

# Hightstown Bridge Committee Agenda – November 9, 2010

## Rescue Squad Meeting Room – 7:00pm

### I. Call to Order – Chair

### II. Attendance

- *In attendance: Shirley Olsen, Dimitry Musing, Bill Gilmore, Gary Grubb, Larry Blake, Darek Hahn, Pat Duncan, & Chris Moraitis;*
- *Darek addressed concerns regarding miscommunication regarding the goals and priorities of the Committee. Everyone one agreed that the first priority was to raise funds for the bridge, and secondarily raise funds for enhancements to Memorial Park;*
- *The amount estimated for the replacement of the bridge is \$60,000 which includes the purchases & installation of the bridge;*
- *The amount requested for the grant submitted by Pat & Carmela was \$120,000 because the grant would require the greenway to be attached to the bridge, thus requiring enhancements to meet ADA requirements;*
- *If checks are received, recipients must specify that the checks may be used for the bridge or Memorial Park only;*
- Committee Members and Guests

### III. Goals Review

- Funding Goal: \$15K by 11/1/2010 – **Missed!**
  - *\$7,268 was raised, including \$2,000 committed by Parks and Rec from the Triathlon*
  - *The goal of \$15,000 not achieved*
- Long-Term Park Plan Goal: 12/2010
- Bridge Completion Goal: 5/27/2011 (Friday before Memorial Day)
- Celebration Goal: July 2011 (w/Library Celebration)

### IV. State of our Committee Discussion – Darek

- Original Structure (Design/Funding)
- Revised Structure (Coming back together)
- Grant Application
  - *Pat will speak to Bill Gilmore & George Lang regarding the potential for bonding costs related to the bridge.*
  - *When this issue initially cam up, Dimitry stated that he felt it would not be a feasible option, however, Larry Blake stated that we should reserve*

*judgment until taxes receipts are factored into the capital improvement funds for 2011;*

- Community Proposal
  - *Pat reported that he obtained an approval from TGIF allowing the Bridge Committee to fundraise on one day after the holidays. It was agreed that we could arrange a fundraiser the on Thursday, January 13, 2011;*
- What do we agree on...?

#### V. Funding Committees

- Funding Account Update – Darek
- Grants/Bonds – Goal \$30 to \$70K – Pat
- Road Show – Goal \$10-20K – Darek
- Premier Event (Town wide) – Goal \$10K – ???
  - *Larry Blake would speak with John Archer regarding the potential of organizing a golf event. He would also let us know how much money could be raised. It was mentioned, that Dave Babcock may also have experience regarding this as well as he ran the Freemason's event at Knob Hill and may have some feedback that may be helpful;*
- Mass Mailing/Sponsorship – Goal \$4-7K – Dave B./Gary
  - *Chris Moraitis volunteered to work with Gary and attempt to get mailings out within the next month as Shirley stated that members of her Fridays Club could right the envelopes;*
- Kid's Collection – Goal \$3-6K – Dave/Taylor Bell
  - *It was reported that Dave had run into some difficulty with raising funds through the school district;*
- Fundraising Dinner(s) – Goal \$3-4K – ???
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- Future Plans Sub-Committee – Darek

#### VI. Next Steps

- Community Fair

#### VII. Next Meetings

- Regular Meeting December 7<sup>th</sup>, 7:00pm

Additional Items:

- *Darek reported that he spoke with Rick Pratt regarding the height of the railings of the bridge who did not feel that the railings would need to be higher than 42'';*