

MINUTES

Highland Park Neighborhood Coalition, September 12, 2023

The meeting was chaired by Mark Martinez and attended by 34 people *.

A hybrid meeting, 18 people attended in person at HYCC and 16 people joined via zoom.

AGENDA:

- 1. Coyote's in Highland Park:** Corey Jordan from Rep. Chynah Tyler's office is organizing a follow up meeting on the coyote situation in Roxbury on Tuesday, Sept. 19th. Registration and information will be shared on the listserv.
- 2. Presentation from Christ Temple Church, Kenilworth Street:** Sister Tanisha Isaac, Elder Hywratha Murray, Juwan Skeens, Evang. Juanita Skeens, and Curtis Perrin presented plans for historic restoration of the church. They have applied for Community Preservation Act funds to support external repairs including rebuilding a retaining wall, a handicap ramp and other repairs. The church is also fundraising to carry out internal restoration. The church has been closed since the beginning of COVID 19 and plans to return to in-person services as repairs are completed. The church has been using the city lot next door at 32 Kenilworth St for outdoor events for many years. They will meet with the Highland Park PRC to propose keeping the lot as open space with a memorial wall, mandala garden and children's play area.

Once repairs are completed, the church is planning to offer outreach workshops on violence prevention, food and clothing support, seniors ministry and youth afterschool programming.

- 3. Presentation on 46 Linwood Street curb cut for driveway:**
The meeting voted to support a curb cut and driveway on 46 Linwood Street (19 for, 2 against, 2 abstentions)
- 4. Presentation of latest plans for 3 Cedar Square** Eric Zachrison, architect and Mathew Mecke, lawyer shared updated plans for 3 Cedar Square available on [HPNC website](#). There was concern that the proposed project of 9 units was more than double what was allowed, that the project might endanger the two remaining mature trees, and that the proposed structure at 4 floors was too large, overshadowing the existing adjacent house.
- 5. Reports from Committees:**
 - **Hawthorne Youth & Community Center** – Health & Wellness series for older adults, with Dr. Lucy Lomas, Saturday, Sept. 23rd 10 - 12:00 pm. HYCC 50th Anniversary Celebration Saturday, October 14th. Details will be shared on the listserv.
 - **Highland Park Community Land Trust** – Jon Ellertson. See 9/12 listserv posting for report details.
 - **Highland Park Project Review Committee** – Joan Seamster. The PRC will hold its monthly meeting at HYCC, Tuesday, September 19, 6:30 - 8:00 pm.

6. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bob Purinton won the raffle of one free financial planning session with Tim Gosier, Financial Consultant.

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, October 10, 2023, 7-8:15pm

ATTENDEES:

Pablo Buitros, Jon Ellerton, Dago Fadelu, Linda Freeman, Tim Gosier, Kevin Hart, Kevin Higgins (Liz Miranda's office), Mitch Hollander, Eunice Hurd, Sist. Tanisha Isaac, Deborah Jackson, Corey Jordan (Chynah Tyler's office), Steven Keyes, John Kyper, Mark Martinez, Matthew Mecke (3 Cedar Square Lawyer), Melissa Mills, Elder Hywratha Murray, Curtis Perrin, Lee Peters, Kate Phelps, Bob Purinton, Joan Seamster, Andrew Shelburne, Gabriela Shelburne, Holly Shepherd, Rodney Singleton, Evang. Juanita Skeens, Juwan Skeens, Jose Soares, Judi Walker, Jennifer MacDonald, Michael Winston, Eric Zachrison (3 Cedar Square Architect), Asha Janay, Roxbury Liaison, Office of Neighborhood Services