

HSPI General Meeting Minutes October 22, 2013

Board Members Present: Katherine Hill, Hilary Browning, Jill Davis, Brian Ressler, Galen Wilson, Amy Lee, Abby Reed

Call to Order: pm by Brian Ressler

Community Reports

Community Based Police: Officer Morrison presented the report.

- There were four breaking and enterings, with the arrest of suspects in two of the cases.
- There was one copper theft from a vacant home, and one attempt on a garage.
- The officers cleared brush from 632 Hickory, the city's service trucks came for the trash and housing secured the property that day.
- Our officers do have boards to secure vacant properties
- If there is a vacant unsightly property that the neighborhood would like help cleaning up the outside (i.e. Brush and grass) our COBPs have offered to work a scheduled Saturday or Sunday to help us clean it up.
- To help recover stolen property make sure to have a copy of all serial numbers in a safe spot

Always remember to call 333-Cops for non-emergencies and dial 911 if you see a crime in progress!

County Prosecutors: Mary Ellen Ditchey presenting.

- They will follow up with the breaking and enterings and will hopefully have detail to share next month.
- Tray's parent's house was broken into and the computer was taken. It was later found at a pawn shop. The robber is in jail and how can we make sure he stays there until the paper work on our case is done?
 - o Prosecutors can request he stay in or a high bail.

Southeast Priority Board: No Report.

Preservation Dayton: No Report.

Hope Arts Center: Bob Loyd Reporting.

- November 2nd we are holding a fund raiser form 11-4. It will be a white elephant sale, starving artist, and jewelry exchange. If you would like to donate to the sale you can drop off items on October 30th thru November 1st from 4-6pm.

Miami Valley Hospital: Bob Buescher Reporting.

Minutes: September minutes were approved

Treasurer's Report: Galen Wilson Reporting. The park benches have been paid for.

Program: Nominations: Thank you to everyone who gave names for people they thought would be good for the board.

The candidates are:

President: **Brian Ressler, Mark Manovich**

First Vice President: **Matthew Klempner**

Second Vice President: **Amy Lee**

Recording Secretary/Communications Lead: **Heather Atkinson**

Treasurer: **Laurel Lloyd, Galen Wilson**

Membership Secretary/Volunteer Coordinator: **Holly DiFlora**

If you cannot make the next meeting to vote there will be an absentee voting day.

Bios for each is attached to the end.

President's Report: The benches are being delivered to the city.

- The sculpture is on track. The foundation will be poured by the end of October or early November, and the rest is on track to be finished by the end of the year.
- An update on the Warren St, project is to leave Oak alone for the time being. They do not see problems now but this may change in the future. The plan is to create an intersection at Apple and Adams. Adams would be two way from Warren to Nathen and leave the rest of Adams one way. They are looking into traffic calming devices, such as signs, circles, and bumps, to help at Wayne and Adams.
- We would like to conduct a survey to see what the neighbors would like time and money focused on. It will be online to take for a short time. This is a chance to voice what your focus is wither it be social, parks, or security.

Committee Reports

Housing and Development: Eric Heinrich. No Report

Parks: Amy Lee. Thank you to all that helped with the alley clean-up. The trash should have been picked up today and will follow up on that. November 2nd is the next SPUG clean-up day from 9-noon. We are looking in to prices on up keep with the parks.

Anti-Crime: If there are out street lights Call 333-3850 to report.

As always, email suspicious activity to anticrime@historicsouthpark.org and call 333-Cops and 911!

Marketing: Craig Schrolucke. There will be an Open House tour November 3rd from 2-4pm. This will include three to four relators and five to six houses. If you can help that day to show people around or be in a house, to talk about South Park, let us

know. Terry and Holly are spearheading this so if anyone else would like to join let they know.

Social: Abbey Reed. Halloween is coming with the UD Band. Also anyone interested in helping with the Hot Toddy let me know.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Announcements: 28 Bonner has been rehabbed and is all new inside. It is a two bedroom that was built in the 60's or 70's and would make a great starter home.

Adjourned at 8:14pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Abby Reed,
Recording Secretary

Meet the volunteer Candidates for 2014 Historic South Park, Inc. Executive Board

We asked them the following questions:

- 1-Why would you like to serve on the Board?
- 2-How will your strengths enable you to accomplish the duties of the office?
- 3-What are your visions/hopes for the neighborhood?

RUNNING FOR PRESIDENT: Brian Ressler, Mark Manovich

BRIAN RESSLER

Brian Ressler has lived on Bonner Street almost 4 years. He works in entrepreneurial development at the Dayton Development Coalition as the Fund and Investment Analyst.

I would like to continue to build on the successes the neighborhood has achieved in the recent past and help guide future growth and development. I have so much more I would like to accomplish on behalf of all neighbors, and there is nowhere I would rather spend my time than South Park.

I consider myself to be thoughtful, considerate, and analytical. Though not always the most outspoken, I immerse myself in a situation and consider the value of multiple opinions, options and directions. I strategize and plan a course of action, as well as review potential outcomes through deliberation, not impulse.

South Park is my home, and I enjoy serving on the Board. During my first year as President, I have found the role to be more challenging than I anticipated, and I have encountered a number of hurdles that had to be overcome. I did not step away from them however, and I push forward. As we wind down the end of 2013, a number of goals I had hoped to accomplish this year are just now beginning to bear fruit thanks to the dedicated volunteers who lend their talents to supporting the neighborhood. As a result, I enter 2014 with renewed optimism and energy about our course moving forward.

Mark Manovich

Mark Manovich, avid rehabber and father of 4, has lived on Park Drive for 20 years. An attorney, he works as Corporate & Tax Counsel for NOV, Inc.

I am concerned about the continued improvement of South Park and want to make sure that we remain a neighborhood that the City values.

My experience in housing along with my take-action approach will enable me to have an impact on improving the physical conditions in the neighborhood. My problem solving skills, creativity, and leadership will help HSPI have greater force as a neighborhood association and advocacy group. During my 20 years rehabbing and developing properties in South Park, I've worked continuously to maintain positive working relationships with local leaders, City and community groups to help our neighborhood make progress. I also served as president of South Park's non-profit development corporation when it was active, and helped redevelop seven nuisance properties successfully.

As president, I will focus on our neighborhood borders, especially Wayne Avenue, as that is one of the gateways to the neighborhood. It needs to make a much better impression on future neighbors and developers. In addition to development, I would pursue better code enforcement, and removal of blighted properties.

RUNNING FOR 1st VICE PRESIDENT: Matthew Klempner

Matthew Klempner

Matthew has lived in South Park for 1 ½ years, currently at the corner of Wayne and Hickory, in a building that housed the Wayne Street Brewery in the 1880s. He works as a Taxpayer Services Representative in the Montgomery County Treasurer's Office, with previous experience in communications, political organizing, and education.

I am passionate about South Park and believe that my organizational skills and experience can help us keep improving our neighborhood and have a voice in the future development of Dayton. I want to assist HSPI's goals of promoting home ownership, fighting blight, encouraging business and investments in the neighborhood, improving parks and public spaces, and combating crime. These are all important elements in building the community in which we all want to live.

Although I am interested in details, I am at my core a big picture thinker. There are many important elements to building and promoting South Park, but they cannot be pursued without keeping other important goals in mind. One of my strengths is the ability to keep a focus on the larger picture. In many tasks that I have undertaken, I have been able to successfully build coalitions and find consensus. I work very well with other people and diverse groups, and strive to find win-win solutions to any issues that arise. I am a well-organized person and take whatever task I am given seriously and complete it with dedication. Another of my strengths is my experience living in diverse communities. I have lived in many different parts of Ohio, in San Francisco, and in Japan. My experience living overseas (and in different parts of the U.S.) gives me the ability to look at things from different perspectives.

I know that we live in the best neighborhood in Dayton. I strongly believe in the strengths that South Park possesses. But even more so, I believe in the bright future of this neighborhood. We are already doing so much, working with local businesses, developers, and our residents. We can continue to build upon these relationships and forge stronger ties to neighboring areas to work together on projects. We can continue to try new avenues to reach out and engage the residents of South Park. We already have a great start. I believe that I can help keep us moving in the right direction.

RUNNING FOR 2nd VICE PRESIDENT: Amy Lee

Amy Lee

Amy Lee and her husband bought their home on Bonner Street four years ago. She works as the Media Director at the Kettering Foundation.

I served as president of HSPI from 2010-2012 and as past-president in 2013. I'd like to continue to serve on the Board in order to keep South Park's forward momentum going, seizing on the improvements already made by so many years of work by dedicated neighbors, pushing on to make South Park even more safe, stable, and vibrant.

As 2nd VP, my role would include organizing internal projects and planning, from alley cleanups to neighborhood meetings like the one where we hammered out parameters for the Cliburn redevelopment project. My strengths are in organization, getting people what they need to put their ideas into action, and creating plans *with* neighbors, so that more people are fully bought-into neighborhood initiatives— expanding our pool of energy, ideas, and leadership.

I'd like to see South Park become even stronger— both able to do more independently and becoming more of a force within the City. I think South Park absolutely has everything necessary— not just to cope with problems, but also to exceed people's expectations of what's possible in Dayton. I think beautification of our neighborhood and development of the former Cliburn Manor site are two immediate areas we should focus on.

RUNNING FOR RECORDING SECRETARY/COMMUNICATIONS LEAD: Heather Atkinson

Heather Atkinson

Heather has lived on Oak Street for a little over a year. She works as the Community Engagement Coordinator at IUE-CWA, a labor union that represents manufacturing workers in the Dayton region and beyond. Heather works to build relationships on behalf of the IUE-CWA with local organizations, community groups and leaders so they may work together on shared goals.

I am interested in serving on the Board because I believe South Park is an amazingly vibrant community that has a key role to play in the future development of the City of Dayton. Being a newcomer to Dayton, I was so pleasantly surprised by the level of engagement and pride of my fellow South Parkers in our neighborhood. The commitment of others inspired me to get more involved. As Dayton continues to climb upward, I believe South Park is poised to be one of the most quickly revitalizing neighborhoods, and I am excited to be a part of shaping what we as a community want our neighborhood to look like.

I have a number of skills that will serve me well in the Recording Secretary position. I have a very strong attention to detail, significant experience in meeting and event planning, and a strong background in communications. I also have a number of years of professional experience in the public policy arena. I see one of the primary duties of the Recording Secretary as ensuring that there is an effective means for information to flow from the Board to residents, and vice versa. I believe my skill set will provide me with the tools needed to perform this duty effectively. I am well-versed in using email and Facebook as a means of communication, and committed to continuing the good work our volunteers have done in this area. However, I also believe that my experience with other communication techniques could help bridge the digital divide for those in our neighborhood that are not online. This in turn could help to reach more residents in South Park, and encourage broader participation with HSPI.

One of things that I love most about South Park is all of the diversity and character that exists within the borders of our neighborhood. I believe our neighborhood can be one that continues to develop and revitalize, but that also embraces diversity and people from different walks of life. I think the strongest neighborhoods are those that have a vision of inclusion, and I would like to see that be a part of our vision here in South Park.

RUNNING FOR TREASURER : Laurel Lloyd, Galen Wilson

Laurel V. Lloyd

Laurel and her fiancé Lars Soderlund have enjoyed living on Adams Street for the past year. She works for Booz Allen Hamilton as a Senior Consultant. Her expertise is in public health and disease surveillance.

South Park has been an excellent place to live and I would like to give back to the neighborhood.

As an analyst I am trained in tracking and measuring outcomes/diseases/trends for clients. I have experience reporting my findings on a regular basis and adjusting my methods based on client feedback. These skills will translate into taking the responsibility for HSPI's bookkeeping and reporting. For example, a bookkeeper must be detail oriented, disciplined and understand the importance of thorough documentation, which is part of my skill set. I also enjoy numbers, because they are an exact science with no room for error. A good treasurer must also be analytical, and I'm a trained analyst, which means I can review and decipher information for varied purposes. Analyzing financial documents is crucial to supporting good decisions. Lastly,

technological savvy is very important today, and as Treasurer I would support the use of customized software, such as Quickbooks, if HSPI does not already use such a system.

In closing, I would love to be HSPI Treasurer and join the team that works to keep South Park so great.

Galen R. Wilson

Galen has lived on the corner of Alberta and Adams for 15 years, claiming 15 years of active HSPI membership and volunteering. He works for the U.S. government as an Archivist at the National Archives and Records Administration.

Of all Board positions, Treasurer may perhaps benefit most from continuity of office. I am in my second stint--8 years now--as Treasurer. Two accomplishments have been (1) transferring HSPI's assets to a new financial institution when our old one ceased paying interest and began charging stiff monthly fees, and (2) reestablishing HSPI's 501(c)(3) non-profit status with the Internal Revenue Service after we learned it had lapsed years earlier due to Board failure to file tax returns. I would like to continue to help HSPI husband its resources, make informed choices on investing them in the neighborhood, and attend to mundane but vital details like filing tax returns.

I am the treasurer for three organizations: HSPI, my church, and a national professional organization. Each unique financial situation requires a tailored approach to ensure fiscal viability. HSPI is the least complicated of them, but perhaps the most vulnerable in terms of financial stability. I am able to draw on the experience of managing the finances of the other institutions to imagine different ways HSPI can be savvy in raising money and invest it for best return in neighborhood development.

I have recently recommended to the Board that HSPI put itself on a budget for 2014 so that each Committee can plan more effectively and efficiently. This budget will be based on priorities expressed by the neighborhood, and probably presented to the membership in January. HSPI's treasury is not as rosy as the most recent Treasurer's Reports might suggest. Over a third of our assets on paper are dedicated to the Dixon sculpture on Park Drive boulevard and will soon be expended. We must do two things to put HSPI in a good financial position in 2014: have a bang-up membership renewal campaign, and host a successful major fund-raiser (home tour, anyone?). I bring to the table both a memory of HSPI's past and ability to imagine something fresh.

RUNNING FOR MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY/VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR: Holly DiFlora

Holly DiFlora

Holly is the owner/broker of The Home Group Realty Company at 67 Park Drive. She has been actively involved in the revitalization of the Historic South Park neighborhood since 2006.

I am so proud to be a part of this vibrant, caring neighborhood. I see serving on the Board as a way to give back and as a way to help continue the wonderful work that has been done and is being done.

In my role as a realtor who focuses on the South Park neighborhood I am in a position to meet people who are looking to move here or have recently purchased a home. This gives me the opportunity to talk to them about HSPI membership and of the many volunteer needs. Also, as owner of numerous rental properties and as a property manager for others I also have the opportunity to make renters feel welcome and help them become active members of the neighborhood.