

Highland Park Neighborhood Association Minutes
Board Meeting
Thursday, November 12th at 6:30 p.m.
750 Eastern Ave NE (Emerald Flats Auditorium)

1. Introduction of HPNA Board / Role Call
 1. Adam Tauno Williams/Chair ***present***
 2. Kate Aeschlimann/At-Large ***not present***
 3. Alison Black/Secretary ***present***
 4. Scott Rider/Vice Chair ***present***
 5. Russ Malek/At-Large ***present***
 6. Corina Van Duinen/Treasurer ***present***
 7. Justin Kooreman/At-Large ***present***
 8. Liz Gardner ***not present***
 9. *Vacant*
2. Guests
 1. None
3. Approval of Minutes
 1. [2024-10-08](#)
 - i. Alison moved to approve, Russ seconded the motion; all were in favor.
4. New Business
 1. [Resolution #37](#) : Reimbursement for 2024-2025 Squarespace account
 - i. Reimburse Adam a total amount of \$276 for yearly website renewal
 1. Justin moved to approve, Russ seconded; all were in favor.
 - ii. Adam reminded the group that the website is now equipped to receive donations.
 2. [Resolution #38](#) : 2025 Calendar of Events
 - i. Adam presented a tentative 2025 calendar of events, following the same cycle as 2024's. Alison said she would like to see the spring parks cleanup fall once again on or close to Earth Day. Scott said he would like to see the summer cleanup take place prior to Party in the Park. Scott said he would like to reach out to other park user groups regarding the PitP date to both avoid conflicts and possibly partner on an event. He would also like to touch base with food trucks to determine what they would need to be a presence at the event.
 - ii. Tentative Dates can be found in the meeting agenda linked at highlandparkgr.com/board. Tentative park cleanup dates are April 19, June 21 and September 13.
 - iii. Alison moved to accept the tentative agenda, Justin seconded the motion; all were in favor.
5. Reports
 1. Arts Subcommittee
 - i. Samantha Elliott-Mosley (chair) reported that the bollard posts recently installed in Highland Park and decoratively painted with support from the

HPNA Arts Project look fantastic and are generating much enthusiasm. Samantha said Dervin (GR Parks) also reported receiving positive feedback from park users and plans to post photos on social media. Samantha suggested we use the remainder of the NMF grant money (\$38) to promote an original post sharing pics of the project and info about HPNA; the group agreed. Scott noted that November would be a good time to advertise the organization as many people are engaged in end-of-the-year donations. Samantha said she would write a post and share it with HPNA social media managers to distribute. Samantha and Scott each said that the artist was great to work with. Scott thought a next project might be to paint the green utility boxes along Malta St NE.

2. Parks Subcommittee
 - i. Scott (chair) said a recent Pollinator Garden cleanup he organized attracted five volunteers and the effort was successful. Another group helped paint the area. Adam asked if the recent damage to the park had been repaired; Scott said the grates looked repaired and everything looked back to normal.
3. Treasurer
 - i. Corina said that she had no update as she was experiencing computer issues. Adam noted that no transactions had occurred since last month.
6. Discussion
 1. [Planning Guidelines Document](#)
 - i. Adam said that the Planning Guidelines Document had been posted in the HPNA Google Drive.
 2. Kooreman's 2025 Event
 - i. Justin said the NMF-supported event would be rescheduled for Summer 2025, with details forthcoming. He hopes to revisit planning over the holidays and have more to report at the January 2025 board meeting.
 3. Website Posts : Board Intros?
 - i. Adam thought we could use more website blogs to keep the site fresh and boost our search engine visibility. He requested that each Board member and subcommittee chair email to him a headshot and blog proving a brief bio and describing why we want to be involved with HPNA. [About 3 paragraphs, a few sentences in each.] Adam plans to publish these on the website, each a few weeks apart.
7. Adjourn
 1. Scott moved to adjourn, Alison seconded the motion; all were in favor.