

## 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 HCA residents

### Annual Planning Meeting Agenda Tuesday, December 4, 2018 6:00pm State College Municipal Building, Room 241

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Meeting convened at 6:00 pm (pizza social followed by meeting of the annual report)

1. Introductions: Mark Huncik, Susan Venegoni, Eric White, Jim Shincovich, Susan Shincovich, Steven Sabat (ZBT), Adam Schwartz (ZBT), Jack Kirshenbaum (ZBT), Paul Scanlon, Vinnie Scanlon, Maureen Safko, Theresa Lafer, Mark Lafer, Cynthia Adams, Peg Hambrick, Tsultrim Datso, Margaret Sebastianelli
2. Treasurer's Report and Dues Collection: \$990.95 plus additional expenses/deposits for annual meeting pizzas, beverages and membership dues
3. Approval of Nov. 6 Meeting Minutes: Approved by all
4. Annual Planning Meeting – "2018 Accomplishments and 2019 Plans":

### Highlands Civic Association 2018 Annual Report

#### Initiated/Accomplished:

- HCA monthly meetings (one cancellation due to hazardous weather)
- Overnight Street Parking Pilot Permit Program during Special Events
  - o Lawn parking enforcement
- Zoning Revisions
  - o Zoning Revision Advisory Committee (ZRAC) and Fraternity Focus Group (FFG) participation
- Hearts in the Highlands continual submissions
- Parking and Traffic in the Highlands (Alley Vacations, Expansion of Commuter Parking, Traffic Impact Study [TIS] reviews)
- Regulation/Enforcement of Short-term Rental and Tourist Homes

- Community Cameras at 7 intersections (ongoing)
- Re-development Authority (RDA) activity in the Highlands
- T-shirts with Highlands logo
- Neighborhood Yard Sale
- Neighborhood Picnic (cancelled due to weather)
- E. Fairmount Park Renovations/Additions – park visit and workshop
- Fairmount School Re-use
- Speakers:
  - o Steven Bair - Chief Fire Officer, Chief of Dept., Alpha Fire Company –Local Fire Safety/Emergency Response 2017 Year in Review
  - o Captian Chris Fishel – State College Police Department (2 times)
  - o Madison Starr and Douglas Shontz of Borough - Presentation on 2017 Borough Annual Report
  - o Maureen Safko and Alan Sam - Fairmount Park Improvements
  - o Steve Veldkamp - Interim Director for the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life, and Danny Shaha - Assistant Vice President, Student Rights & Responsibilities

**Participated:**

- Penn State LION Bash (LION 5K Dash through Highlands, LION Dinner) – 4<sup>th</sup> year participation
- CoSpace Potluck – April 10th
- Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) Highlands Historic Tour – June 29th
- Neighborhood Coalition – meetings in March and September
- Property Maintenance Code enforcement
- Borough Budget Review
- Authorities, Boards, and Commissions (ABCs) - volunteer service to Borough operations and goals
- Historic and Architectural Review Board (HARB)
- Re-development Authority (RDA)
- Centre County Affordable Housing Coalition
- Zoning and Fraternity subgroup activity
- First 8 Weeks (F8) Report meeting
- Support to residents and State College Police Department (SCPD) for appeals of citations.

**Challenges and Goals for 2019:**

- Advocate “beyond the Borough” for our neighborhood, including Magistrate’s office and Council of Governments (COG)
- Participate in zoning revisions to protect/preserve R2 districts and control “expansion” of downtown districts into neighborhood
- International Town and Gown Association (ITGA) conference – May 19-22, 2019
  - o Call for proposals - must submit on or before Friday, February 1, 2019
- Participate in LION Bash activities
- Advocate for alcohol tax to support neighborhoods and housing
- Getting more people involved

Meeting adjourned at 7:20 pm

Minutes submitted by Margaret Sebastianelli, December 2018