

Herron-Morton Place Association
General Membership Meeting October 1, 2007
Meeting Minutes

Board Members Present: Larry Gregerson, Becky Ruby, Jessica Harbison, Chris Bull, Jason Hummel, Eric Dannenmaier, Kellie Helfenbein.
Not Present: Tiffany Berkson, Tom Forman

- I. Welcome/Introductions- Meeting was called to order by President Gregerson at 7 PM. Attendees were reminded to state their name and address when speaking. All present introduced themselves and gave their address.
- II. Approval of the Minutes- September 10 2007. Motion to approve by Jane Root, seconded by Michael Higgins. Motion carried, no abstentions or oppositions.
- III. Reports
 - a. Treasurer's Report- from Jason Hummel. Available on request.
- IV. Health & Hospital- Jason Abbitt- Not present, no report
- V. IMPD- Officer Chip Youmans- Not present, no report
- VI. City Representative- Carl Clark- Not present, no report
- VII. Committee Reports
 - a. Membership- Yvonne French- 27 paid YTD
 - b. Land Use- Jonathan Chumley- Met last week at the Harrison Center. Thanks to the center for allowing them to do so. Heard the following cases:
 - 1739 N. Penn- Mr. Gibson- duplex with a 4-car garage space. Vote was 2-0 with 1 abstaining to approve pending approval from neighbors on one variance.
 - Discussion at HMPA meeting about multi family/condo ensued. Opinions from neighbors are being sought for Land Use to come up with guidelines. Out of last 9 projects proposed, 8 are for condos. Need guidance on this issue. The discussion included points about the number of lots open to build on, types of houses around those lots, etc. Eric Dannenmaier moved that HMPA request Land Use to look at their request lists and come back with recommendations for a rational condo policy going forth, with justification for their reasons, and with that recommendation being circulated at least 1-2 wks before a vote. Rob Helfenbein seconded. Motion carried, no oppositions, no abstentions.
 - 2043 N. Delaware- plans for renovations into 5 luxury condos. Voted 3-0 to approve revised plans. Due to extreme size of house and desire to see it utilized, a single family home is not being required.
 - 2016-2018 N. Central- committee voted against applicants desire to retain roof as built (approved plans significantly altered) IHPC will not allow either. Also required the foundations of the two not yet built to match the one that has been built, which was also built altered from the approved.
 - 2143 N. Delaware- Kurt Flock- permission to demolish historic garage. No one attended meeting to provide support for request. Land Use voted to oppose.
Jonathan Chumley called for HMPA to support the recommendations of Land Use. Gloria O'Shell seconded. Motion carried, no abstentions or opposition.
 - c. Crime Prevention- Julie Brooks- not present, no report
 - d. Publicity- Carole Veatch (co-chair with John Mays) - Thanked everyone who came Saturday. Note that the new neighbor party is now a "Children and Family" event. Under PR, upcoming events include the Holiday Decorating Contest on Wednesday December 12. The panel judging will be held that evening. Lots of participation is sought!
 - e. Children & Families- Becky Ruby- Becky deferred to Carole Veatch as co-chair of the committee with John Mays. There were about 65 people in attendance at new neighbor party. Extra gift bags are available if you know someone new who did not attend! Same time next year at Ed Ray and Tom Stark's house! Also- the Progressive Dinner will be either the last Saturday in January or the first Saturday in Feb. Need hosts for 60-120 people! Drinks/Apps, Soup, Salad, MC, dessert. A reminder that Footlite Halloween Party is October 28. Finally, December 14 will be the date for the neighborhood holiday pitch-in. More info to follow!
 - f. Newsletter- Tom Forman- not present. Please note that deadline is likely this Wednesday as usual. Tom will have list of annual publications for board to help determine where articles might best fit. Neighbors with ideas are asked to email Tom.
 - g. Clean Up & Beautification- Russ Newton- checking with KIBI about dumpsters. Will publicize a date if one works. Oct 20th is the potential date. Larry also thanked the Foundation for its work in the park recently. Looks good!
 - h. Art Fair- Terry Prentowski- Not present, no report.
- VIII. Foundation Report- Jonathan Chumley
Thanked all who participated in park clean up. Great to see neighbors and also the kids who came out to enjoy the park. The Foundation voted to approve the bluestone pads to be put into the square cut-out areas and thanked Mike King for his continued work. The Foundry continues to work on details regarding the parking lot- in next two weeks? Also the possibility for a potential tenant. There is about \$40K in exterior work to be done that will be matched by city when the lot is sold.
- IX. Old Business
- X. Raising of Dues- Larry requested discussion on topic. Idea was also raised to do joint HMPA/HMPF membership. As many comments as were possible to record follow:
Michael Higgins- Q on why we want to raise dues?
Kellie Helfenbien- need to get two groups together to talk about who funds what, but we have ideas- lights, etc. Moved that HMPA/HMPF meet to discuss and come back with recommendations about which group does which items.
Carole- requested that group also report what other downtown associations are charging.
Eric- these are two different issues. Dues are dues, HMPA's should be low to get more people in- first set of issues. Joint dues- there are too many issued with tax deductions due to the groups having 501(c)(3) or (4) status.

Gloria- Dues only recently went from \$3 to \$5. Fdn fees are not reasonable. Should be a very open group to make all people welcome. Our main support is Talbott St Art Fair. Capital improvements are OK but shouldn't be funded with dues. Objects to joint merger. Several reason especially because two orgs were purposely created separately with separate charters. Too confusing to combine.

Jonathan- revisit motion. Too much at once. Support the boards getting together and looking at ideas. Let's put dues in one area and projects in another.

Jane Root- clarification that the joint membership is an option and could still do either/or but could do both.

Larry- technically board has the power to approve an increase but brought it back to whole membership.

Kellie- withdraw motion, but suggested a joint meeting be scheduled.

Michael Higgins/ Jane Root- clarified that there were no motions left to be addressed.

Larry- thanked contributions for now, boards will meet.

XI. New Business

Eric Dannenmaier shared possibility of neighborhood forum, working with Tom Forman and others to try to schedule. Would be crime, tax focused. Looking to find politicians, candidates, etc to participate. Will let people know via listserv what is happening. Please see board members if you are not on the listserv. Inviting ONS, FCP, HUNI to partner. Fr. Stevan suggested checking at Redeemer to see if they would host.

Gloria O'Shell moved to adjourn. Carole Veatch seconded. Motion carried, meeting adjourned.

Fr. Stevan announced the Joy of All Who Sorrow Holiday Fair will be the 7th and 8th of December.