Attendees

*Board members and staff present marked with “X”*

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Ben Osborn – Vice Chair | X | Carrie Henning - Smith | X |
| Jake Schwitzer- Chair | X | Jake Reber | X |
| Courtney Laufenberg (Staff) | X | Katie Krisch | X |
| Bob Jorgenson | X | Brittany Resch | X |
| Cory Schaffhausen | X |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |

Meeting called to order: 7:02 PM. This meeting was held via Zoom due to Covid 19. Meeting minutes from July and August were approved. Ben made the motion and it was seconded by Carrie. Motion passed.

Agenda Item 1: Councilmen Schroeder Update

Councilmember Schroeder attended the meeting and gave the board several updates. The City is working on have 100 new shelter beds in place by early November. Right now there are 200 less beds in the county due to Covid. There are also plans underway for more beds in 2021. There is currently no end date for the encampments although the park board would like them to be gone by the time the weather is cold.

The Violence Prevention Program is launched by the City. They are using a public health lens that was used in Chicago. This program had great success and drops incidents of violence around 50% in some cities. Right now the city is getting people trained to get them out working in the field. Outreach is also underway to transform public safety. All residents of the city are important stakeholders and are encouraged to give their feedback.

Agenda Item 2: Annual Meeting

Due to Covid the HPDL Annual Meeting with be held via zoom this fall. The board brainstormed areas on who to present a neighborhood award to. The board election will be done online, and a procedure will be put in place for that. Advertising will be worked up and sent to the board for approval. Jake will work on the presentation.

Agenda Item 3: Communications

The board is utilizing the new communication platform to send out information on litter be gone, neighborhoods 2020 and block club leaders. There was also discussion about the last newsletter and including more information on board members and contact information.

Agenda Item 4: Racial Equity Work

The equity group is meeting on the second Monday of the month. At the last meeting there were new members who attended. Two neighbors who created a free library to promote black authors and stories talked about how they got started. They also shared some challenges they have encounters and how HPDL might be able to help. Several other attendees talked about a book study they completed and what the group is looking to do next. A suggestion was made to hold a screening of Jim Crow of the North and have a panel discussion after. This will be looked into to see the best way to hold a virtual event at the end of 2020, early 2021.

Financial Review

The HPDL finances were reviewed. The virtual vote on HPDL’s taxes was taken via email and was passed. Taxes were submitted. The board also wants to know how much money is left in housing to see if we should do another round of low incoming housing loans.

Committee Updates

* **Picnic in the Park:** event canceled for 2020
* **Environmental:** Earth Day was canceled
* **Frost Fest:** none.
* **Triangle Park:** none
* **Garage Sale:** event is postponed
* **Business Association:** none
* **Communications:** none
* **Brew and Stew:** event canceled for 2020
* **Housing:** none

New Business

\*Litter Be Gone event in October is all organized. Courtney will email Eric at Pearl Park to make sure we can have a table on the sidewalk. Courtney will also make sure Brittany has the supplies she needs.

\*The Neighborhood letter in support of funding for neighborhoods will be discussed via email. The board will vote ASAP and action will be taken by Courtney to get HPDL added to the list of supporting neighborhoods if the board votes yes.

**Meeting adjourned: 8:25 pm**