cards and access to on-line banking at Park National Bank.

Item: Motion to Accept and File Treasurer's Report

Action: **Motion:** Greg Grisanti **Motion Second:** Bobbi Meldahl
All Approved: Unanimous **Dissenting:** None

OLD BUSINESS

Committee Reports

Scholarship – Rod Nelson: Not present.

- President Bob Meldahl explained to new attendees the HHCA's scholarship fund and policies.
- Information from February 13, 2020 minutes has remained unchanged.

New Neighbor Welcome – Rachael Ooten:

- Per the Welcome Basket program: (contents to include dog treats, cookies, candles, dish cloths, flower seeds, free oil change from local shop, restaurant coupons, etc. and an HHCA introductory greeting from President Bob Meldahl).
- Rachael has presented one basket and has two pending needing confirmation of accurate resident(s) name(s).

Property & Maintenance – Bob Meldahl:

- Bob explained to new attendees the purpose of HHCA's role in neighborhood awareness of neglected homes and the association's coordinated efforts with the City of Newark authorities to provide appropriate security measures to deter criminal business.
 - Example: 592 Hudson is a vacated home which has been used for various criminal activities. HHCA worked with city to secure the house (plywood covering of windows/doors and vegetation removal) from further illegal entries and transactions.

North Street Park Updates/Swing Set Installation – Mark Fraizer: Not Present

Median & Signs Decorating - Dwight McBride: Not present

Media – Jose Cabral:

- Spring Newsletter – 3 articles completed; 3 articles to be contributed.
- Will soon distribute newsletter delivery sign-up schedule.

Banner Program – Bob Meldahl:

- 10 '25 MPH' yard signs have been made 5 are spoken for. Ask Bob for a sign cost \$5
- Strait & Lamp Lumber has 10-foot smooth cedar posts to be used for the two large HHCA "Welcome" signs to be rebuilt over the summer.
- 1 banner ordered for "Welcome" signs' informing public to HHCA websites.
 - 2nd will be ordered once welcome signs are finished
 - NOTE: "Welcome" signs: due to Licking Valley being on hiatus, alternative constructions may need to be researched (Paul Gregory).
- Hudson Street banner cleaning – April 18. Rachael Ooten volunteered to be "runner" with Andrew Heminger.

Sidewalk Improvement – Mark Fraizer: Not present

- Bob explained to new residents the grant received by HHCA from the Licking County Foundation for replacement/repair of 5'x5' blocks of sidewalks which residents will contribute 50% of cost.
- \$7000 has been deposited in HHCA bank account.
- 1st year will be Hudson Street residents only.
- Mark will have application form.

- Jose Cabral opened discussion about sidewalks needing repairs associated with abandoned homes.

NEW BUSINESS

Item: **Neighborhood Clean-Up - April 25th @ 9:00 a.m.**

- Mindy Nelson with refreshments: coffee, doughnuts etc.
- HHCA to provide trash bags, limited supply of gloves.
- City of Newark to provide “compactor” for large items: i.e., mattresses, couches, chairs, etc.
- Jose asked if car/truck tires had disposal potential. Bob Meldahl to research with city authorities.

Item: **Yard/Plant & Garden Sale – May 9**

- Christa Brace volunteered to assist (but not lead) with permits but will collect fees.

Item: **Bomber Memorial**

- President Bob Meldahl explained to new attendees the history of the B-25 bomber crash in 1942 and the HHCA’s plans to create a memorial for those who perished. The names of the victims are known.
- Dan Moder of Explore Licking County to meet with City of Newark authorities for discussion.
- Original land (NW corner of Hudson Ave & OH-16 entrance ramp) became too problematic with Ohio D.O.T regulations.
 - New location of 191 Hudson Ave (where pink house was) being reviewed. Target installation date of 2022.
- Dawes Arboretum willing to contribute to-be-determined resources.

Item: **Hudson Avenue Speed Controls**

- President Bob Meldahl has requested: 1) a speed study to be performed on Hudson Avenue plus, 2) a speed monitor trailer to address the on-going vehicle speeding problem.
- City official Erik McKee responded; exact date of study and trailer TBD.

Item: **Downtown Newark Association (DNA) - Jose Cabral**

- DNA seeking historical aspects of HHCA for its Final Friday program during summer months.
- HHCA has been invited to have an information booth June 26
 - Jose to lead HHCA information booth.
 - President Bob Meldahl requested someone to head a committee to update the street information/gardens history (Walking Tour Brochure) of Historic Hudson residencies. Bobbi Meldahl, Jose Cabral, Penny Grisanti and Tara Briner volunteered to assist with research.

Item: **Motion to Adjourn**

- **Action: Motion: Greg Grisanti Motion Second: Bobbi Meldahl**

- All Approved: Unanimous Dissenting: None

HHCA SCHEDULE OF EVENTS 2020

- APRIL 9:** Membership Meeting – USW Hall 7:00 p.m.
- APRIL 18:** (Saturday) Banner take down, clean, add protective coating and re-hang. Meet at parking lot west of median @ 9:00 a.m.
- APRIL 25:** (Saturday) Neighborhood clean-up meet at the park for refreshments & assignments at 9:00 a.m.
- MAY 9:** (Saturday) Neighborhood yard and plant sale
- MAY 14:** Membership Meeting - USW Hall 7:00 p.m.

NO MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS JUNE, JULY, AUGUST

- JULY 25** (Saturday) Picnic in the Park Open to all area residents Bring a Potluck dish, serving utensils and a chair . Hot Dogs, Hamburgers, buns and beverages will be furnished by HHCA. Shelter house at North Street Park at 5 pm.
- SEPTEMBER 10:** Membership Meeting – USW Hall 7:00 p.m
- SEPTEMBER 19:** Tentative date for Progressive Dinner (Time TBA)
- OCTOBER 8:** Membership Meeting – USW Hall 7:00 p.m.
- NOVEMBER 12:** Membership Meeting – USW Hall 7:00 p.m.
- DECEMBER 12:** (Saturday) Membership Christmas Party – 7:00 p.m.
Location: TBD