

MINUTES Highland Park Neighborhood Coalition, June 13, 2023

The meeting was chaired by Judith Walker and attended by 31 people *

AGENDA ITEMS

- 1.** Development Presentation: 16 Thwing Street. Variance for a curb cut to allow for driveway access. The meeting voted to support Jennifer Dubose's proposal for a curb cut at 16 Thwing Street (25 support, 0 against, 1 abstention).
- 2.** The meeting agreed to raise \$280.50, the annual cost of the [HPNC website](#), via GoFundMe to be circulated on the neighborhood listserv. The Steering Committee will look into other options for collecting money going forward.
- 3.** At the March HPNC meeting, One United Bank presented their proposal to develop 52 John Eliot Square, into a bank branch and corporate offices. There were too many unanswered questions, so the meeting agreed to postpone a vote until One United provides further information. Questions were raised about lack of commitment to utilization of MBEs, amount of community benefit, whether the plan has to include a roof deck/party site or community meeting spaces, and whether abutters have complaints about compromised site lines. The bank did not change their proposal in response to the neighborhood's questions. The members voted to oppose the One United Bank proposal (0 support, 19 against, 5 abstentions).

4. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES:

Hawthorne Youth and Community Center (HYCC): HYCC is hosting a Juneteenth celebration on Saturday June 17th at 11:00am. HYCC's \$2 a bag food program is open to all every Saturday 9:00-11:00 am.

Highland Park Architectural Conservation District (HPACD): the next meeting of the HPACD will be June 22nd 5:30-7:00 pm, the agenda of the meeting will be a discussion of the HPACD study report and procedures.

Highland Park Project Review Committee (HPPRC): the next PRC meeting will be Tuesday, June 20th 6:30-8:00 pm, staff from the Mayor's Office of Housing will attend to discuss neighborhood parcels.

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, July 11, 7-8:15 pm

ATTENDEES: Mercy Bell, John Conaghan, Jennifer DuBose, Linda Freeman, Tim Gosier, Marilyn Grant, Jan Griffith, Jackie Hughton, Steven Keyes, Jennifer MacDonald, Lee Peters, Kate Phelps, Luther Pinckney, Bob Purinton, Joan Seamster, Holly Shepherd, Judi Walker, Jay Villar, Mark Martinez, David Black, Dan Cruz, Ena Fox, John Kyper, Marjorie Powell, Doris Morales, Marcella Thompson, Andrew Shelburne, Jose Soares, Tim Duong, Corey Jordan (Chynah Tyler's office), Kevin Higgins (Liz Malia's office)