

HHCA
HUDSON HISTORICAL COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
MEETING MINUTES – November 11, 2021

President Bob Meldahl presiding.

President called meeting to order: 7:00 p.m.

BUSINESS MEETING

Item: Meeting Minutes from Previous Meeting: October 14, 2021

Action: Motion to accept Meeting Minutes
Motion: Greg Grisanti Motion Second: Dwight McBride
Approved: 100% Dissenting: 0

Item: Treasurer's Report

Action: Previous Balance: \$14,240.30 Current Balance: \$12,221.62
NOTE: Details of income and disbursements in report

Motion to Accept and File Treasurer's Report
Motion: Rod Nelson Second: Theresa Gregory
All Approved: 100% Dissenting: None

OLD BUSINESS

Committee Reports

Media Report (Newsletter): Paul Gregory

- Fall newsletter is complete and was turned into President for review, approval, and publication
- Bobbi Meldahl responsible for recruitment and distribution

New Neighbor Welcome: Cass Ramsey & Rachael Ooten: (Not in attendance)

- HHCA leadership was notified during Halloween Beggar's Night of a new neighbor (address not disclosed) who would appreciate a New Neighbor Welcome basket
 - Bobbi Meldahl will respond to request
- Doug and Beth Phenegar informed meeting members of a new neighbor at 400 Hudson
 - Bobbi Meldahl will inform Cass Ramsey and Rachel Ooten

Christmas Decorating Contest 2021: Bobbi Meldahl and Sandy Gartner

- Bobbi Meldahl explained the judging will be performed by non-HHCA members and non HHCA block residents via chauffeured vehicle around the HHCA neighborhoods sometime during the week before Christmas
- Bobbi Meldahl requested a financial approval request to purchase gift cards as appreciation for the judges' time

Median & Signs Decorating: Dwight McBride

- Pots have been cleaned out for winter
- Electricity has been restored to the median poles
 - Lighted wreaths will be hung this month
- Plan is to upgrade quality of plants/flowers next spring

Banner Program: Bob Meldahl

- Bob Meldahl asked if anyone knew if any banners had broken their straps
- Several banners have been remade and will be hung this month
- The Cleaning Mage: house power washing and Christmas lighting display business owner Tom Brininger has purchased a banner that has been hung

North Park Gardens: Paul Gregory

- Gardens were very successful for the first year
- All 10 concrete block garden plots are finished and filled with soil
- The two wooden plots for herbs and pollinator flowers are filled with soil
 - Thanks to Jose Cabral who has started the pollinator bed with echinacea
- Greenhouse cover has been removed, contents organized, block moved back to create expanded growing area within greenhouse next season
- Tenants need to remove bed plants for compost
- Rain barrels will be drained, cleaned, and inverted for winter
- Thanks to Jose Cabral for his assistance in building and filling the final two block plots
- Thanks to the HHCA membership for making this such a success
- NOTE: Bob Meldahl informed meeting the city of Newark has plans to plant the park's west bank with wildflowers and asked the HHCA's 'permission' to do so

Sidewalk Program: Bob Meldahl

- Program has come to an end for 2021
 - The grant was not fully utilized because of weather and COVID issues with +/- \$2600 remaining in fund
 - Applications were requested but never pursued further
 - Bob Meldahl will work with Mark Fraizer to request another extension
- Steve Mendicino asked if the planned sewer project will compromise the existing and/or new sidewalks
 - Bob Meldahl replied he has been informed by city there will be no risk to sidewalks or trees during sewer construction

Election of Officers: Jose Cabral

- Per HHCA by-laws, Jose opened the floor for additional nominations
 - No nominations were voiced

Motion to Accept Present Nominations:

Motion: Steve Mendicino

Motion Second: Rod Nelson

Approved: 100%

Opposed: 0

- Positions ending December 31, 2021, are:
 - President: Incumbent Bob Meldahl
 - Treasurer: Incumbent Penny Grisanti

- Trustee positions: Incumbent Connie Rutter and trustee pending election Mary Mendicino
- election was completed

Fund Raiser: Bob Meldahl

- There will be no Chicken Noodle Dinner/Auction for this year
- The plan is to continue with memberships and donations for another year
- General request for any and all fund-raising ideas which will account for COVID

NEW BUSINESS

Sewer Separation Project: Hudson Avenue

- Bob Meldahl requested an Ad Hoc committee to represent the HHCA's interest in the project
 - The following members expressed interest in the committee
 - Greg Grisanti
 - Steve Mendicino
 - Doug Pheneger
 - Beth Pheneger
 - Bob Meldahl
- Mary and Steve Mendicino shared their information from the online program provided by the city
 - Main provision is to upgrade an aging infrastructure system to improve water flow

Attendance: 18

Item: Motion to Adjourn

Action: Motion: Steve Mendicino Motion Second: Theresa Gregory

All Approved: 100% Dissenting: None