

MINUTES Highland Park Neighborhood Coalition, January 9, 2024

The meeting was chaired by Tim Gosier and attended by 37 people* via zoom.

AGENDA ITEMS

- 1) Flavio DaViega, Director of Constituent Services, Investigation and Enforcement Team from Inspectional Services reported on a site visit to **118 Highland Street** where there is an open violation from the building division for failure to secure permit to erect retaining wall and stairs and construct a parking lot. Mr. DaViega will follow up and report to the HPNC as to requisite remediation.
- 2) **3 Cedar Square:** The meeting discussed the proposed development of nine units and nine on-site parking spaces with one affordable unit. Having achieved the requisite zoning height, and addressed suggested improvements made by the HP ACDC, the developer will come back with two possible further amendments based on neighbors' additional feedback for a vote at the next (February) meeting.
- 3) **HPNC in 2024:** Suggestions included:
 - Plan Open house at next (February) meeting for meet and greet and to allow dialogue with steering committee to encourage new residents to serve on the committee.
 - Organize more neighborhood walks (maybe historic walks)
 - Create newcomer information pack to acquaint new residents with rich history of Highland Park
 - Hold more pot lucks
 - Expand detail on HPNC website to give an understanding of meeting norms and the processes including voting on development projects.
 - To maintain institutional knowledge, stability and continuity on HPNC steering committee, keep half the members on and half rotate off (might require bylaw change).

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES:

1. **Hawthorne Youth & Community Center (HYCC)** – Luther Pinckney announced that new programming will be announced shortly for 2024
2. **Highland Park Project Review Committee – (HP-PRC)** Joan Seamster reported that the PRC will hold its monthly meeting at HYCC Tuesday, January 16, 6:30-8PM
3. **HP Architectural Conservation District Commission – (HPACD)** Kate Phelps gave a summary of the HP ACD meetings held to date in 2023. Recordings of the meetings can be found on the City of Boston website (under Landmarks Commission) as well as on the Highland Park listserv and the HPNCwebsite.com
4. **HP Community Land Trust - (HPCLT)** John Ellertson shared that he had received notice from the Mayor's Office of Housing that the PRC project with Urbanica and the HPCLT was proceeding.
5. **Boston Police Department** – Holly Shepherd posted the month's incident report on the Highland Park listserv and on the chat during the meeting. Katy Janvier, Asst Director of the Bureau of Community Engagement can be reached for questions at Katy.Janvier @pd.boston.gov.

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, February 13th 7-8:15pm

ATTENDEES: David Black, Ernest Coston, Joshua Champagne (Councilor Anderson's office), Flavio DaViega (ISD), Matthew Eckel (3 Cedar lawyer), Jon Ellertson, Erik H, Dayo Fadelu, Linda Freeman, Randy Foote, Simone Gaines, Suleman Gajere, Marilyn Grant, Katy Janvier (BPD), Corey Jordan (Chynah Tyler's office), John Kyper, William Laferriere, Stacy Lewis, Mark Martinez, Anton Montgomery, Luther Pinkney, Kate Phelps, Bob Purinton, Cindy

Quach, Rob C (3 Cedar), Rosalind ?, Joan Seamster, Zachary Sheets, Andrew Shelburne, Gabriela Shelburne, Holly Shepherd, Rodney Singleton, José Soares, Jay Vilar, Judi Walker, Darnell Williams, Michael Winston.