

HIGHLAND NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

MEETING MINUTES 09/08/2022

Present:

Board Members:

Christian Kelly President

Heather Ames Secretary

Emily Palmer Treasurer (via Zoom)

Salem City Councilor Ward 1 Virginia Stapleton (via Zoom)

Guests/Assoc Members:

Jim Stuller (Liberty Rd NE) (Member)

Britany Randall from Catholic Community Services (Guest)

(?) Hutton (Water St) (Member)

Absent were representatives from Salem Police Department and the Salem Police Foundation.

New business:

Monday, September 12 will be the new City Manager's first meeting.

Early October there will be a meet and greet at the Police Station Community Room.

Treasurer's Report

Reimbursement for Michelle Reed, Mural designer/artist for paint and supplies: \$433.53.

Reimbursement for Leigh Tracey-Gaynair for primer: \$98.47

Heather Ames reported Michelle Reed and Chris Ward may have spent more than they reported, and Christian Kelly agreed that was indeed possible. They did receive several reported donations, including \$100, \$20 cash from Heather Ames and \$20 cash Heather Ames observed a neighbor donating. They were planning to return the cash donations. Christian Kelly suggested setting up a jar after the October neighborhood meeting for further donations, and informing Michelle and Chris they should not return the cash donations they had already received.

There will be a Block Party October 15 (the 2nd Thursday of that month.)

There will be no further Neighborhood Association meetings after the October 13, 2022 meeting until February 9, 2023.

Britany Randall from Catholic Community Services gave a report on the project at 1262 Highland Avenue:

Plans are to build affordable housing on a site that will add 3 additional units, increasing the original 9-plex to a 12-plex. 6 will be 3 beds, 1 ½ baths. The other 6 will be 2 beds, 1 bath.

Tree removal will be necessary...an existing English Walnut has to come down. The tree is “not in the best condition” and its roots will compromise footings. The tree will be replaced with a more suitable one for the location.

The meeting adjourned, then several people arrived who reported they had gone to the wrong location at the wrong time. Not all places the meetings are posted have the correct information and will need to be updated. No action was taken at the time to decide who should update sites.