

HMPA General Meeting Minutes

March 1, 2010

HMPA Board Members Present: Melissa Iannucci, Bill Wolber, Rodney Weaver, Larry Gregerson, Brian Larson, Michael Lusk, Elizabeth Krug

Vice President Melissa Iannucci called meeting to order at 7:00pm in the Joy of All Who Sorrow Church. Approximately 20 neighbors and guests were present.

External Reports

2010 Year of Giving: As part of the 2010 Year of Giving campaign presented by the HMP Publicity Committee, Pathway to Recovery, 2135 N. Alabama was to be featured. Unfortunately no one from the organization was present at the meeting. John Mays did provide a brief update. You can learn more about Pathway to Recovery at www.pathwaytorecovery.org/index.html.

Mayor's Neighborhood Liaison: Charles Ingram was present for some passionate discussions surround SB 177. It seems clear that HMP neighbors are wanting more support from the Mayor's office on our opposition to SB 177.

Charles Ingram: cingram@indygov.org 327-4139

Health and Hospital: Gary Caudill reported on several properties (see Attachment 1). Additional properties of concerns to neighbors were 2029 N. New Jersey (door kicked open, needed repairs not done, question on ownership); 1829 N. Delaware (abandoned house, front door removed); 2016-2018 N. Central and unfinished condos on Central (foundation scheduled for demo, trash/bricks have been removed, legal issues).

Gary Caudill: gcaudill@hhcorp.org 221-2190

Sheryl Crum: scrum@hhcorp.org 221-2187

Committee Reports

Public Safety and Crime: Contact Annie Kern, k9901@indygov.org 327-6265 for information on starting Crime Watch Groups. Two IMPD officers were present at the meeting and briefly discussed neighborhood concerns. **Lighting:** officers have been making note of streetlights that are not working and have been reporting these. Call IPL at 261-8111 or 261-8653 or go to IPL.com to report lights that are out. **Speeding:** This continues to be a problem, especially as Spring nears. It was noted that district officers usually do not have radar. **Parking:** parking continues to be a problem around Herron HS on Talbott Street with parents picking up children. It was also mentioned that some parents are driving wrong way on Pennsylvania when dropping their children off in the morning. Officer will discuss this issue with Herron HS and begin ticketing if necessary. **Traffic Hotline:** Please call 327-6525 for any traffic complaints.

Membership: Mike Lusk reported that there are currently 85 paid HMPA members. Please contact Mike to become a member of HMPA – dues are \$5.00.

Finance: No update.

Beautification: Becky Ruby and Russ Newton reported that Spring Clean-up is scheduled for April 17. Summer Clean-up is tentatively planned for June 5. Since HMPF has hired a landscaper to take care of the park, focus will be elsewhere for the clean-ups.

Children and Family: No update.

Foundation: Jeanne Pontius, HMPF President, reported that the Foundation has hired a professional landscaper (True North) to take care of the park starting later this month. HMP has hired True North to mow the esplanades on New Jersey. It was suggested that a notice of this should be posted on the Listserve so that New Jersey neighbors are aware of this and can concentrate on plantings, etc. since they will not need to mow.

Art Fair: John Mays reported that there are many entries for the Art Fair this year and that artists are being rejuried. Replacement food vendors are also being sought out.

Publicity: John Mays requested suggestions for upcoming organizations to be featured as part of the 2010 Year of Giving campaign. We will also have a couple of booths at the Art Fair to help publicize the neighborhood..

Website: No update

Newsletter: Deadline for the February issue of Urban Times is march 10, so if neighbors have any items for the newsletter please get them to Jason Hummel. .

Land Use: Becky Ruby reported on the following properties:

1826 N. Alabama: Owner has requested to demolish the outbuilding on this property. Land Use had previously approved this when accompanied with plans for new structure (plans were shared at the meeting), but did not have HMP support. A brief history of this property was given, including noting that at one time property owner had agreed to refurbish the existing structure (IHPC has approved these plans in 2006). It was also noted that this structure dates to 1914 and is one of the few original outbuilding still standing in HMP. A motion was made at the February HMP meeting to not support the demolition, but this motion was tabled awaiting additional information.

A call to vote on this outstanding motion was made: HMP will not support demolition of accessory structure at 1826 N. Delaware. Motion was approved unanimously..

Old Business

None

New Business

SB 177: There was some discussion and confusion regarding the status of the SB 177. Additional information has been sent out on Listserve.

The March 1, 2010 meeting was adjourned at 8:00pm.

Attachment 1

Herron Morton Meeting
Health & Hospital Report
March 1 , 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 for compliance. Next court date for the garage is 03/25/10, owner is attempting to get approval from IHPC to demo the garage, he is also supposed to be attempting to get support from the neighborhood for the demolition of the garage.

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. Dh states he is working with private businesses for financing. At the 01/06 hearing there was a civil penalty of \$2,500 assessed to the property. Last hearing was canceled due to water main break. Case has been continued until April 14th.

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. The blight hearing on 02/03 the dh showed and stated the house should be in compliance by the end of April. The next hearing is on April 14th.

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. 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. No court date has been set.

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 and found a few minor violations still remain. DH did not show up to last court case. A body attachment has been issued for DH.

Complaint: 318 E. 19th St. (William Hawkins II) Repair order was issued on 09/17/2009. At the latest recheck there was no repairs made. Property has been sent to legal department. Spoke with dh; states he is working on collecting bids and getting his finances together. At first court date will have bids accepted and work scheduled to begin, if not before. The court date has not been set.

Complaint: 1829 N Delaware St.

Complaints:

1850 N. Alabama: (TRA09-18194) A Environmental Control clean was issued on 12/15. Due to the large amount of snow in February this has delayed Environmental Control from cleaning the property. Spoke with Jenna Mirror at Alpine; she stated she would have trash cleaned up.

2029 N New Jersey St. : (VBO10-01414) Issued Board Order on 03/02/2010.

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.**