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HPHPF PROJECT UPDATE

The U.S. economy has suffered a major financial crisis over the past 18+ months. Some primary causes of this crisis include sub-prime & predatory lending, deregulation, inadequate pricing of risk, housing & commodity bubbles and easy credit conditions. This crisis has affected the "Hamilton Park Project" and made it necessary for us to re-evaluate our strategy.

The HPPHF Steering Committee met on Tuesday, June 29, 2010 to discuss options related to the "Hamilton Park Project". The Steering Committee took an anonymous poll to determine which option was best for HPPHF to implement going forward.

Here are the results:

- Option #1 (Today Offer) – 0% in favor
- Option #2 (Value Creation) – 89% in favor
- Option #3 (Land Cost Price) – 11% in favor

Based on the results of the poll, HPPHF will implement the strategy associated with

Option #2 (Value Creation): *Wait out the market & economy for "highest & best use" price. In the meantime, build an operational infrastructure for the purpose of leading redevelopment planning and stabilize the Hamilton Park community.*

HPHPF continues to advocate on behalf of the Hamilton Park neighborhood and the best interests of the property owners. The HPPHF Executive Committee will follow up with more information as we begin to implement this new strategy in partnership with the Hamilton Park Civic League Homeowners Association. Thank you for continued support of HPPHF & the Hamilton Park community!

Sincerely,

The HPPHF Executive Committee



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Unity in Our Community

Webster's dictionary defines unity as the quality or state of not being multiple, Oneness. A condition of harmony; as in one accord or continuity of a purpose or action without deviation or change. The quality or state of being made one; in other words; unification. A combination or ordering of parts in a literary or artistic production that constitutes a whole or promotes an undivided total effect.

The qualities and powerful impact of unity can be seen all over our world. Schools of fish, herds of hoofed beast, and flocks of fowl move as one for protection against predators. Nature offers many other examples of unity which seem to be easily achieved by our animal neighbors.

Unity for mankind comes with a great deal of complexity, discipline or emotional trauma. For hundreds of years mankind has lived in community to share resources and for protection. Some easier examples of unity to identify in mankind are forms of choreographed dance like ballet, line and step dancing. Musical performances with instruments and one or many vocal singers can communicate emotions and stir the soul. A squad of athletes working in unison to achieve a specific goal is also a form of unity. Olympic rowing, synchronized swimming and even football are based on team members being able to work in unison to achieve a goal. The hot topic of holy matrimony, where the union of a man and a woman bonds them as one is perhaps our most common form of unity. In communities, mankind has drifted away from working together for the benefit of all. The communities of our society are becoming segmented by different beliefs and individual desires for specific lifestyles without regards of one another. It seems that only great tragedy or events that threaten lifestyles can unify us as a community and turn us from our individual pursuits. Everyone recognizes 9/11 as day of tragedy for the American people; where our way of life was threatened and the people of our nation stood as one. The assassinations of Martin Luther King and President John F. Kennedy brought communities together. The bombing of Pearl Harbor unified our nation and brought our country into World War II.

The community of Hamilton Park is under attack by rising crime, drugs, and difficult economic conditions. Its only hope is for the community to unify to protect itself from predators. The fate of our neighborhood is in our hands; and we cannot wait to fight against the forces which are robbing the property owners of its safety and value. Will you join with your neighbors to protect our community?

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HP-FOUNDATION.NET

Upcoming Community Events

August 20-22, 2010—Hamilton Park School-Wide Reunion

Please join us in celebrating 55 years at the *Hamilton Park School-Wide Reunion* on August 20-22, 2010 (Tickets are \$50 per person).

For more information visit:
www.hamiltonparkschoolwidereunion.com

“The American city should be a collection of communities where every member has a right to belong. It should be a place where every man feels safe on his streets and in the house of his friends. It should be a place where each individual's dignity and self-respect is strengthened by the respect and affection of his neighbors. It should be a place where each of us can find the satisfaction and warmth which comes from being a member of the community of man. This is what man sought at the dawn of civilization. It is what we seek today.”

~Lyndon B. Johnson

The Editor’s Corner

Willie B. Johnson Recreation Center is reminding the Hamilton Park Community when you attend an auxiliary meeting or participate at the recreation center you have to have a Park and Recreation Card. Fee schedule below.

WBJ Staff

**ANNUAL PARTICIPANT
ID CARD FEES:**

Pre-School (1-5 yrs.)	Free
Junior Youth (6-11 yrs.)	\$2.00
Youth (12-17 yrs.)	\$5.00
Resident Adult (18-59 yrs.)	\$15.00
Resident Senior (60+ yrs.)	\$10.00
Non-Resident Adult/Senior	\$25.00
Replacement Card	\$2.00

The Foundation News is published for the Hamilton Park residents and parties that have interest in the events and works of the Hamilton Park Historic Preservation Foundation (“HPHPF”) and its members. This newsletter is designed to be informative and to highlight current events, accomplishments, and proud moments of the Hamilton Park residents. If you have an article that you would like published in The Foundation News; or if you would like to be a contributing writer, focusing on one or more of the HPHPF’s goals; please send this information to the Editor at Foundationnews@hotmail.com.

Thank you for taking time to read our newsletter and your continued interest and involvement in “The Project”.

Teresa Johnson

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