

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.

AGENDA

Tuesday, January 8, 2019

7:15 pm

State College Municipal Building, Room 241

Meeting Convened at 7:25 pm

1. Introductions: Mark Huncik, Vinnie Scanlon, Eric White, Laird Jones, Paul Scanlon, David Stone
2. Treasurer's Report: Current account balance is \$932.95.
3. Approval of Dec. 4 2018 Meeting Minutes: tabled until next meeting
4. Postponed to later date: Special Guest - Vanessa Baronner, CCYSB (Youth Haven)
5. 2019 Meeting Schedule and Annual Meeting (Election Year) – meetings are scheduled for first Tuesday in each month February through December in 2019 starting at 7:15pm. Our annual meeting with elections is tentatively scheduled for September 2019 and will have a potluck meal.
6. E. Fairmount Park Improvements – working with Borough staff to prepare a DCNR grant application to supplement funding from the Borough. A committee will be formed and will meet later in the month. Committee members include Borough staff, two residents who have volunteered, up to two HCA Board members, a landscape architect, representative from Centre Region Parks and Recreation, representative from ChildSpace (Friends Meeting House), and possibly a couple PSU students. Updates will be provided throughout the process and additional neighborhood input meetings are anticipated.
7. International Town & Gown Association (ITGA) Conference in May – the ITGA conference is coming to State College on May 19-22, 2019. HCA participation would be beneficial however the cost of registration is somewhat prohibitive.

Consensus was to have Mark Huncik reach out to the Borough for possible sponsorship of registration fees. Other options for involvement will as be explored.

8. Neighborhood Coalition Dec. 17th Meeting Summary – a brief summary of discussion items from the Neighborhood Coalition meeting was presented. The items included 1) the proposed PSU West Campus Parking Deck and egress onto Buckhout Street and preparation of a letter to PSU, 2) a proposal from residents to push forward a Skate Park proposal in the Borough, and 3) a letter requesting action from the Governor to work on legislation allowing the local assessment of an alcohol tax.
9. Other items for discussion – some discussion was had on upcoming Borough Council election and candidates; upcoming public forum with Centre Region Parks and Recreation on parks plans and use of open space; upcoming public forum with Clearwater Conservancy and PSU on Musser Gap land; upcoming Hotel Tax ordinance revisions at County (2.5% to 5% hotel tax) and short-term rentals
10. Meeting Adjourned at 8:34pm

Meeting minutes submitted by Mark Huncik and Margaret Sebastianelli, January 31, 2019