

## MINUTES Highland Park Neighborhood Coalition, March 12, 2024

The meeting was chaired by Mercy Bell and attended by 37 people, 22 in person and 15 via zoom.

### AGENDA ITEMS

**1) 3 Cedar Square:** This project is still being discussed by the architect and an abutting property owner, concerning the proposed building's shadow and its impact on her rooftop solar paneling.

**2) 27 Dudley Street:** Evan Smith presented his 9-unit project plans for discussion and vote on the corner site adjacent to the former Masonic Lodge. **The meeting voted to oppose the project (6 in favor, 15 opposed, 6 abstentions).**

**3) Steering Committee transition:** Mercy Bell, Mark Martinez and Rodney Singleton stepped down from the Steering Committee\*. Tim Gosier and Judi Walker are remaining with the Committee, and Simone Gaines and Sydney Rajchel indicated their interest in stepping up. **The meeting voted unanimously to elect Simone and Sydney to the Committee.**

(Holly Shepherd, HPNC Co-Secretary, will step down (in order to serve as Secretary to the new HPNC Development Committee). Kate Phelps, (the other) HPNC Co-Secretary, will remain working with the HPNC Steering Committee only until another person is trained into the role. **Residents still interested in joining the Steering Committee and/or wishing to train in as co-Secretary should contact [HPNCSecretary@gmail.com](mailto:HPNCSecretary@gmail.com).**

\*Terms for serving on the HPNC Steering Committee are for one year, with a limit of three years.

**4) Development Committee.** There was discussion around the recent institution of an HPNC subcommittee, to handle all development projects on privately owned land in Highland Park. The Development Committee will ensure that development projects meet all regulatory hurdles, are in line with Highland Park values\*\* and address abutter concerns before bringing them to the HPNC for discussion and vote by Highland Park residents.

There will be an election of members to the Development Committee and a review and confirmation of its bylaws at a future HPNC meeting. **All residents interested in serving on the Development subcommittee and/or informing how it should operate, should contact [HPNCSecretary@gmail.com](mailto:HPNCSecretary@gmail.com) by March 20, 2024**

\*\* See HPNC Value Statement [Link to document](#)

### REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES:

1. Officer O'Rourke BPD presented the month's Safety Report. There were no questions.
2. Hawthorne Youth & Community Center – HYCC will be signing up for the LOVE YOUR BLOCK program, (the old Boston SHINES neighborhood clean-up initiative), Saturday, April 27, 2024.

HYCC is also holding an Easter event on Saturday, March 30.

3. Highland Park Project Review Committee: The HPPRC will hold its monthly meeting at HYCC Tuesday, March 19, 2024, 6:30-8PM.

4. HP Architectural Conservation District Commission: No report.

5. HP Community Land Trust: No report.

**NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, April 9, 2024 7-8:15pm**

ATTENDEES: Mercy Bell, David Black, Pablo Buitron, Rachelle Centiero (Sen. Liz Miranda's office), Jon Ellerton, William Fleming, Randy Foote, Linda Freeman, Simone Gaines, Tim Gosier, Marilyn Grant, Jane's phone, Andrea Jaromillo, Corey Jordan (Chynah Tyler's office), Steven Keyes, John Kyper, Maggie Levine, Mark Martinez, Jillian Roberts, Officer Michael O'Rourke, Lee Peters, Kate Phelps, Luther Pinkney, Bob Purinton, Sydney Rajchel, Colin Redd, Frank Redd, Schyler Redd, Andrew Shelburne, Holly Shepherd, Rodney Singleton, Evan Smith, Jose Soares, Mariya Vodyanyk, Joseph Vodyanyk, Judi Walker, Reggie Walker (UUUM).