

## **HIGHLANDS CIVIC ASSOCIATION (HCA)**

- To strengthen the sense of community, responsibility, and livability in the Highlands for all residents.
- To protect, preserve, and further the residential quality of the Highlands neighborhood.
- To maintain an open line of communication among the Highlands neighborhood, the Borough of State College, the University community, and other Borough neighborhoods and agencies.
- To facilitate the exchange of information among HCA residents.

### **Executive Committee Meeting Minutes**

**Wednesday, October 24, 2019**

**1:00 – 2:30 pm**

**Webster's Book Store**

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Meeting convened at 1:00 pm

Board members present: Mark Huncik, Eric White, Neil Sullivan, Jennifer Stahl, Margaret Sebastianelli

1. Mark provided new Board members with an overview of current projects and stimulated a discussion for new ideas for future initiatives
  - November meeting will be rescheduled for a later date - look for an email with the information with date, time and location
  - Several new and continuing projects include:
    - revamping the HCA home page and links to important information for current and new Highlands' residents
    - providing a listing of board members and web links to their affiliated work on committees, commissions, councils and coalitions
    - listing top 10 favorite local businesses (e.g., best restaurants for burgers, pizzas, ethnic foods, etc.) and services (e.g., pet sitting, reliable plumbers, etc.) for new members of the community
    - establishing a new working group to develop a Welcome-to-the-Highlands model to assist new residents with acclimating and integrating into the community
    - supervising and updating current information on Facebook
    - reviewing and evaluating the Overnight Street Parking Pilot Permit Program (special events street and lawn parking enforcement) based on data collected through the summer and fall activities
    - updating the E. Fairmount Park Renovations/Additions – Master Plan and grant applications project including ideas to bring Highlanders into the survival and success of the re-do (e.g., elementary students and residents active in an 'adopt a tree' concept)

- discussing the impact of the proposed Penn State West Campus Parking Deck on traffic flow on Atherton Street and increased traffic in the Borough and neighborhoods – next meeting set for November 19th
- brainstorming strategies to increase HCA membership and service to the board

Meeting adjourned at 2:30 pm

Minutes Submitted by Margaret Sebastianelli, October 2019