

HPNA June 21, 2006

Introductions and Welcome

Officers Present: Ellen Picotte, Richard Brash, Danielle Sanzone

Members Present: Roger Bearden, Mac Mowbray, Paul Miller, John Frederick, Brian Levine
(attendance sheet misplaced)

Guest Speaker: *Lt. James Marcello, Traffic Safety Division (jmarcello@albany-ny.org, 458-5675):* Marcello explained that the agency handles every special event in the city including Larkfest, Tulipfest, Alive at Five concerts. The TSD provides parking, K9 units for drug busts, and traffic enforcement. They also do a lot of work with Pepsi and other venues with big events.

Roger asked what the process is for expressing concerns with running red lights, speeding and DWIs. Marcello said the agency does sweeps and some officers' sole purpose is DWI, and there is always someone working. But arrests are hard to make due to the three to four hours of paperwork.

He also stated that there are a couple processes for chronic problems and that every one has problems with going through red lights and speeding. South Station covers the HPNA neighborhood except residents on Willett.

Ellen said that Madison and Dove is a very dangerous intersection in the morning and evenings.

Marcello said the TSD has grant money to put more people on the streets: they will put two officers out in the morning and one in the afternoon.

Traffic Engineering, like walk signs, is another way to mitigate the problem but that is a budget issue.

Approval of Minutes: Motioned by Roger, unanimously passed

Treasurer's Report: Approval of report motioned by Paul, seconded by Mac. It passed unanimously.

Emergency Services: *Lt. Jones, code enforcement* - The vacant building inspections are 60% done. They are now starting to address noise issues that have compiled.

Old Business:

CANA - School district did presentation. Chief James Tuffey spoke at the event. They voted to put Arbor Hill library in St. Joseph's academy.

HRC - HPNA is against the proposal at 379 Madison Avenue. The building is vacant but has been renovated. The proposal is pending.

New brochures - The brochure designers gave a brief presentation on the new pamphlet which will be given out to new neighbors and other people interested in the area.

New Business:

Officers - HPNA is filling the offices of president and secretary (contact Mac)

Co-Chairs - Organizers are needed for the annual Christmas party, National Night Out and the Spring Clean-up.

Donation - The HPNA treasurer recommended that the organization donate \$150 to the 2006 Robert Palm Award since the organization has done so in past years.

HPNA may also sponsor a summer camper. The program is July 5-Aug. 25 and is \$55 per week. The camp helps to keep kids off the streets. HPNA would only sponsor a local child for two weeks. This was motioned by Richard and passed.

Announcement: Fred and Lindsay at BID (bid@larkstreet.org) are looking for Walk n' Watch volunteers for Saturday nights.

Adjourned at 8:10pm