

Highland Park Neighborhood Coalition July 11, 2023 Meeting Minutes

The meeting was chaired by Mark Martinez and attended by 24 people *. A Hybrid meeting, 13 people attended in person at HYCC and 11 people joined via zoom.)

AGENDA ITEMS

1) Highland Park Architectural Conservation Commission: Gabriela Amore, Preservation Planner from the Boston Landmarks Commission assigned to Highland Park, introduced herself and presented an overview of the Highland Park Architectural Conservation Commission.

Main takeaways:

- A)** Highland Park property owners must contact the Landmark Commission before starting on:
- New Construction
 - Full or Partial Demolition
 - Any character-defining changes to the exterior of their property
 - Landscape alterations (including cutting or removal of live trees, removal of puddingstone walls, changing contour of their property)
- B)** Residents wishing to apply for a design review, read the full Standards and Criteria of the designation, report an infringement of standards, sign up as an “Interested Party” (in order to receive updates of meetings and decisions of the ACD) or simply to ask questions should go to
- Boston Landmark website at <https://www.boston.gov/historic-district/highland-park-architectural-conservation-district> or
 - Contact Gabriela at gabriela.amore@boston.gov
- C)** Home owners required by the Inspectional Services Department (ISD) to remove trees, repair their homes or clear their yard should notify the HPACD before taking any action.

2) REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES:

- A) Highland Park Community Land Trust:** Mark Martinez. The CLT has met and is closing in on a purchase of the empty lot on Milmont Street with abutters, to turn it into an urban wild. They will approach the PRC for approval
- B) Highland Park Project Review Committee:** Joan Seamster. The PRC will hold its monthly meeting at HYCC Tuesday, July 18, 6:30-8PM

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Andrew Shelburne won the raffle of 2 free tickets to the Newport Jazz Festival donated by Steven Keyes.

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, September 12, 2023, 7-8:15pm (HPNC doesn't meet in August!)

ATTENDEES: Gabriela Amore, (Highland Park ACD Administrator), David Black, John Conaghan, Ernest Coston, Dan Cruz, Jon Ellerton, Dago Fadelu, Suleman Gagere, Marilyn Grant, Olivia Grant, Jan Griffith, Kevin Higgins (Liz Miranda's office) Jackie Houhton, Corey Jordan (Chynah Tyler's office), Steven Keyes, Scott Knox, Mark Martinez, Lee Peters, Kate Phelps, David Price, Joan Seamster, Andrew Shelburne, Andrew Shelburne, Holly Shepherd, Rodney Singleton, Jay Vilar.