

HMPA General Meeting Minutes

January 4, 2010

HMPA Board Members Present: Kellie Welborn, Bill Wolber, Rodney Weaver, Larry Gregerson, Brian Larson, Michael Lusk, Ryan Schoettle

President Rodney Weaver called meeting to order at 7:00pm in the Joy of All Who Sorrow Church. Approximately 20 neighbors were present.

External Reports

2010 Year of Giving: As part of the 2010 Year of Giving campaign presented by the HMP Publicity Committee, representatives (Fred Duncan and Eric Richards) from The Little Red Door provided an overview of their organization. The Little Red Door, located at 1801 N. Meridian Street, “provides education, screening and detection, and patient services. The screening and detection program covers five types of cancers, breast, cervical, oral, prostate, or colorectal. The Mammography Assistance Program (MAP) provides clinical breast exams, screening, diagnostic mammograms, ultrasounds, biopsies and Breast MRI’s.” The organization will be celebrating its 65th anniversary in 2010. Volunteer opportunities and information about providing donations are available at their website www.littlereddoor.org.

Mayor’s Neighborhood Liaison: Charles Ingram was present and mentioned that a list of planned street and sidewalks scheduled for repair will be published later this week. Other issues reported by HMP neighbors was lighting (many streetlights are out and IPL has been slow to repair them). Charles introduced a representative of the Indianapolis Neighborhood Resource Center who provided a brief overview of that organization. More information can be found at www.inrc.org.
Charles Ingram: cingram@indygov.org 327-4139

Health and Hospital: Gary Caudill reported on several properties (see Attachment 1).
Gary Caudill: gcaudill@hhcorp.org 221-2190
Sheryl Crum: scrum@hhcorp.org 221-2187

Committee Reports

Public Safety and Crime: No report was given; however, Rodney reminded neighbors to contact Annie Kern, k9901@indygov.org 327-6265 for information on starting Crime Watch Groups. For problems with public lighting, please call IPL at 261-8111 or 261-8653 or IPL.com to report lights that are not working.

Membership: Mike Lusk reported that there are currently 58 paid HMPA members. Please contact Mike to become a member of HMPA – dues are \$5.00.

Finance: No update.

Beautification: The Beautification/Clean-up Committee met in December to discuss plans for 2010. Further information will be forthcoming.

Children and Family: No update.

Foundation: Janette Smith, HMPF Vice President, reported that the annual meeting will be held in February. A mailing went out last month requesting support for the Foundation – donations are always appreciated. The Foundation continues to look for interested parties for their properties and is looking into potentially partnering with Martindale on Monon to assist with this.

Art Fair: No update.

Publicity: John Mays requested suggestions for upcoming organizations to be featured as part of the 2010 Year of Giving campaign. Eric Jones reported that the Progressive Dinner is scheduled for January 30. We still need a host of the main course.

Website: Barbara Beeker reported that information for the Progressive Dinner will need to be posted to the HMP website.

Newsletter: Deadline for the February issue of Urban Times is January 13, so if neighbors have any items for the newsletter please get them to Jason Hummel. There will be no issue in January. There is an online version of Urban Times available at www.urbantimesonline.com.

Land Use: Jonathan Chumley reported on the following properties:

The following properties will be heard at IHPC hearing in January. Land Use has already ruled on these as detailed below:

Herron High School: Land Use Committee supports IHPC's forthcoming staff comments regarding the plan to renovate the main and Fessler buildings on the Herron High campus. Minor building alterations are planned – all for school use. Plans/maps were available at meeting for neighbors' review. Land Use had no significant concerns with the plans. Parking/drop-off issues are being addressed. These plans will be presented at January 6, 2010 IHPC hearing.

1938 N. Central: Land Use Committee opposes the retention of installation of inappropriate windows.

The following properties have been continued to the February IHPC hearing:

1826 N. Alabama: Land Use Committee opposes the demolition of historic structure and has voted to oppose the demolition of the historic garage.

Gas Station at NW corner of 16th and Central: Land Use has seen proposal for this property and would like to hear more specific commitments before ruling on this proposal. ONS Land Use is opposed.

1901 N. Meridian: Jonathan Chumley moved that HMP join the Land Use Committee in requesting IHPC request that concrete sidewalk be removed and fence to Pennsylvania Street be closed. Janette Smith seconded and all present voted to approve this motion.

**Old Business
None**

New Business

None

The January 4, 2010 meeting was adjourned at 8:00pm.

Attachment 1

Herron Morton Meeting
Health & Hospital Report
January 4 , 2010
Sheryl Crum 221-2187
Gary Caudill 221-2190

Complaint: 1826 N. Alabama St. (1826 N. Alabama St. LLC c/o William Brannon)

Action: Have pending vacant building repair orders on both the house and garage. Filed both cases for court on 9/17/08 due to lack of progress at property. House has been dismissed from court; in compliance. Dh did not show for last court date; therefore, unable to give status update on garage. Next court date is 01/14/2010.

Complaint: 2043 N. Delaware (RAN Enterprises c/o Randall Tyson)

Action: Vacant building repair order was issued on 5/21/08 for the extensive fire damage that occurred at the property. The dh is now taking steps to demo the property. Met with IHPC for demo in October, and was approved. At the blight hearing on 10/28 the dh did not show but faxed over paperwork including COA and estimates for razing. Next Blight hearing is on 01/06/2010.

Complaint: 412 E. 17th (Larry Murphy)

Action: On 7/10/08 a vacant building repair order was issued on this property. The Vacant Building Repair order, for repairs to be made to the exterior, was closed on 12/3/08. Due to a lack of progress on the property the repair orders are being reissued as blight case sending the property through the hearing process At the blight hearing on 12/02/2009 the DH did not show; however, there has been some progress. The next hearing is on 02/03/2010

Complaint: 1723 N. Pennsylvania (Herron Square Corp. DBA Minkis Homes)

Action: Issued a demolition order on 10/13/08 for the poured basement/foundation at the property. The owners have installed a fence around the foundation to help keep people away from the basement/foundation. The school still has interest in the property, but they are waiting for government funds to purchase and remodel the property. The next hearing is 03/03/2010.

Complaint: 1814 New Jersey (Dan Duke)

Action: Issued a Vacant Building Repair order for repairs to the exterior on 9/13/08, the next reinspection is 09/30/09. Environmental Control cleaned the property on 03/12/2009. Dh is continuing to make slow progress to property. Have requested court action. Talk to Dh last week, states he is going to get a job to make repairs.

Complaint: 1635 Central/ Building B (S & B Investment Group c/o John Sherby)

Action: Have a pending Vacant Building Repair order on structure, which was issued on 1/24/08. Property is in court on 10/06 for compliance. I inspected the property today and found a few minor violations still remain. Dh did not show at court, there has been a Body Attachment issued on him.

Complaints:

Instructions for accessing case information via the web:

- Go to www.indy.gov
- Select *Services*
- Select *Permits*
- Select *Permit Research*
- Than search by case number, address, parcel, etc.

You are encouraged to attend Vacant Building Repair (VBR) hearings. The hearings judge usually will take in account Neighbors' opinions/ complaints in regards to time line, fines, and progress. All VBR hearings are at one o'clock in the conference room on the first floor of the Hasbrook building, 3838 N rural St. Properties are heard on first come first heard basics.

*******WE ARE NOW IN CHARGE OF ALL HWG CASES.*******

***Remember the complaint line number is 221-2150.**