

HISTORIC HUDSON COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

MEETING MINUTES – February 8, 2024

350 Hudson Avenue, Newark, OH 43055

President Bob Meldahl presiding.

President called HHCA *business* meeting to order: 7:00 p.m.

Attendance: 21

BUSINESS MEETING

Item: Meeting Minutes from Previous Meeting: January 11, 2024

Action: Motion to accept Meeting Minutes

Motion :	Sandy Gartner	Motion Second: :	Bobbi Meldahl
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All approved: 100%

Dissenting: 0

Item: Treasurer's Report

Previous :	\$14,435.50	Current: :	\$19,372.06
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NOTE: Details of income and disbursements in report.

OLD BUSINESS

Committee Head Reports:

Christmas Party Report:

Liz and Dwight Leaders

- Will need a leader for next Christmas Party
 - Tim and Sandy Gartner volunteered to lead party
 - Mendicinos will help

Hudson Street Banners:

Bob Meldahl

- 5 new replacement banners - 4 of which were paid for by sponsors (1 by HHCA)
 - Banners were hung by Bob and Dwight on the 8th
 - 1 new sponsored banner was ordered by our new banner printing company
 - **Claxson Custom Printing & Promotions** - assumed the business Walker Promotions - same banners – same designs

Community Gardens at North Street Park:

Paul Gregory

- Assigning plots – open plots are so designated on sheet
 - Gartner, Fraizer, Ginn assigned same plots as 2023
 - Mendicinos requested a plot
 - Cindy Yeager requested a plot
- Spring help needed to clean, construct tool hanging area, and build seed starter greenhouse
- Is everyone interested in chipping in for a load of garden ready topsoil?
 - Dwight suggested a vote for load of topsoil from treasury

- Vicky Christenson offered aged horse manure for free
- Bob Meldahl will deliver both the soil and manure.
- Need to add gutter guards and a filter to keep sludge out of IBC tank
 - Jose Cabral to research leaf/debris guards

Guest Speaker:

Bob Meldahl

- March 14 Sarah Hinkelman – site MGR for Flint Ridge and Great Circle Parks
 - Achievement of a UNESCO World Heritage Site designation is extremely significant
 - Equal to the Great Pyramids, Machu Picchu, Angkor Wat
 - Need to coordinate with Jose Cabral to get the PowerPoint logistics confirmed before March

Neighborhood Clean-up:

Theresa Gregory

- (April 20) has been confirmed with the city
- HHCA still has ample supplies of HD trash bags, gloves, & yellow vests
- 9:00 am Donuts and coffee at North Street Park
- Dwight McBride suggested the purchase of grabbers
 - Jose Cabral said city provided some last year – Bob Meldahl to follow up

Chicken Noodle Dinner and Auction:

Bob Meldahl

- Thanks to all who made the evening a fun, successful money making night
 - Despite the COLD and snow, HHCA earned \$5964.05
 - Bob auctioned off an unclaimed item for \$20 to Mary Mendicino
 - A huge thanks to Walt Hinger for all he does to make this a great evening
 - Beth Phenegar said the desserts made \$140
- Vicky Christensen praised the CND for its well organized program
- Steve Mendicino requested discussion on CND improvements
 - Mary suggested a higher dollar amount card to Clay's Cafe
 - Fraizer motion for Walt's gift card to \$50 / 100% Affirmative vote
- McBride said coffee will be discontinued. We will offer lemonade, iced tea and bottled water
- Bob said 2025 date is weekend after MLK weekend

Picnic in the Park:

Leader needed

- Mark Fraizer and the McBrides will lead
 - Anybody and everybody come to grab a sandwich. HHCA will provide meats and buns, condiments, drinks and place settings.
 - Bob suggested inviting new neighbors
 - Tentative date is July 20 AT 12 noon

NEW BUSINESS

Community Yard Sale

Need a leader

- Steve Hayes said his neighbor would be interested in leading
 - Bob said she needs to be a member
 - Suggestion for community wide canvassing with fliers
 - Monica Ginn suggested signs at community entrances
 - Steve Mendicino suggested the Scholar House media help with ads
 - **Monica Ginn said she will lead the program**

Scholar House Media:

Bob Meldahl

- Bob will meet with Scott Shelton Friday Feb 9 at 1:00 to discuss an offer he has made to help HHCA with their social media (part of what the company does)
- Scott has offered to do this pro bono as an added benefit of being our new neighbors
 - This is exciting news as they are professionals in a field where we HHCA lacks expertise
 - Bob looks forward to reporting back on this at the March membership meeting.

Notes on neighborhood improvements:

- Scholarship House Media and The Event Center have made vast improvements on the exterior of their building including finishing the windows
- 504 Hudson has a new owner and improvements to the house and property are quite evident including new roofs on the house and garage and scrub trees removed
 - Who knows the owner?
 - Sherry Cass said owner is named Jose
- The building on the corner of Hudson Ave and Oak Street continues to show improvement
 - From a fire gutted building to an attractive building - an amazing transformation
- Question about Ken’s Market as it appears to be crumbling
 - Mark Fraizer said city engineer must investigate for condemnation. Bob Meldahl will contact the City Engineer to bring it to their attention.
- Dwight McBride questioned the “auto lot” on Clinton near the south end of the street where many autos and trucks are parked on the railroad property many with expired plates.

Anyone else have sightings of major improvements?

- City patched the potholes
- City swept the street

Other items for new business (for the good of the hood)

- Bob sent the HHCA community scholarship applications to city schools
 - Deadline is April 1
- Jim Amore said website is up to date as of this meeting
 - \$16 charge for security requirements

Motion to Adjourn

Item: Motion to adjourn

Motion	Mark Fraizer	Motion Second:	Dwight McBride
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All approved: 100%

Dissenting: 0

HHCA SCHEDULE OF EVENTS 2024

MARCH 14	MEMBERSHIP MEETING UNION HALL	7 PM
	<u>GUEST SPEAKER SARAH HINKLEMAN SITE MGR GREAT CIRCLE MOUND</u>	
APRIL 7	BANNER CLEANING (SUNDAY)	11 AM
	<u>MEET AT SCHOLAR HOUSE (FORMERLY THE CHURCH) PARKING LOT</u>	
APRIL 11	MEMBERSHIP MEETING	SITE TO BE ANNOUNCED 7 PM
APRIL 20	NEIGHBORHOOD CLEAN UP (SATURDAY)	9 AM
	<u>MEET AT NORTH STREET PARK FOR COFFEE JUICE AND DONUTS AND ASSIGNMENTS, HHCA PROVIDES GLOVES AND BAGS</u>	
MAY 9	MEMBERSHIP MEETING UNION HALL	7 PM
MAY 18 (SATURDAY)	HHCA SPONSORED YARD SALE (SATURDAY)	(MORE INFO SOON)
JUNE – AUGUST	THERE ARE NO MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS	
JULY 20	PICNIC IN THE PARK (SATURDAY)	12 PM
SEPTEMBER 8	TENATIVE DATE FOR THE BOMBER CRASH DEDICATION	
SEPTEMBER 12	MEMBERSHIP MEETING UNION HALL	7 PM
OCTOBER 10	MEMBERSHIP MEETING UNION HALL	7 PM
NOVEMBER 14	MEMBERSHIP MEETING UNION HALL	ELECTIONS 7 PM
DECEMBER ___	CHRISTMAS PARTY	
DECEMBER	NO MEMBERSHIP MEETING IN DECEMBER	

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JANUARY 9	MEMBERSHIP MEETING UNION HALL	7 PM
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JANUARY 25 HHCA CHICKEN NOODLE DINNER AND AUCTION 4 PM

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SPECIAL NOTE