

## Hyde Park Neighborhood Association Board

Meeting Minutes

April 13, 2009

**Present:** David Kimmis, Kerrie Tyndall, Chris Harper, Pat Alley, Sarah Starnes, Rikki Honnold-Helvick, Terri Hiebert, Gene Morgan, Stephanie Smith, Guy Bailey

**Excused:** Jennifer Berry, Kevin Sullivan

**Others Present:** Erik Olsen, Ron McCabe

**Order:** The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

**Minutes:** March minutes were approved.

**Treasurer's Report** - Rikki Honnold-Helvick provided the treasurer's report. She reported that there is \$19,736.67 in the money market account and \$13,200.65 in the checking account, but \$3,000 of that is allocated to banners. Rikki also reported that the interest rate on the HPNA Visa card is increasing substantially, so we may look into alternatives.

### Reports/Updates:

- Power Lines on Troost – Erik Olsen, economics professor from UMKC and SHP resident, was on hand to offer his perspective on the issues presented by the new high-voltage power lines being installed on Troost from 48<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> streets. Mr. Olsen believes the power lines are detrimental to the neighborhood for several reasons. First, he stated that there is a fair amount of economics literature arguing that power lines decrease property values up to 50% within a ¼-mile radius of the poles. Mr. Olsen's research assistant calculated that this could represent a diminution in value of \$8.8M along the Hyde Park/Troost corridor. Mr. Olsen also reported that the visual impact of the poles are an inducement to blight, hindrance to development, and that the real and perceived health effects of the poles are problematic as well.  
Mr. Olsen feels that KCPL misrepresented the plan to the neighborhood. According to Mr. Olsen, KCPL publicly stated that the power lines were to meet growing demand in the midtown area, but instead the power lines will service downtown and the Plaza area. Mr. Olsen argued that we need to lobby our political representatives to present the issue to the city council. The Board discussed the issue, and members decided that it would be presented at the next general meeting.
- Banners – Stephanie Smith reported that the banners are in production, but that the printing company requires that we fill out a credit application. The board agreed that we would fill out the credit application, but not take out a line of credit because doing so would violate HPNA bylaws. Eighteen banners will cost \$1,337.40, which will be covered by MAC.
- Condo Conversion in SHP – A neighborhood meeting with the developer was held to discuss this project. The developer indicated that he plans to just renovate one unit to test the market. He also stated that he is going to put parking behind the buildings, and he agreed to address brush and trash that had accumulated in front of the buildings. The developer seems amenable to having an open discussion with the neighborhood.
- Armour Boulevard – Nuisance letters were sent to the owners of the Homestead and Bainbridge properties. Since the ordinance went into effect, there have been six

incidents at the Bainbridge and seven at the Homestead. Owners of the properties have to generate a plan to abate the issue. KCPD is compiling and sending reports to the City, and there will be some sort of hearing process at City Hall. HPNA will continue to monitor the situation and aid where we can.

- CID Report – The CID meeting had a good turnout, generating lots of feedback and ideas for the CID. Priorities that neighbors want the CID to address include crime, trash, and snow removal.
- Linwood and Troost Development – There will be a meeting at 6:30 on April 23<sup>rd</sup> to discuss development of the PIEA-owned parcels of land on the SE and SW corners of Troost and Linwood.
- Electronic Sign Ordinance – There is an effort afoot to regulate electronic signage in the city, limiting such signage to one “change” per hour. The board agreed not to take a position on the issue until it is clear what impact, if any, the ordinance would have on Hyde Park.
- Garage Sale and Cleanup – Old Hyde Park wants to share promotional expenses again. Dumpsters will be set up on June 13. It was suggested that there be a map showing homes having garage sales on this day to increase traffic.
- Community LINC – Kerrie Tyndall reported that this facility, which provides housing and services to single mothers in the neighborhood, is still in need of volunteers and donations.

#### **Other Business:**

- March General Meeting – The Board approved a motion to move the March General Meeting from March 17<sup>th</sup> to March 18<sup>th</sup> due to St. Patrick’s Day.
- Linwood/Troost Property – The board still needs someone to follow up with Claude Paige at the PIEA to provide input on possible development at Linwood and Troost. Kevin Sullivan stated that he would follow up on this.
- Garage Sale + Neighborhood Clean-up – Rikki Honnold-Helvick reported that the garage sale is scheduled for June 13 and that the clean-up is scheduled for June 20. The garage sale will again be in conjunction with Old Hyde Park, though it was suggested that HP take a more active role. Regarding clean-up, it was suggested that only HPNA members can utilize the dumpsters free of charge, and that the clean-up could be used to boost HPNA membership. The idea is that one dumpster will be placed in NHP, CHP, and SHP, and that another pickup will be scheduled in the Fall based on when City pickups are scheduled.
- KC Marathon – Rikki reported that HPNA will sponsor a water stand at the Marathon, which is taking place October 10th. Volunteers are wanted for the table.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

Chris Harper, Recording Secretary