**Officers present: Directors present:**

 President: Ed Fallon (District 6) Lois Minter (District 3)

 Vice President: Honi M. Goldman (District 5) Paul Schumann (District 4)

 Secretary: Lisa Crabtree (District 2)

 Treasurer: Mike Kolb (District 1)

**Neighborhood:**

Sam Foster, Dunbarton Wynde Gary & Janice Dodson, Lamont Road

Terra Long, Weber Ave Mike Moll, Tremont Drive

Martha Hardin, Tremont Drive, James and Joan Nohalty, Tremont Drive

Tammy Keenan, Tremont Drive Karen Watson, Strathmoor Blvd

Harvey & Carolyn Matheney, Wellbrooke Road Lynnie Meyer, Bonnycastle Neighborhood

Mary Ellen Cassidy, Emerson Ave Colleen Crum, Rexford Way

**Visitors:**

Councilman Tom Owen Officer Kevin Mumphrey, LMPD Fifth Division

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The meeting started at 6:34 PM

The minutes of November 18, 2015 were approved.

**Fifth Division Crime Report for UHNA/Officer Kevin Mumphrey:**

Similar to what emerged from November’s meeting, it seems that although there have continued to be a number of anecdotes shared on the Next Door social networking site regarding car break-ins and other minor crimes in the neighborhood, they are apparently not being reported to the police, because Officer Mumphrey’s records do not reflect this. He emphasized that all such activity should be reported to the police to reflect the need for increased surveillance in the area and to ensure that there is a record of all crimes, minor and otherwise. For immediate dispatch needs, citizens should call 574-7111, and for non-emergency situations call 574-7636. Officer Mumphrey did note that he has received reports of the Gardiner Lane apartments being broken into and some incidents of minor vandalism to vehicles being broken into. There was discussion of a hit-and-run that resulted in the death of a pedestrian at Bardstown and Emerson, but little details were available. The body recently discovered on Dahlia was discussed as well. This person was reportedly already deceased when the body was brought to the area, but no other information was made available.

**Metro Council District 8 Report/Councilman Tom Owen:**

A Talk with Tom will be held on the last Saturday in February at the Douglass Loop Heine Bros from 9-11am. At his upcoming meeting with 5th Division Police Major Parks he will again raise the issue of the necessity (or not) of making a police report when a minor crime occurs. Tom shared that $10,000 from discretionary funds is being utilized to increase police patrols throughout the district. There is work happening to prepare a seminar with police and citizens to discuss crime prevention resources. Work is also happening on a grocery cart ordinance to keep merchants responsible for grocery carts found outside their property. Gardiner Lane sidewalk work is progressing. A citizen has asked for Emerson Avenue to be reviewed for speed humps; this project is now in the hands of the citizen. Tom shared the city’s approach to dealing with sidewalk tripping hazards. Discussion of resident desire for installation of sidewalks on Tartan Way.

**Treasurer’s Report/Mike Kolb:**

The current Treasurer’s Report was shared and accepted. Current balance is $13,577.62. The UHNA is exploring ways to invest these funds in the community.

**New Business**

 **Debate**

A debate will be held for the eight candidates running for the position of Metro Councilperson for District 8. Potential dates are March 30, 31 or April 17th. This is a joint effort of all 13 neighborhood associations within the District, and is being organized by Honi Goldman, VP of the UHNA. Each neighborhood association will solicit questions from residents. The County Clerk’s office will be present to register citizens to vote.

 **Upper Highlands Newsletter**

Honi and Ed offered an explanation of the updated newsletter design and format. The newest edition will distributed soon. Help with contributing articles and distribution was solicited.

 **UHNA Annual Festival**

Tentatively scheduled for June 11th. Residents were encouraged to make suggestions for increasing attendance and marketing the festival.

 **Performance of the Louisville Leopard Percussionists**

This performance will be held in the fall, and is offered as a free event intended to bring the community together and ‘give back.’

 **Replacement of Neighborhood Banners**

The few remaining Upper Highlands neighborhood banners have deteriorated badly. A proposal has been made to update and replace the banners; options are being explored.

 **Changing Meetings to a Monthly Schedule**

Discussion occurred around the potential benefits of changing the currently bi-monthly meeting schedule of the UHNA to a monthly schedule. Talks are ongoing.

 **Reforestation Project**

Ed, Lois and resident Colleen Crum with the Louisville Sustainable Council have spearheaded an effort to increase the tree canopy in our neighborhood. Currently, they are assessing the area to determine streets in greatest need of trees. There is money available to support a tree-planting program; resident buy-in and commitment will be required, as well. Colleen Crum offered a detailed description of how the program will potentially work.

**Open Discussion**

 Board member Mike Kolb shared that he will be asking Tom Owen’s office for support/intervention regarding loud music during games at Atherton High School and the locked gate at the end of Gladstone Avenue. Nearby neighbors have attempted to pursue this individually to no avail.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:03 PM. The next UHNA meeting will be held Wednesday, March 16, 2016 at the Sullivan University School of Pharmacy Conference Room, 2100 Gardiner Lane.