**HSPI General Membership Meeting   
 Tuesday, February 28th, Meeting Minutes**

**Board Members present**: Josh Richardt, Matt Klempner, Rachel Booth, Eric Schroeder, Holly DiFlora, Phyllis Tonne

**Neighborhood Safety Updates – Officer Morrison**

Tonight (February 28th) is the last night for the CBO program. Officers will be reassigned to the east side starting March 1st. Calls for now on will be triaged and prioritized. A representative from the Community Response Team will come to the meetings starting in March. Please respect that the officers work days, not evenings and weekends.

For the month of February there were some minor events here and there.

Officers have been watching activity at 64 Park and made contact with the resident to let them know that they are keeping an eye on the property.

Christopher Mantell pleaded guilty to receiving stolen property (a F5 felony) in Common Pleas Court with Judge Singer. If Mr. Mantell is over on Park, that goes against his parole. Residents can email or call Judge Singer with any comments in regards to this case.

**Prosecutors Office**

The state has given Christopher Mantell intense probation with many more hoops to jump through. Judge Singer said if he violates his parole, it will be a year behind bars. Probation office Dawn Schwartz 937-224-3886

Hope Smalls spoke with Linda Dodge who is looking into the Veteran affairs issue. This is in regards to the Prosecutor’s office stepping in and intervening on the appointments given to Montgomery Veteran Services.

Prosecutors Office does listen to what neighborhoods have to say. The P.O. office asks neighbors to look for parole violations and be vigilant. Notes to the judge will bring heightened sensitivity to cases, so continue to write judges when necessary.

Hope Smalls - 937-225-5609 – [smallsh@mcohio.org](mailto:smallsh@mcohio.org)

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**Rob Carter – Supervisor of Vectren in South Park**

For the next 2+ months, Vectren (and their subcontractors) will be replacing old steel and cast iron gas lines in select pockets of the neighborhood with polyurethane plastic tube pipes. The company will also be replacing indoor meters with outdoor ones. All homes affected by these changes received door hangers informing them of these changes. Residents can visit vectren.com to find a very detailed Google map of current replacement projects (including SP). This can be found in Pipeline Replacement found in the Public Safety tab. Mr. Carter assured those in attendance that Vectren will continue construction until road and sidewalk conditions are up to neighborhood satisfaction. For more information or to file a complaint, contact Rob Carter, BS/CI Replacement Supervisor at [recarter@vectren.com](mailto:recarter@vectren.com)  [937- 291-7163](tel:(937)%20291-7163).

**Angela McCracken – Woodland Cemetery**

Ms. McCracken updated those in attendance about spring tour dates. There will be a bird walk May 13th and tree walk May 17th. She also asked for any historical stories anyone in the neighborhood might know about those buried in the cemetery. If you have a story, email her at [angela@woodlandcemetery.org](mailto:angela@woodlandcemetery.org) . They are also hiring seasonal work (must be 18 or older). For more updates on events at Woodland, you can visit <http://www.woodlandcemetery.org/>.

**Budget Proposal –** At the meeting, we decided to postpone voting on the budget proposal until the March meeting.

**Committee Updates**

**Anit-Crime -** Quiet as of now

**Housing** A more detailed discussion about housing will happen at next month’s meeting. Martha and Eric are compiling a list of homes that are unfit to be occupied. If you know of any you can email them at [housing@historicsouthpark.org](mailto:housing@historicsouthpark.org).

**Economic Sub-committee –** Amy Lee gave an update on SP’s involvement with the Fairgrounds. SP and 5 other neighborhoods (around the fairgrounds) came together and developed a shared vision for the fairground property. The committee presented the resulting vision document to the city. The city recognized the document and gave two seats to the neighborhoods on the RFP (request for proposal) board. All requests sent in by developers didn’t meet the city requirements. Miami Valley Hospital and UD went in together to purchase the Fairgrounds property. Currently the 6 neighborhoods’ representatives are working to create an independent steering committee, with the goal of providing an independent and responsive voice of the concerns of neighborhoods impacted by the recent purchase. Amy will be sending out to residents a survey on what they view as important to them about the development. It will be placed on the HSPI Facebook page and NextDoor. Please take time to complete survey since more responses give our voices more weight.

**Social**- There were six chili participants for the cook off. A great time was had

April 4th- New neighbors party at 521 Hickory. Let Abby know if you know of new folks who moved in. The social gathering is open to new renters and buyers in the neighborhood. [social@historicsouthpark.org](mailto:social@historicsouthpark.org)

April 9th – Spring Fest at Citi Movement Church 433 Oak. The event will be free. Coordinators are looking for volunteers to help run inflatable games. The event is from 12-2.

Portch Patio and Deck Parties (PPD) – If you want to host, let Abby, Tim, or Eric know. Volunteers can email the social account.

**Parks** – Jill Davis : The neighborhood has agreed to take care of plants and flower beds. This is all done with volunteer help. Top lot corner of James and Adams is the big push for this year. Jill is looking for someone with a full-size bed truck to help out .Jill would like help to track down the business communities of Twin Towers to restore the flower beds by Wayne. There is a plan to make the gravel lots by the tavern into a green space. Jill will send requests out.

**Block Captain** - Martha will send out requests for new block captains. She is looking for captains on Adams, Johnson, and two blocks in Clover

**Reports From the Board**

Most of the Board met with Premier Health and Miami Valley Hospital in January. MVH’s decision to cut CBO funding had already been made prior to our meeting with them. The reasons the hospital gave were financial along with the passing of Issue 9, which will increase policing throughout the city. The hospital said that they will attend neighborhood meetings in the future.

The neighborhood is invited to continue to send stories to [exec@historicsouthpark.org](mailto:exec@historicsouthpark.org) . We are looking to highlight stories that show we are a strong neighborhood with the CBO program.

Eric Schroeder would like to compile a list of grad students and employees at UD to present to the university.

Winter Newsletters – Block Captains will distribute them door to door. The board is asking for any other volunteers to reach out to the board or Martha. There will be an appeal up online as well.

Eric Schroeder and Chris Gang will help lead garden tours. They are looking for volunteers. Anyone interested can contact them. Possible dates for the garden tour are June 17th and 24th.

Marketing Committee – Craig Schrollikee is still the committee head. Please let him know if you are interested in taking it over.

Eric Schroeder and Jeff Petterson motion for January minutes. It passes

**Announcements and Public Comments**

David Esrati - Daybreak is back up for sale. Mustard Seeds foundation found another address. David has produced videos on school property sales. Encourages going to esrati.com to see more.

It is suggested the Economic Development Subcommittee could add the vacant school property as something to look at.

In the paper Dayton is No. 1 in vacant U.S. housing. SP and Bonnor St. picture is listed as an example.

Mary is turning 90 this year. The party will be on March 25 from 2-5 at Hope Lutheran .RSVP to Betsy and Galen. They need a number for food, cake, drinks ext.

Brian Ervan- An arborist with the city. Residents can call 333-4800 if wanting a tree. This service is first come first serve. Homeowners need 3 feet width between sidewalk and road. You can call as well if you need tree roots cut due to sidewalk issues.

Motion to Ajourn - Abby Reed and Vallery Passigner