

Highlands Civic Association

- 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 area.
- 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 the HCA residents.

AGENDA

Tuesday, November 6, 2018

7:15-9:00pm

State College Municipal Building, Room

Meeting convened at 7:15 pm

1. Introductions; Mark Huncik, Susan Venegoni, Eric White, Cindy Adams, Elizabeth Shirey, Margaret Sebastianelli, David Stone, Johnathan Ziegler, Jim Shincovich, Susan Shincovich, Svetlana Jones, Tom Gesell, Charima Young, Steve Veldkamp, Danny Shaha
2. Greek Life Update – Steve Veldkamp, Interim Director for the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life and Danny Shaha, Interim Assistant Vice President, Student Rights & Responsibilities:
 - The Board engaged in informal discourse on the current status and work of managing the many and varied fraternity/sorority-related student behavior scenarios in play.
 - Currently, 69 organizations are actively participating in the Greek system.
 - Members heard the overview of the data collection and the three goals established (1. health and safety, 2. education and 3. civic responsibility) to improve the outcome of social behaviors and ongoing disregard for ordinances and guiding principles of conduct by Greek organizations.
 - Summary accounting of current and anticipated population was given. Note: Greek population is not waning due to organizational suspension/disenfranchisement. Growth is evident in active chapters.

- Given the complexity of the sanctions, suspensions and formal dismissals, a process to address each situation is being developed for implementation.
 - An Invitation was extended to the Board to join an early January 2019 conversation with new members designed to establish measurable elements of living in one community harmoniously.
3. Treasurer's Report: No report given.
 4. Zoning Revision Updates:
 - a. Zoning Revision Advisory Committee (ZRAC) and Fraternity Focus Group (FFG): The zoning committee agreed to keep the status quo for now. Any changes that will need to be made may be considered at that time. Keeping the zoning as is will not address student social behaviors that undermine the fraternity/sorority organization. ZRAC is scheduled to meet for updates on November 9th; FFG met on November 6th.
 5. Annual Meeting Planning (Dec. 4th):
 - HCA annual meeting will be held at the Friends Meeting House on Tuesday, December 4th from 6:00-8:00 pm. Without adequate time to plan a potluck meal and since the meeting will be more social than business, all agreed to having Pizza MIA (2 for 1 special on Tuesdays) and beverages.
 - Mark will provide a formal report of HCA's involvement in community and neighborhood activities for the year.
 6. Other Business or Items of Interest:
 - Rick Ward proposed a parking meeting with HCA for Friday, November 16 (time and place to be determined).
 - Name change of Highlands Civic Association was discussed. To bring the HCA in line with other community groups, consideration was given to renaming HCA the Highlands Neighborhood Association (HNA). No action was taken.

Meeting adjourned at 8:48 pm

Minutes submitted by Margaret Sebastianelli, November 2018