

HSPI General Membership Meeting Minutes

April 24, 2012

Board Members Present: Amy Lee, President; John Fredland, Katherine Hill, Brian Ressler, Galen Wilson. Absent: Hilary Browning

Community reports

Police: Couple of strange burglary reports. 44 Bonner. Money stolen from under cushion. \$700 from elderly family. 12 Adams. Morning of April 20. Small television set. Three B&Es. 515 Oak. Between 4/13-4/15. Black lawn mower w/ yellow wheels. 227 Morton. Recently purchased. Cut out water main. Took a 17-foot aluminum extension ladder. Ladders X4 stolen from 204 Alberta. No forced entry. Theft from vehicle at 222 Adams. Broke out car window and stole car stereo. Sleeping bag stolen car near Eagles. Two notable arrests. Dustin Crouch arrested today. Question about whether to call in people pushing carts with scraps in them. Officer Smiley said yes, call them in.

Prosecutors. Moses Kubander still in custody. Trial scheduled for June. \$50K bond. Copper theft at church went to grand jury. Only one was indicted, Tommy Johnson. Other three are free. Appeared that he was diversion-eligible, but that was rejected b/c of the nature of the victim. Might be eligible for an intervention-lieu conviction. We can write letters to judge. Probation program for individuals involved in drug use. Judge will be Dennis Atkins.

Program

2012 MiniGrant application. Deadline is June 1. Many ideas circulated. Not going to use it for an event. Going to use it for some sort of public space enhancement. Criteria: marketable for the city (not utilitarian), marking potential, compelling story worth of media coverage, budget, breadth of community involvement, partnerships/collaborations, maintenance/sustainability. Bonus points: promotion of a greener Dayton, walkability/bikeability, vacant lots and structures.

Ideas: public art. Hamilton Dixon would be willing to donate labor and talent for art in a visible location. Improvements to Park Blvd. Matching funds are being used for gazebo, flower beds, etc. Could think about improvements on our borders. CityWide closed its RFP for Brown border. Could also use it for adding flowers alongside Wayne Ave.

Discussion. Esrati "crazy idea": huge concrete letters, like in Amsterdam. South Park Green, so they could be seen from 35. Cascading waterfall down the terrace. Dave Crowell likes Hamilton Dixon's artwork. Good connection with art scene. Planting flowers would cause maintenance problems. According to Galen, materials for artwork would cost \$5000, so we would have to raise some money. Kelly Johnson wondered about beautifying Wyoming border. Karen Stephens said that Hamilton Dixon would be cool. Asked about solar trash cans for next year. Amy said they're kinda expensive. Karen is on the ground-breaking floor for solar + RFID, and knows about something that will be available in the near future. City has a solar can installed in front of Stivers School.

Motion for Dixon artwork. Motion for HSPI to provide \$1500. We'll use Kickstarter to see if we can get more money.

President's report

Getting cost estimates for Park Drive improvements.

Committee Reports

Parks. UpDayton cleanup this Saturday. Putting lines on bridge on May 5. Community garden. All beds are occupied. Emerson School kids will have one. New "SPUG" sign for garden. Swing down in the tot lot. Nick is trying to fix it. Weeding Park Drive on May 9. Follow up on Saturday, May 12. City doesn't think it's going to mulch around trees. Alley cleanup on May 19. Karen Stephens interjects that we're getting a garbage truck, thanks to Mayor Leitzell losing bet.

Housing. Canvassing neighborhood Saturday morning at 10. Looking for violations. Vacant houses or code violations.

Anti-crime. Noting to report.

Marketing. Easter egg hunt was a fun day. Craig thanked many volunteers. Probably 150-160 people there.

Social. PPDs: 30 June. 21 July. 18 August. 22 September. Still need one for 22 September. New neighbor party on hold. We have a volunteer for aerobics classes in South Park.

Old/New Business

None.

Announcements

Eric from Bonner Street is offering painting service. The Brush & Bucket. Thebrushandbucket.com. 937-824-0674. UpDayton breakout on Friday.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN FREDLAND
Secretary Pro-Tem