

HMPA General Meeting – Monday May 4th, 2009

President Welborn – called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm

HMPA Board Members present: Kellie Welborn, Becky Ruby, Jason Hummel, Bill Wolber, Rodney Weaver, Barbara Beeker, Elisabeth Krug, Jessica Harbison-Weaver

Absent –Chris Bull

**Approval of April 2009 meeting minutes -

Recognition of Volunteers:

Joy of All Who Sorrow Church
Welcome to New HMP neighbors:
Mark Mitcham – 1851 N. Talbott Street

Thank you to those who came to the Spring Green UP in April!!! KIB, Volunteers from neighborhood, etc.

Heath and Hospital: see meeting report from Gary

Gary gave reports on the following homes/properties in HMP:

1826 N. Alabama Street
1701 N. New Jersey Street
2043 N. Delaware Street
1802 N. New Jersey Street
412 E. 17th Street
1723 N. Pennsylvania Street
1814 N. New Jersey Street
1635 Central/Building B
1635 Central/Building C

**complaint from April – 1833 N. Meridian Street (not in HMP – but nuisance) – boarded up on 4/8/2009 – 32 boards to close it up!

**The Department of Public Works – will no longer be in charge of the high weeds and grass. It will now be under the Office of Code Compliance. During this change there will be some delays in cutting high weeds and grass.

The complaint line number is 221-2150

**Jonathan Chumley proposed that the neighborhood send Sherri Minkis a letter, asking her to uphold her end of the agreement to cut the grass and take care of the property.

**Jonathan Chumley – the old gas station on 16th Street

**Tom Forman – publicly thank you to Gary for getting the homes boarded up for us!!
1850 N. Alabama – business – should be cited for trash; it's a mess – per John Mayes
1830 N. Alabama – per Becky Ruby
22nd and Central – old Laundromat – should be looked into.

Mayor's Neighborhood Liaison – Charles Ingram (not present)

Per Kellie – CNC and the other neighborhoods are not sure how we are all supposed to work together – Kellie will keep us updated on how this moves forward.
Per Kellie – potholes, sidewalks worked on, on the streets – Talbot Street would be nice before the Art Fair. Level some of the alleys back to where they used to be.
Per Kellie – anyone have information on panhandling? What we should be doing?
Per Kellie – another Mayor's Night out soon – update to come

IMPD and/or Public Safety Representative (not present)

**Troy Groves update – is getting 2 ½ years – been in jail since December (per Eric D.).
**Redrawing of the beats – could take up to a year to get them redrawn.

Crime Watch – please set up a group in or on your block!

Herron High School:

The kids really came through at the Spring Green Up!! Thank You!!

**John Porter – moved to have the Craine House presentation moved to this point on the Agenda!

Kellie deferred to Becky to clarify that the committee reports be now as they should only run 10 minutes. The Motion on the floor to move the presentation to now was 2nd and moved.

Craine House:

Tom Forman – made a presentation on behalf of concerned neighbors; who are in opposition to Craine House moving into HMP. The green book says that it should be returned to a residential usage. The neighbors are concerned about the property being used in the most appropriate of manners! This is not the most appropriate use of 1910 N. Delaware Street. It has nothing to do with Craine House; it's the fact that in essence it's a correctional facility.

Tom moved to have the neighborhood show a support of the Craine House and its mission but that we stand in opposition to them purchase the property at 1910 N. Delaware for use as their new/next facility. Kathy Shortridge 2nd the motion, to have the neighborhood stand in opposition to this proposal.

Questions/Comments called:

Roland Shaffer – what can we decide as a neighborhood? What are the laws? What is our say really in this? What are we saying Yes or No to?

Eric D - the Craine House did not want to purchase the property without the support of the neighborhood. All those who live near it or next to it support the mission of Craine House – but we do not support them redeveloping the property at 1910. What if there is a legal or zoning variance we have to follow or go up against in the future? WE do not believe that it is an appropriate usage for that sight and everyone living within a block doesn't want it next to them.

Jonathan – chair of land use – the question is whether or not this membership would support or Welcome them to the neighborhood – we are taking a possible vote tonight - so we aren't sure if a variance would be necessary.

Inga Porter – 1714 N. Delaware – a variance would be necessary; Inga stated that as a lawyer.

Barbara Beeker – clarification on what really is happening tonight would be nice.

John Carter – voiced his concern as a neighbor; even though he does not live close to the 1910 location.

Tom Forman – asked that we do let it be known that we support their mission (Craine House), but we do not support them moving into 1910 N. Delaware Street.

Eveyn Kellum – wants HMP to embrace such a program as Craine House; is concerned about our values as a neighborhood – hopes our values are higher than what seems to be presented tonight.

Suzy from Craine House – Craine House is not a halfway house!

Question has been called to the floor to vote – 21 orange cards – 12 orange cards – we will move to call the question –

All those in favor – that HMP does not support Craine House to move into HMP, but we do support their mission as a whole. 26 in favor – 9 not in favor – 3 abstentions.

Eric D. – there are proxy votes present – they will not affect the outcome; but we should consider them as part of the total. Kellie: how would we include proxy votes?

Jannette Smith – would like to have the Land Use or another appropriate committee – designated by the HMPA board - propose to the HMP what we should/could deem as most appropriate – Kathy Shortridge 2nd – we need the committee to have it on record

what is best for 1910 N. Delaware Street. What is the best residential use for the land for that property? The motion carried; with 6 No's.

Committee Reports:

Membership - 111 paid members

Treasurer – we have roughly \$54, 430 dollars total assets

Clean Up – a big thank you for the Green Up on Saturday April 25th – 75 to 100 neighbors showed up – big round of applause!!!!

Next clean up is on June 6th – a lot of work to do on Talbot Street Alley Beautification contest – beautify the alleys – let Russ know if you want to spruce up your alley – 6 different awards – send him an email – the contest runs all summer! Winners announced at the Fall Clean Up.

Do we have enough interest in having the organic garden/community plot?

Art Fair –
Saturday June 13th and Sunday June 14th –

**we might be doubling up with selling water and lemonade out of the same stand; because we might have a vendor coming in that will need the usual water stand place.

**remind Talbot Street residents that they will need to move their cars. Just don't block the north/south alleys during the fair.

**sign up sheets are at the welcome table; or please see Terry Prentowski to sign up.

**Recycling again this year!!!

**Reminder article in the Urban Times.

Foundation:

**is doing an adopt a block program – street corner beautification – plants/flowers were provided by the HMP Foundation.

Safety and Crime:

**Victoria Rutt –
still working with Kevin and the private security in HMP. Kevin and them need to have an “employer” for tax/legal purposes – to protect HMP and the police – so there is no risk of liability.

We applied for a \$50,000 GINI grant – we have been tentatively approved; moving forward with getting that grant to fight crime in the King Park area.

In front of the Varsity Lounge – the Zinder Apartments are becoming problematic –folks are selling drugs and there is evidence of prostitution going on. There is a police or security presence now.

21st and Penn – a four way stop proposed

**Bruce the store manager at CVS – introduced to us – welcome him to our neighborhood!!!

Publicity – per Carole from John Veatch – the neighborhood yard sale is on Saturday May 16th – please send her an email – cveatch1930@yahoo.com

**Becky Ruby – reusable bags – 250 + with our logo on it to sell at the water or lemonade stand – to raise some money for HMP – we picked a duo-tone colored bag to attempt to sell.

Land Use –

2128 N. Pennsylvania – found in non compliance for lack of a dumpster enclosure. The owner wants to put in 5 to 6 apartments in the building. If it is greater than 4 apartments, it must be an enclosed dumpster. At the land use meeting, a representative for the owner – asking for a variance – we asked him to go back to his owners’ for another plan with less units and to provide parking.

Newsletter – we have an extra week this month – by next Tuesday May 12th for the June issue – get them to Becky Ruby (taking care of your pets in the summer, Footlite, and crime).

**Tom Forman – wants all to know that we are a blessed neighborhood – we should be helping neighbors in and around HMP. He would like to propose we make an ad-hoc committee for “Community Out Reach” – 2nd by Kathy Shortridge – the motion carried to make such a committee. Tom has agreed to be the chair of the new committee!

New Business:

NEW Herron Morton place web site – web address will be sent out to the list serve.

**per Becky Ruby – we need to approve minutes from April 2009– change Tom Forman’s name to include “NO – E” – so moved.

**move to adjourn at 8:17pm – per Jon Porter