

**HSPI General Member Meeting
March 25, 2014**

Meeting Minutes

Board Members in attendance: Amy Lee, Brian Ressler, Galen Wilson, Katherine Hill
Board Members not present: Heather Atkinson, Matt Klempner, Holly DiFlora

Community Reports

Community-based police officers made their report.

- Fewer small crimes than usual in the last month. 2 thefts from vehicles, 2 other small crimes.
- 2 armed robberies, one at Family Dollar, one at Dollar General. Suspect is a serial robber: light skinned black male who wears a blue hat, photo available.

Montgomery County Prosecutor

- No mention in their records of Esrati as victim of crimes asked about at last meeting.
- No other follow ups requested by neighbors at this evening's meetings.

Mission Mary Urban Farm CSA

Mission Mary Urban Farm project in Twin Towers neighborhood.

Have been growing for 4 years, hope to have 25 CSA customers outside Twin Towers.

June then 20 weeks into October, for pickup only off Xenia Ave., Monday, \$20 small share/\$30 Large share. About 50 different varieties of crops. Flyers available. Will also be operating a roadside stand.

SICSA Cat Fixing Grant

Grant right now allows anyone in 45410 zip code: \$10 to spay/neuter your own cats, any random street cat is free. SICSA has 5 humane traps available for neighbors to use. Arrange everything thru Zandra at SICSA: 294-6505x16 to arrange surgeries.

Greg Bonser (937 609 5495) also has 2 humane cat traps available for people who want to borrow.

Jeni Gerard: Why don't we have Humane Society take cats out of neighborhood?

Galen: The idea is that the feral cats keep other cats out. We just have them neutered.

Approval of Minutes

Feb. meeting minutes are available online, but weren't printed out for meeting— will have to be approved next month.

Treasurer's Report

A self-audit produced some amendments to previous reports, shown in tonight's report. One large expense for public sculpture, expecting to take in \$3500 within the month from mini-grant and Genesis grant. Will then have just a tiny bit over \$6000.00.

President's Report

- Hamilton Dixon's sculpture has finally been installed along Park Dr. blvd. \$3500 of the \$3600 dollars recently expended will be reimbursed. Publicity efforts to follow soon.

- 3 new trash cans along Park Dr.
- 2 benches purchased last fall will be installed by Mike DiFlora; he's also making repairs to 2 other benches.

Program Report

Housing Working Group

Matt Klempler is spearheading, and will have a full report very shortly. Basically, the workgroup is figuring out strategies for dealing with 3 types of properties: houses that are slated for demolition, vacant houses, and problem structures. Matt is investigating the necessary procedures

Perennial Exchange: Sat. April 12 at 10 am., South Park Green.

Holly DiFlora is hosting a **Rain Barrel workshop** Saturday, May 4. \$30 suggested donation. Getting a critical mass of folks throughout the neighborhood to forestall a significant amount of water going into the storm sewers in a concentrated area is ideal.

Old Business

Security cameras: Motion for up to \$400 dollars for camera, batteries, chargers, memory cards.

Motion made by Brian Ressler, seconded by Galen Wilson.

Discussion:

- Q: How do the cameras function? A: the major bonus is that these new cameras work well in low light.
- Q: Can these be hooked up to wifi? A: older models didn't work with wifi very well, SD cards do tend to work better.
- Q: How many pictures do cards hold? A: 16MB card holds about a month's worth of pictures.
- Q: Will stray cats set them off? A: Shouldn't.

Vote: Motion passed unanimously.

New Business

Proposed Budget

This budget is for planned expenses. Last year we spent more money than we took in, and we are at a low point because we have not done a major fundraiser since 2011. We expect most of the items in this proposed budget to recoup what is spent to put them on.

Fundraising idea suggested: Yard sale—let neighbors donate stuff, HSPI sells and keeps any proceeds.

Motion to approve the budget: motion made by Amy Lee, seconded by Dave Poliquin.

Vote: passed unanimously.

Announcements

Silent Art Auction at Hope Lutheran for paintings of South Park Green by Lonnie Litton, owned by the late Beth Bybee. with proceeds going to Hope Lutheran Church. Bidding opens March 25 and closes on

April 22 at 6:30 pm. Bidding in person, on Facebook (facebook.com/hopeartcenterofdayton), phone or email: carolyn.mann@who.rr.com, 286-6150. Auction closes with spaghetti dinner at Hope Lutheran

Mary Younger turns 87 this Thursday— wish her a happy birthday.

Adjourn

Motion to adjourn at 8:15 made by David Esrati, seconded by Amy Lee.

Respectfully Submitted,

Heather Atkinson
HSPI Recording Secretary