



Highland Park Community Council

Meeting Minutes

Organization: Highland Park Community Council (HPCC), Pittsburgh, PA

Meeting Date: February 22, 2026

Time: 7:00 PM

Facilitator: Elisa Lucke (Vice President, acting for President Jason)

Format: Virtual Meeting, Zoom

Attendee Count: at least 20

1. Call to Order & Opening Remarks

- Meeting called to order; introductions of participants and new attendees.
 - Emphasis on the importance of community engagement and participation.
 - Sergeant Selena, new administrative sergeant for Zone 5, introduced herself and outlined her dual role in community engagement and investigations.
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3. Guest Presentation: Pittsburgh Water Highland Park Reservoir Updates

Covered Reservoir

- The Covered reservoir will undergo significant changes this year.
- Changes are driven by regulatory requirements from the state
- Community input is strongly encouraged to guide design and feedback on proposed changes.
- February 28th meeting in-person for design input from residents
 - Residents unable to attend meetings are encouraged to email feedback; HPCC will pass it to Pittsburgh Water.
 - Continuous engagement is planned to ensure community voices are heard for both immediate and long-term changes.
 - HPCC will provide updates on design proposals, next steps, and community council discussions as more information becomes available.

Other Reservoir

- Potential changes to the uncovered reservoir are long-term considerations:
 - Estimated timeline: 3–5 years before any action is required.
 - No immediate plans; updates will be communicated as decisions develop.
 - HPCC will monitor and communicate developments to residents as they arise.
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4. Announcements

1. HPCC Wine Tasting Fundraiser
 - Date/Time: Friday, April 17, 5:30–7:30 PM
 - Location: Highland Park House Tower rooftop deck
 - Purpose: Fundraising, community engagement, and neighbor networking
 - Ticket sales to be released at the end of the month; sold out quickly last year.
 2. St. Andrews Nonpartisan Workshop
 - Date/Time: Monday, March 2, 5–7 PM
 - Focus: Educating residents on how to engage local representatives
 - Open to all; snacks provided\
 3. A Google survey shared to collect input on:
 - Meeting topics residents want
 - Preferred presenters
 - Suggestions for community priorities
 - Survey results will guide future meeting agendas and community programming.
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5. Police Updates – Highland Park

- Officer Crawford provided January statistics:
 - 21 reports total
 - 2 assaults, 8 thefts, 2 vehicle thefts
 - 4 arrests
 - Theft incidents were spread across the month and park areas.
 - Abandoned vehicle complaints handled via 311.
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6. Closing Remarks

- HPCC thanked participants for engagement and reinforced continuous communication through listserv, social media, and emails.
- Residents encouraged to attend meetings, volunteer, and submit feedback.
- Meeting adjourned with thanks and well-wishes for the community.

7. Adjournment

Minutes prepared by HPCC Secretary Sabrina Culyba with additional notes from meeting recording transcript.