

# HMPA General Meeting Minutes

## November 2, 2009

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

**Newly elected president Rodney Weaver called meeting to order at 7:00pm in the Joy of All Who Sorrow Church. Just over 20 neighbors were present.**

**Review of October 2009 Minutes: Minutes from the October meeting were not available for approval. Minutes will be made available on the HMP listserve and will be approved at January 2010 HMPA General Meeting.**

**Recognition of New Neighbors and New Board Members: No new neighbors were present. Rodney Weaver acknowledged the new board members. Your 2009 HMPA Board is:**

**Rodney Weaver, President  
Melissa Ianucci, Vice President  
Ryan Schoettle, Treasurer  
Brian Larson, Secretary  
Larry Gregerson  
Michael Lusk  
Kellie Welborn  
Elisabeth Krug  
Bill Wolber**

### External Reports

**Mayor's Neighborhood Liaison: Gary Loveless was present in place of Charles Ingram. Gary reviewed some programs the City is offering and then requested to hear any concerns that neighbors were having. Sidewalks were mentioned as a problem. Gary suggested that some factors that may impact replacement of sidewalks are trip hazards and handicap accessibility. Parking on Pennsylvania Street was also mentioned as a problem. The School Zone Sign on Delaware was mentioned as a problem as it is very hard to see. Gary encouraged neighbors to email him particular areas of concern.**

**Gary Loveless: [gloveless@indygov.org](mailto:gloveless@indygov.org) 327 4838**

**Charles Ingram: [cigram@indygov.org](mailto:cigram@indygov.org) 327-4139**

**Health and Hospital: Gary Caudill reported on several properties (see Attachment 1). Gary also reported that he will be moving out of state so this will likely be the last month he reports for H&H.**

**Gary Caudill: [gcaudill@hhcorp.org](mailto:gcaudill@hhcorp.org) 221-2190**

**Sheryl Crum: [scrum@hhcorp.org](mailto: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](mailto: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 48 paid HMPA members. Please contact Mike to become a member of HMPA – dues are \$5.00.

**Finance:** HMPA Treasurer Ryan Schoettle reported a balance of \$21,190.

**Beautification:** Becky Ruby will be sending out a message on the listserv with potential dates for upcoming planning meetings (possibly November 7, 18, or 23). There have been suggestions on improving participation in clean-ups by perhaps spreading them out over various times and places. Additional suggestions are always welcome.

**Children and Family:** No report was given; however, Rodney reminded neighbors of the upcoming holiday party scheduled for December 11 at 6pm. RSVP information will be distributed via the listserv.

**Foundation:** Janette Smith, HMPF Vice President, reported that the Foundation is continuing to look for interested parties to purchase or lease their buildings on Alabama Street. The HMPF Annual Meeting is in February. Terry Prentkowski requested neighbors' ideas for speakers or agenda items for the Annual Meeting. Last year's Annual Meeting spotlighted small neighborhood businesses. Jonathan Chumley mentioned that the HMPF would like a joint meeting with the HMPA in the coming months.

**Art Fair:** Terry Prentkowski reported on a proposal to build a storage facility at the rear of the HMPA owned lot at 17<sup>th</sup> and Delaware. This is in the exploratory phase and no costs have been established for what would likely be a 1 ½ car garage structure. Although no final plans are in place, Terry has discussed this proposal with IHPC and they do not appear to have a problem with such a structure. This would be a good opportunity for repository of neighborhood items. Please send Terry an email if you have any feedback regarding this proposal.

**Publicity:** John Mays reported that several good ideas were shared at the recent Publicity Committee meeting. The committee is looking for new members. The Progressive Dinner is scheduled for January 30 – further details will be forthcoming.

**Website:** In lieu of the traditional holiday decorations contest, this year neighbors will be encouraged to submit photos of neighborhood holiday decorations to be published on the website.

**Newsletter:** Jason Hummel reported that the deadline for the December issue of Urban Times is November 11, so if neighbors have any items for the newsletter please get them to Jason. There will be no issue in January. There is an online version of Urban Times available at [www.urbantimesonline.com](http://www.urbantimesonline.com).

**Land Use:** Jonathan Chumley reported on the following properties and asked the HMPA for a motion to support the Land Use Committee's recommendations. Gloria moved to support the Land Use Committee's recommendations as outlined below. Bill Wolber seconded the motion and neighbors unanimously agreed to support the Land Use Committee's following recommendations:

**1928 N. Delaware: Land Use Committee supports the demolition of non-historic garage. IHPC has also supported this demolition.**

**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.**

**1826 N. Alabama: Land Use Committee opposes the demolition of historic structure. Owner was to have attended the Land Use and/or HMPA meeting to explain hardship, but did not appear. Land Use has not seen IHPC comments yet, but does oppose this demolition.**

**2128 N. Pennsylvania: Land Use Committee supports IHPC staff comments regarding request for parking and trash locations and reduction from 6 to 4 units.**

**Old Business**  
None

**New Business**  
None

**The November 2, 2009 was adjourned at 7:55pm by motion from Bill Wolber, seconded by Jonathan Chumley**

## Attachment 1

Health & Hospital Report  
November 2, 2009  
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. On 04/17/2009 in court; dh states they are wishing to tear down the garage and are having an environmental study done to help their case with IHPC. Sheryl states dh might show up tonight bc ihpc is requesting the neighborhood's approval for garage. Case is back in court on 11/12/09 for near compliance on house.

**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.

**Complaint:** 412 E. 17<sup>th</sup> (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 09/30 the DH did not show; however, there has been some progress. The next hearing is 12/02/2009.

**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 last hearing on 09/30, the DH did not show. 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 12/02/2009. This property was issued for Environmental Control to clean property on 08/10

**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. Dh has corrected violations with the chimney. DH is currently working on getting a loan for repairs. There was no progress at last reinspection. Told DH property needs to be in compliance by year end.

**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:

**1826 Alabama: Issued a Trash NOV on 10/07 (TRA09-15189). Property was in compliance for trash on 10/21/2009**

**2118 Central (Laundry): Issued a Trash NOV on 10/07 (TRA09-15190) Property was in compliance for trash on 10/21/2009**

**1851 N Pennsylvania St. :** Issued trash Notice of Violation for brush on 09/15/2009 (TRA09-13978) The brush was cut back and homeless man is no longer living there. Requested environmental clean on brush left at property.

**Instructions for accessing case information via the web:**

- Go to [www.indy.gov](http://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.**