

Minutes Highland Park Neighborhood Coalition (HPNC) Monthly Meeting

October 11, 2022 7-8:15pm

28 people were in attendance at the zoom gathering chaired by Mark Martinez (see below)

1) Development Proposal: Bob Purinton of 46 Linwood Street presented his proposal to create two parking spaces in his front yard resulting in a single curb cut. After a discussion and questions and answers, and hearing evidence that the abutters' meeting had expressed general approval of the plan, the meeting voted to approve this proposal with

11 votes in favor

1 vote against and

4 abstentions.

2) Development Proposal: Leah Daniels was on the agenda to present her proposal to remodel her one family home at 12 Marcella Street into two units. Leah wasn't able to attend, although her uncle did. Because he did not have the abutters video to help explain the project, however, the matter was postponed for another time.

3) Steering Committee Nomination: There is a vacant position on the HPNC Steering Committee. Before moving forward on nominations and election to fill this opening, the HPNC Steering Committee will first distribute proposed changes to its bylaws governing how to proceed: (whether there should be a limit to the number of people on the Steering Committee, and whether criteria for membership on the committee should be put into the bylaws). This proposal will be posted on the HPNC website www.hpncwebsite.com with space for comments by residents of Highland Park two weeks prior to our November meeting.

4) Reports:

- Doris Morales of Hawthorne Youth and Community Center reported on its upcoming events: the 2pm October 15th neighborhood reading of Frederick Douglass' *What to the Slave is the 4th of July*, the four-week *Take Back the Kitchen* course starting October 20, and their annual Halloween Party the final week of October. See www.hycroxbury.org for details.
- Melissa Mills, Co-Chair of the Highland Park Parcel Review Committee (HPPRC) gave a brief report.
- Jon Ellertson, Co-Clerk of the Highland Park Community Land Trust (HPCLT) posted their report on the Highland Par listserv and announced the HPCLT's board meeting for November 12, 1-230pm.
 - Dan Cruz raised an objection to the HPCLT's collaboration with Urbanica on Parcels 3 and 5 without seeking bids from local black or brown-owned developers. Jon explained that the timing was short in responding to the bid. Mark Martinez said that this was an issue for the HPCLT and that, as a member of the HPCLT board, he knew that the establishment of procedures to invite bids from local black or brown bids in advance of future projects was on their agenda.

The next meeting of the HPNC will be held over zoom on **Tuesday, November 15 from 7-8:15pm THE TUESDAY AFTER ELECTION DAY.**

Attendees:

Andrea Caceras, Andrew Shelburne, Bob Purinton, Dan Cruz, Dayo Fadellu, Deborah Jackson, Eunice Hurd, Gabriel Shelburne, Greg Daniels, Holly Shepherd, Jane Sakev, Jay Vilar, Jen Rose Halperin, Joan Seamster, John Kyper, Jon Ellertson, Jose Soares, Kate Phelps, Luther Pinckney, Marjorie Powell, Mark Martinez, Melissa Mills, Mitch, Norberto (Rep Miranda), Officer ORourke, Stephen Etienne (Cllr. TSA), Stevan Murnan (Cllr. TSA), Steven Keyes.