

**Upper Highlands Neighborhood Association**  
**Wednesday, May 17, 2017**  
**Sullivan University, 2100 Gardiner Lane**

**MINUTES from March 15, 2017**

**Officers present:**

President: Honi M. Goldman (District 5)  
Vice- President: Mary Ellen Cassidy (District 1)  
Treasurer: Mike Kolb (District 1)  
Secretary: Lisa Crabtree (District 2)

**Directors present:**

Lisa Shoff (District 2)  
Paul Schumann (District 4)  
Rick Shuster (District 3)

**Neighborhood:**

Mary Cleary	Elaine Weisberg	Larry Seybora
Ken Stammerman	Sheila Abramson-Miles	Peggy Mulvaney
Aaron Roberts	Stanley Miles	Bruce & Vera Plymale
Greg & Nancy Pike	John King	Louise Michalzyk
Cheri Powell	Steve & Andy Peake	Pam & Stephen Barney
Cliff Elliott	Derry Smith	JD Denny
John Zoeller	Jeffrey Bryant	Ethan Estes
Ted Stone	Danny & Paula Head	Sal Melendez
Ron Weisberg	Janice Dodson	Lois Minter

**Visitors:**

District 8 Councilman Brandon Coan  
Officer Amy Matthis, LMPD 5<sup>th</sup> Division  
Louisville Fire Department representatives

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**6:30pm meeting begins**

President Honi Goldman provides overview of the agenda and introduces visitors: Councilman Brandon Coan, LMPD Officer Amy Matthis and Assumption High School President Mary Lang.

Honi began by addressing the comments on NextDoor regarding the Bardstown Road Corridor. There was a brief discussion of how/if problems can be resolved. Brandon Coan has requested a traffic study.

**Metro Council District 8 Report – Brandon Coan**

Councilman Brandon Coan explained how the Metro Council budget process works. He has identified a short list of priority items. Has expressed to the mayor's office, Public Work and other Metro Council members that his top priority is for a traffic safety improvement study of Bardstown Road from Broadway to Gardiner Lane. Public Works prepared a Scope of Work. Estimated to be a \$91,000 project. Brandon is attempting to make a case for this to be in the budget; if the mayor does not incorporate it, however, Brandon feels confident that another way will be found to get it done. Mayors of Strathmoor Manor and Strathmoor Village have provided letters of support to the mayor's office.

**President of Assumption High School – Mary Lang**

Mary Lang, President of Assumption addressed concerns related to traffic and Assumption High School. Emphasizes that Assumption is committed to being a good neighbor. They recognize the traffic congestion issues, particularly in the am and pm. There are three schools affecting traffic in the area, she points out (i.e., Atherton, St. Raphael and Assumption.) Currently, there are three concrete steps Assumption is taking to improve the traffic situation: 1) they have partnered with a program called 'Carpool to School.' Students are required to register through Carpool to School if they want a parking permit. If they bring another student with them, they get priority parking. As a result, more students are now carpooling. 2) Students will no longer be allowed to park on Bardstown Road in front of the school after this semester. The Legion property will provide additional parking options. This move will open up that lane. 3) Assumption now has bus transportation after school down to The Green property (the athletic fields.) This eliminates the need for parents to come down Bardstown Road to drop kids at

athletic fields, which is intended to ease congestion. Looking to the long term, Assumption is in discussions with St. Raphael about how to bring both campuses together as one campus in terms of parking and traffic. Mary Lang is willing to sit down with residents and listen to suggestions. They are committed to staying in the Upper Highlands, and are no longer looking to move.

### **Crime Report - Officer Amy Matthis, LMPD 5th Division**

LMPD Officer Amy Mathis addressed questions about traffic citations on Bardstown Road. Since the last UHNA meeting in January, for the entire Upper Highlands area, there have been 134 citations and/or arrests, and 107 of those were traffic citations. She assured attendees that traffic officers are out there looking for speeders, and the 'speeding' sign has been strategically placed to track speeds. There have been a couple burglaries in our area since January. There have been 13 incidents from 1-18 to 3-14 not having to do with traffic. Officer Mathis puts together crime maps that include icons of where crime occurred, what happened. These are available by emailing her at [5thdivlmpd@louisvilleky.gov](mailto:5thdivlmpd@louisvilleky.gov).  
Treasurer's Report

### **Business**

Brandon Coan encouraged residents to go to [louisvilleky.gov](http://louisvilleky.gov), click on government, then metro council, find the district 8 page, then go to "subscribe and stay informed" to sign up for his e-newsletter. He is attempting to place hard copies of the newsletter in local congregations, schools, etc. to try to reach folks not on the web regularly.

Honi asked Officer Mathis about the folks posing as AT&T salesman (as discussed on NextDoor.) A male and female recently have been going door-to-door; police are trying to find them. A resident in attendance reported that after a call to the LMPD about these folks, she was told not to call anymore. Officer Mathis encouraged calling, however, and explained that the "call takers" are Metro employees, not police. Panhandling – Mathis notes that due to a recent Supreme court ruling, it is ok to hold signs asking for money. Every call they get from someone panhandling on property, they will make them leave. They are arrested if they are trespassing.

Brandon Coan has heard from business owners that panhandling in the area has upset and affected some businesses. He feels that we need to be both compassionate and assertive in our approach.

Honi then thanked Councilman Coan, Officer Mathis and President Lang. She transitioned to briefly explaining the contest being held for a new UHNA logo design, showed the logos posted at the front of room, and encouraged residents to vote.

### **Fire Department**

Members of the Fire Department were welcome. The firefighters introduced themselves, and explained that they were present to answer questions regarding an upcoming training burn to be held on March 22-23. They provided background on how this controlled burn came to be. They have an existing concrete training tower, but needed an "acquired structure", i.e., a residence to provide a wider array of training opportunities that could not be provided at the concrete facility. There are multiple requirements, including approval from the air pollution control district, the state, asbestos abatement, removal of materials, water analysis, backup water supply, etc. that have to happen locally and at the state level in order for this to happen. The fire department has done this many times all over the community; it happens regularly. The property at 1900 Tyler Lane was offered, and preparations have been taking place over the last several months. The fire department typically hands out flyers to surrounding properties prior to the burn to explain what will be happening. They wait until the end to alert residents because these oftentimes fall through. A neighbor heard a rumor about the training, sought answers. Fire dept. has met with these neighbors informally to answer questions. A resident asked a question about her asthma condition and how to handle this on the day of the training. The fire department explained that the toxic materials have been removed from the structure. They can only burn straw and pallets, and wood. They will do what they can to minimize and curtail negative effects. No streets will be blocked. The fire will be postponed if winds dictate. The structure itself is not the target of the burn. The straw and interior setup will be the focus of the training. "Exposure lines" will be placed between the houses to prevent spreading. A fog pattern will divert any issues. The property will be cleaned up following the

burn. Some structure will remain. It will be turned back over to the homeowner. The air pollution control district provides a permit, this has already happened. Next week, they will be called again and provide information about the wind dynamics and say yay or nay. They do also have a permit certifying that lead paint and asbestos has been removed from the property prior to the burn. Damage to trees will be avoided. The fire department spokesman did admit that he does not have a full understanding of what may harm trees, but that the fire department will protect trees from heat damage and smoke. It's wood smoke, not toxic smoke. It will be like a "big campfire." They are committed to a protecting the neighborhood. The burn will take place between 8:30am – 4pm. Someone will remain around the clock, however, to ensure safety, until the burn is complete. Firefighters have been told to stop if asked. Find a white hat. Meeting participant, retired firefighter, explains/defends the burn. Encouraged residents to support and understand why these trainings are necessary.

President Honi Goldman ended by asking attendees to submit any further questions to the UHNA email address.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:32 PM. The next UHNA meeting will be held Wednesday, May 17, 2017 at the Sullivan University School of Pharmacy, lower-level meeting room, 2100 Gardiner Lane.