

Herron-Morton Place Association  
General Membership Meeting June 4, 2007  
Meeting Minutes

Board Members Present: Tiffany Benedict Berkson, Becky Ruby, John Mays, Jennifer Jones, Jason Hummel, Tom Stark

Not Present: Larry Gregerson (ex), Kellie Helfenbien (ex), Scott Pratt

- I. Welcome/Introductions- Meeting was called to order by President Berkson at 7 PM.
- II. Approval of the Minutes- May 7, 2007. Motion to approve by Chris Price, seconded by John Mays. Motion carried, no abstentions or oppositions.
- III. Reports
  - a. Health and Hospital- Jason Abbutt- written report available on request. Regarding a question on the old car wash at 16<sup>th</sup> and Central, Jason noted that more dumpsters were supposed to be coming for trash removal. The building use is still TBD. Jason also shared a printout of a new computer database that those who have submitted a complaint can use to track it.
  - b. IMPD- Not present, no report. Tiffany noted that she had spoken to IMPD and they indicated a "good chance" of attending in August.
- IV. Committee Reports/ Board Liaisons
  - a. Membership- Yvonne French- 98 members YTD.
  - b. Land Use- Jonathan Chumley  
Land Use met last Wednesday with good attendance. ReDev requested a continuance for their proposal of a new home in the 1600 block of New Jersey. 1715 Alabama submitted plans for a new garage which prompted lots of discussion. The Committee has not announced a position on this property as they are waiting for clarification from IHPC as to if the neighborhoods need to keep garage/house architectural styles similar, or if they can change between structures. The Foundry property submitted plans including the west 1/3 of the property being demolished. With a lack of support for those plans, HMP Foundation has taken back for new ideas and design.
  - c. Art Fair- Terry Prentowski  
Terry noted that the art fair is this weekend. The streets need to be cleared as of 8 AM Friday through about 6 PM Sunday when the fair officially ends and vendors will need to pack up. Terry spoke with our neighborhood liaison, Carl, who will arrange pothole repair and street cleaning, and if possible, a heavy trash pick up prior to fair. Noted that all volunteers are invited to the Volunteers Party at the home of Eric and Heather Woods, SE corner of 19<sup>th</sup> and Talbott. Requested that neighbors sign up for the lemonade stand, trash pick up, and that Carole also needs volunteers for publicity booth. Kristin Edmundsen will be putting out fliers Wednesday regarding the street cleaning and no parking closures. Terry could use assistance Friday afternoon at 5:30 putting up the publicity/lemonade booths at 17<sup>th</sup> and the alley between Delaware/Talbott. The price of water and lemonade will be the same as last year. Another reminder email will be sent to the neighborhood, and all Talbott neighbors are asked to trim back bushes that fall over sidewalk if needed.
  - d. Publicity- Carole Veatch  
Noted again that volunteers are needed for the publicity booth, selling water, neighborhood signs, bumper stickers, books, etc. Also noted that the new neighbor party will be at the end of August/September. It is usually 50-75 people. She is seeking a host and also the names of any new residents. Tiffany formally thanked Carole and Terry for their work on the art fair and in HMP.
  - e. Crime Prevention- Mark Swartz- Not present, no report
  - f. Newsletter- Jennifer Jones- deadline is 6/6 for July issue
  - g. Russ Newton- Clean up and Beautification  
Tiffany thanked all who came out to help and also reminded neighbors that, if they clean up at their own homes, they can leave trash bags in street for pickup. However, requested that neighbors not clean up their yards and put garbage, yard waste, etc out unbagged to be thrown out. Russ thanked all and asked for suggestions and feedback. Also noted that he has trees from the National Arbor Day Foundation that are dormant and need to be planted. It was noted that the neighborhood should look into KIB and mayor's tree-planting initiatives.

- h. Treasurer- Kellie Helfenbien- not present, no report
- V. Other Organizations
  - a. Carl Clark- Mayor's Neighborhood Liaison
 

Carl noted that his presence was mostly to answer questions/concerns. Noted that on his last visit, speeding issue was in progress. Speed patrols and traps were set up with some results. Officers have now mostly been redeployed to other areas.

Questions for Carl-

Kathy Keiger/Motorcycles that are very regular between 12-2 AM on Penn. Problems of both speed and noise. Carl noted issue of speed can be addressed. IMPD is doing their best. Continue to complain to IMPD for better results. Noise is hard to enforce.

Tom Forman/Same question, for Delaware about 2 hours earlier where they also do wheelies, stand up, etc. Carl noted it is a public safety concern and to call 911 is fine. It was noted that there is a lot of MLK graffiti recently on signs. Carl indicated this is probably tag, not gang, graffiti. When it is on public property or right of way, IMPD removes. Typically this is faster than on public property where it is the owners decision what to do. You can call MAC with specific locations of public graffiti. A list of street signs covering most of the neighborhood was then presented to Carl.

Jonathan Chumley/Herron High. Requested that someone talk to Kathy Davidson about the property where both Minkis and Mansur and whoever is working there have not fixed graffiti on signs.

Bill Watts/Parking on 19<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>. Noted several safety concerns where you cannot see around parked cars to turn onto Delaware or especially Penn. Very dangerous. Carl noted there is an ordinance and can work with DPW to try to get "no parking" signs or yellow curbs.

Yvonne French/Phone Poles. Noted that on 19<sup>th</sup> no "no parking this side of street" sign was put back up when a pole was replaced. People are parking on both sides between talbott and Penn and accidents are occurring.

Julie Brooks/Sting Operation. Noted that with all of the construction thefts recently it seems police could use our neighborhood to survey and capture thieves in action. Would send message that scrap is not available in our neighborhood. Carl addressed that many scrap dealers don't care who they get from or how much. Happy Scrap was recently in trouble for knowingly accepting stolen materials. Tiffany requested that Carl let us know what we can do to possibly set up a sting. Julie noted that when construction is done, older units will start disappearing.
  - b. Herron-Morton Place Foundation- Jonathan Chumley
 

Foundation thanks all those who helped clean especially the Foundry tree and debris removal. If anyone has space to store the flagpole, it would be greatly appreciated. It will eventually be restored. There is also a master plan in place to do some renovations to the park. Regarding the questions about park use, the rental request and rules are online and people can rent it for a fee.
- VI. Unfinished Business
  - a. Speeding- Tiffany noted that historic structures protection may be a good angle to pursue. The Historic Meridian corridor has been the most vocal about speeding but were told, regarding motorcycles, that IMPD would not pull over large group. No reason given.
- VII. New Business
  - a. Julie Brooks- asked about possible façade grants available for businesses in the area, that neighborhood could help apply for? It was noted that Chris Barnett with Near North Development would be a good resource, also Jeanine Betsy. It should actually go through foundation with the 501(c)(3) status. Neighborhood Resource Center, Local Initiative Support Coalition, also have info as does Footlite who are working to re-do their façade. Terry noted that most require a business to have matching funds to use.
  - b. Lemonade Stand reminder- bring hat!
  - c. Picnic in July?- Update will be coming. With new neighbor party in Aug/Sept, possibly not.
- VIII. Adjourn. Jason Hummel moved, Carole Veatch seconded. Motion carried, no abstentions or oppositions. Adjourned at 8 PM.

Next Full Membership Meeting: AUGUST 6, 2007

Next Board Meeting: July 2, 2007