

Highland Park Community Club

Newsletter March 17, 1977

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President's Message

Maurice Handel
President

During the lifetime of our organization the housing stock has almost doubled in age. For many of us this has made possible a life style that our friends in the suburbs can never experience. For others the availability of large older homes has meant an opportunity for speculation that has been both a liability and an asset to the community.

Anyone who has been to meetings over the past several years knows that the community club maintains an active and effective role in preserving the existing zoning and land use patterns. This interest should be continued; we cannot reasonably expect any city administration to care as much about Highland Park as we do.

We could probably limit our interest to its present level and Highland Park would continue to be a desirable place to live. But, if we increase our involvement to include positive as well as vigilant actions, there is no question that the community would be an even better place to live.

At our last meeting Dell Ziegler presented a proposal for one such activity. This proposal, which was adopted, provides an incentive for individuals to improve personal and community property. It is one of the many things we should be doing.

In discussions with other members some other ideas have come up. One

of these is to sponsor a code enforcement program. Enforcement of the building code is the ongoing responsibility of the city. Generally the codes are enforced when there is a complaint. In a code enforcement program, an area or neighborhood is designated for concentrated activity; each house is inspected for code violations and mechanisms are set up to rectify the violations which are discovered. There are many advantages and some drawbacks implicit in the program. Some of these are:

- 1) Individual residents are inconvenienced by the inspections.
- 2) Owners who rent to numbers of tenants in excess of the occupancy allowed are discovered and must come into compliance.
- 3) Some owners may incur expenses in bringing their property up to standard, but
- 4) Owners who are in need may be eligible for very low interest loans or outright grants for improvements.
- 5) The general quality and safety of the housing, particularly for tenants would improve.
- 6) The level of repair and maintenance, already high, would improve--unforeseen maintenance problems might be prevented.
- 7) The program would probably serve as a catalyst for further investment in property improvements.

Experts in code enforcement agree that concentrated efforts yield the best

results in middle income communities with an older, but basically sound and well maintained, housing stock.

Code enforcement is not the only positive step our club could take. It may not even be the best, but it is

Self-Improvement Sweepstakes

Dell Ziegler
Chairman

Now you can get the satisfaction of being a part of a community beautification program--and perhaps be paid for your effort.

\$100 first prize-5 cash awards in all - plus Community recognition awards.

Your improvement need not be major or expensive to win. A few examples:

- .Repair and paint your garage.
- .Clean up the litter and weeds in your alley.
- .Clean up and mow that vacant lot.
- .Plant flowers or greenery or even grass.
- .Provide more litter cans and provide better clean-up service in your business area.

Social service entries are encouraged. For example,

Program March 17 8:00 P.M.
American Legion Hall Bryant Street

Patrick McNamee
Chairman

Proposals for PAT Bus Expressway Station for East Liberty Area. Mr. Don Bryan - Chief Planner for PAT will present several proposals for this station and describe the Expressway. The Express Busses will enter the Expressway downtown at the Penn Central Station and run beside the railroad thru East Liberty and on to Edgewood and Monroeville. Stations will be located at various points along the route with East Liberty Station being the largest after downtown.

The Expressway and this station

one of the many things we should consider that may be of interest to the membership.

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- .Recruit additional block captains for the Crimefighters.
 - .Organize a craft program for the H.P.C.C. Day Camp this summer.

Summary of the rules.

1. All entrants must be members or sponsored by a member of the H.P.C.C. (and may be one or more teen-agers or youngsters).
2. Improvement and beautification entries must be exterior only.
3. Period for improvements or social services is April 1, 1977 through Sept. 1, 1977.
4. Entrants are judged on a "before" and "after" basis.

Call Dell Ziegler at 363-1252 for additional information or advice. Full Details In Next Newsletter.

are important to all East End residents and the presentation should be interesting. Program coordinated by Charlie Stadterman.

Future Programs. The program committee is responsible for programming of the monthly meeting. Club members who are interested in working on the committee and anyone who has a good idea for a guest speaker or meeting topic should contact Pat McNamee at 441-9985.

Sheila Savits

The Fulton School P.T.O. is sponsoring a community activities night for adults on March 23rd (Wed.) from **7:30 - 9:30**. Along with a volleyball game, there will be introductory lessons in macrame, rug hooking, knitting, crocheting, yoga, backgammon, folkdancing, needlepoint, crewel, fabric printing, and quilting. Each "lesson" will last about an hour. Call Sheila Savits (**441-8102**) or Diane George (**363-3317**) to reserve your place.

Tim Cunningham
Editor

All club members are encouraged to submit articles for the newsletter. Any subject that you feel would be of interest to the Highland Park community would be acceptable. Please submit your typewritten double spaced copy to Tim Cunningham, **1316 Sheridan, 661-5402**, by the first of each month for inclusion in that month's newsletter.

Crime Fighters Committee

Sue Passafiume

A meeting with Area Representatives and Block Volunteers was held February 7 at Ozzie Werner's house. Discussion was on how to run the Crime Fighters Committee more efficiently and what type of reports should be passed on to the Area Representatives. If you are a Block Volunteer and were not contacted about attending this meeting, please call your Area Rep. and ask to be contacted when there is another meeting; if you are interested in attending a future meeting.

The Engraver for Operation I.D. is still available. If you would like to make use of the Engraver, call Sue Passafiume - **661-3807**.

The East Liberty Chamber of Commerce is placing posters in the windows of stores in East Liberty with the phone numbers **255-2836** and **255-2961** listed. These numbers are a direct line to No.

5 station and should be used if you have any information concerning illegal activities in the No. 5 area (drug pushers, etc.) You need not identify yourself when you call these numbers with any info. These numbers are not to be used for Police emergencies. They are only for passing on information.

February Crime Statistics

- 1) simple assault
- 7) theft
- 3) criminal mischief
- 1) burglary of business
- 6) theft of auto
- 6) accidents
- 9) burglary of residence
- 4) recovered autos
- 1) fires

Meeting Minutes
February 17, 1977

W. W. Cato
Secretary

Old Business. Meeting opened by Mo Handel, who called for the minutes of the previous meeting to be read; as these were not available, a summary of the last meeting was read by Dorothy Rescher, from an account which appeared in the newsletter.

Community Affairs. Dan Curtin said there were no zoning hearings involving HPCC at this time.

Membership. Nellie Curran presented two new members applications which were approved.

Day Camp. Mo Handel announced that Marial **Levy** would serve **as** Administrative Director of the Day Camp; as Marial was **not** present, Mo reported **that the** Club had a permit for the Farm House.

New Business. Dell Ziegler made a

motion of the Community Improvement Program. After active discussion the original motion was amended to read: 2 HPCC judges and 1 outside judge: **\$200.00** total prize money to be made available from Club treasury. Amended motion passed by membership.

Pat McNamee suggested that hereafter, a motion introduced at a meeting should first be referred to the appropriate committee for evaluation and discussion: after which, speakers for and against would present the motion at the following meeting.

Treasurer's Report

Maureen Cato
Treasurer

<u>Balance</u>	Checking	\$ 635.61
(Jan. 20, 1977)	Savings	1,343.30
<u>Income</u>	Membership	40.00
	Pres. Dance	1,175.00
		<u>\$1,215.00</u>

Expenditures

Chariot	\$ 85.00
E.L. Cham. Comm.	10.00
Supplies	7.51
Pres. Dance Ref.	
Rowles	75.00
Levister	25.00
Postmaster	100.00
	<u>\$302.51</u>

<u>Balance</u>	
(Feb. 17, 1977)	
Checking	\$1,536.67
Savings	1,343.30
Total	<u>\$2,879.97</u>

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