

# HCCA Board Minutes 5 Jan 2016

## Attendees:

Brian England, Howard Johnson, Stu Kohn, Amran Pasha, Jacquie Sentell,  
JD Smith, Paul Verchinski – Guest: John McMahon

## OLD BUSINESS

1. Treasurer's Report – The Balance as of December 31, 2015 is \$5,287.61
2. The Chaplegate CEF zoning hearing in front of the Zoning Board is scheduled to reconvene on 21 Jan after a 4 ½ month delay. HCCA has been working for the last year with the Albeth community in Marriottsville to protest a potential development in their community.

## NEW BUSINESS

1. HCCA was invited once again to partner with the League of Women Voters to be a moderator for the School Board and Congressional candidate's primary elections in April. HCCA will partake in establishing questions for the forthcoming debate forum with these candidates.
2. Stu Kohn and Lisa Markovitz are on the APFO Task Force (TF). Thus far there has been 18 meetings and HCCA is concerned that at this time the accomplishments of the TF is negligible and that quality of life issues such as Police, Fire, EMS and Healthcare will be disregarded and probably no improvement when it comes to ensuring our roads and schools are truly "adequate."
3. There was discussion regarding strategy for further meetings with DPZ / Office of Law which resulted in an **(ACTION)** for those participating to submit their previous questions to DPZ to Stu so he can send an email to the Director of DPZ asking him that we would like to focus our attention at our next meeting on discussing our questions.
4. The HCCA Board voted to testify **(ACTION)** to the County Council on Jan 18 in favor of CB52-2015 Watershed Protection and Restoration Fee / Rain Tax and to support CB55-2015 regarding BRX and BR floating zones that applies to the Highland community.
5. There was discussion regarding the HCCA 2016 Board Members and Membership. All of the existing Board Members at this time wish to remain on the Board. Stu will post on the listserve in the next few days a notice reminding members they can pay on-line.  
**(ACTION)**

6. HCCA plans to testify when the County Council discusses ZRA-159 – Fueling Station. HCCA suggested that images be displayed at the hearing for the Council and the audience to see the magnitude if the Council ignores setbacks that the Fueling Station Task Force recommended as the Planning Board did.
7. HCCA worked with Senator Guzzone to give the public an opportunity to discuss Merriweather noise concerns to have the Delegation hear them as well as any other State issues at a meeting to be conducted on Feb 11.
8. HCCA will be conducting a Forum regarding the Longevity Years to be scheduled in April. The HCCA Board voted to financially support this not to exceed \$700. Paul Verchinski is the coordinator of this event. Details will obviously follow.
9. Our website needs to be updated regarding the some pictures of our Board Members sitting around the table as they are not up-to-date. Brian stated we have had some “likes” on our Facebook. We will in the future be working to improve our Facebook environment.
10. We will wait to have a Retreat after our HCCA Annual Meeting in May 2016 and look into any potential changes regarding the current Mission statements / Vision on our website.

The Meeting was adjourned at 9:25