

Hale, Page and Diamond Lake Community Association
CPP 2012 Annual Report

1. Accomplishments: In 2012, HPDL used its CPP funds to engage the community in several ways. We worked hard to revitalize the business association, expanded our environmental committee, and supported local projects that influence our residents. HPDL also supports two community gardens in the neighborhood that provide opportunities for neighbors to work together to beautify the community. As always our committees are active in the neighborhood and work to provide timely information on events as well as valuable safety information.
2. 2012 CPP Submission: HPDL has a long tradition of planning neighborhood events. The first of the year is Frost Fest which is held in January. It is a time for families and neighbors to gather and have fun playing games, enjoy the ice skating at the park, and help support the Pearl Park hockey program. This event routinely draws around 450 people and is a collaborative effort with Pearl Park, Pearl Hockey Association, and the Minneapolis Park Board.

In March our Crime and Safety Committee hosts its annual meeting to address issues of crime in the neighborhood. Minneapolis officers are invited to attend and present information on crime in the area and what the residents of HPDL can do to keep the neighborhood safe. This event brings out businesses and residents alike.

April brings the Earth Day clean-up event that is organized in conjunction with the City of Minneapolis and the Park Board. Residents are encouraged to get out and clean up the green spaces in the neighborhood along with doing work in their own yards to keep the leaves and debris out of the storm sewers.

Our largest event takes place in July. Picnic in the Park attracts 4,000 plus residents and we had great participation from local businesses and non-profits. This event is a great way for residents of the HPDL neighborhoods to connect with the local businesses, non-profits, and other neighbors. Picnic is a collaborative effort with Pearl Park, Pearl Improvement and Recreation Council, Minneapolis Park Board, and HPDL. We have a committee of 10 volunteers who does all the planning and many other volunteers from the community who help make the event run. All monies raised go back to the Pearl Park and are used to upgrade the facility and help with program funding.

HPDL has been doing these events for years and they are staples in the community. We continue to make changes each year to keep them current and to reach out to all members of the neighborhood so that everyone knows they are welcome.

3. Stakeholder Involvement: HPDL is an inclusive community association and we make sure that we publicize our events to the entire mailing list so that no one is excluded. We also keep the prices low on event activities to encourage participation by anyone who wants to attend.

We currently have 10 board members and 2 vacancies. We have been searching for months for two residents from the Page neighborhood who would like to serve on the board. We are hopeful that those vacancies will be filled in the coming months.

We have several committees that are active in the HPDL Community Association. Our Crime and Safety committee meets most months (9 out of the 12) and has 7 regular members. The event committees work at various times throughout the year and committee members vary from 6 to 10. The Communication's committee has 7 strong members and is looking to increase their membership.

Our annual meeting is attended by 60 people, a mix of residents and business owners.

Our bi-monthly newsletter is directly emailed by the HPDL office to 550 residents in the neighborhood and is posted on our website and Facebook when it is published. We have a mailing list of 45 people who requested a hard copy be sent out to them. All advertising for events such as the annual meeting, March meeting, Picnic in the Park, etc. is sent to every household in our neighborhood.

4. Financials:

Please see separate page.

In addition to your annual report, please take time to describe your interactions with City departments and other jurisdictions.

1. ***Impact***

What interactions with City departments occupied a major part of your time? What worked well? What could be improved?

We don't interact with many city departments. We work with Councilmember Quincy if we have questions about certain issues or projects but we have little interaction with other city officials or departments.

On a scale of 1 to 5, with 1 being poor and 5 being excellent, how would you rate your overall experience with your interactions with the City? _____3_____

2. ***City Communications – effectiveness***

Is the information that you receive from the City understandable and useful?

This is a really broad question. I will assume you are referring to communications from the NCR department. I read the emails from NCR and take action if needed. We had little communication with our NCR rep so we got little communication from him.

On a scale of 1 to 5, with 1 being poor and 5 being excellent, how would you rate overall communications from the City? _____3_____

3. ***City Communications – timeliness***

Do you receive adequate notice of City activities in your neighborhood? If not, did your organization inform somebody at the City of this? Did the City respond in a positive manner? Please explain.

The communication on activities was fine.

On a scale of 1 to 5, with 1 being poor and 5 being excellent, how would you rate the timeliness of communications from the City? _____3_____

4. ***City Departments***

How can City departments improve the way in which they function in your neighborhood?

Communications can always be tightened up.

5. ***City Assistance***

How can the Neighborhood and Community Relations Department improve the assistance it provides to your organization as a community participation group?

We didn't get much assistance in 2012 or in previous years.

On a scale of 1 to 5, with 1 being poor and 5 being excellent, how would you rate the assistance provided to your neighborhood by NCR? _____2_____

6. ***Other comments?***