

Highland Park Neighborhood Coalition Meeting (HPNC)

Minutes from May 14, 2024

1) Plans to control rat infestation in Highland Park

Reminder to use trash cans with lids to avoid critters from getting in the garbage. There are some steps we can take as a neighborhood to help the issue. Limiting access to food for the rats is something that we can all work on together.

- Clear away any yard build up to avoid rats from burrowing
- Reach out for information on exterminator
- Jordan Corey of Rep. Tyler's Office will follow up with plans to find the root cause / point of entry

2) Proposals for public art suggestions on Highland Park's stretch on the Southwest Corridor

- Project to display art on 27 blank 8x8 concrete panels
- Presented art examples of what could be installed with QR codes about history surrounding the southwest corridor
- Some more alignment with local groups needed but HPNC is aligned with the proposal and in favor of supporting local activists, artists and responding to needs of the community (The Boston Collective, Dana Chandler, Theresa-India Young, Reginald Jackson, Chuck Turner, African American Master Artists in Residents Program)
- AAMRP closing reception on the May 30, 2024 in JP
- Open to ideas and will come back when project is closer to being underway (painting vinyl, mixed media – involving youth)
- Will come back when the project is further along

3) Summer block party

HPNC is looking to organize a summer block party on Dorr Street. Will use this time to discuss as a group any ideas / possible sponsors and process.

- Will look into Linwood Street block party organizers and see if we can collaborate
- Saturday September 7th – will look into rain date or tents
- Pot luck with grant from the city
- Open to ideas
- Clear MOH before any city owned lots

4) Reports from Committees

Highland Park Development Committee:

- Met with the 10 Malcom X Blvd development team. Discussed issues with height of the building and concern about all traffic entering and exiting via Dudley Street.

Next Steps: The developers will share the Traffic Study and Arborist's Report for review by community before the next meeting.

Highland Park Project Review Committee:

- Next meeting will be Tuesday May 21st at 6:30pm at the HYCC
- See minutes from last HPPRC for information on 184 Highland Street

Boston Police Department

- Will follow up with BPD for next meeting

Other:

- Suggestion for office hours after HPNC meetings for community members to bring questions and concerns
- Please utilize the HPNC secretary email hpcsecretary@gmail.com