

HBNA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

14 April 2022

Board Members Present: Maribett Varner, Mark Roberts, Carole Simpson, Bob Connelly, Anne Culberson, Ruth Skogstad, Rebecca Harvill, Courtney Schickel, Wade McKenzie, Tom Mallory, Shelby Cobb, Hope Bawcom

Board Members Absent: Susy Stovin, Cathy Boston, Mark Bryson, Gene Hooff, Christy Campbell, Cathy Iannotti

Opening and President's Report: Maribett Varner, HBNA President, called the meeting to order at 8:10 a.m. Maribett began the meeting with a follow-up discussion of the proposed light at Brookhaven Drive and Peachtree Road. Eli Veith, Traffic Engineer for the City of Brookhaven, and Ben Rainey, an HBNA member, led a discussion of the proposed traffic light at the HBNA General Meeting. Mr. Rainey has spoken to DOT and he will explore steps with DOT to oppose the proposed traffic light. Mr. Rainey will seek legal consultation for possible opposition to the traffic light.

The City of Brookhaven will have input on the issue as well. Maribett suggested that HBNA make a motion to take a position on the proposed traffic light. Mark Roberts moved, Wade McKenzie seconded the motion to oppose the proposed traffic light, and the motion passed unanimously.

Secretary, Anne Culberson: Anne distributed the March minutes by email and they were approved by email vote prior to the meeting. The Minutes are posted to the HBNA website.

Treasurer, Mark Bryson: Mark reported, "The financial position of the HBNA is strong and the organization is operating in accordance with the approved 2022 budget.

Transportation, Shelby Cobb: Shelby gave the following report:

Signature Streets: The Committee gathered for an in-person meeting on March 30 to hear a presentation on "Signature Streets" (Wieuca Rd. Old Ivy Rd., Peachtree Dunwoody Rd.) given by Robert Patterson, President of the North Buckhead Civic Association. The design phase for Wieuca and Old Ivy is completed; the design phase for Peachtree Dunwoody commences on April 21st, with a two-hour need-assessment walk along the corridor. Gordon Anderson and I will represent HBNA, joined by Matt Oja of NBCA, Gil Rapley, and engineers from Pond & Co who are overseeing the design phase. Will report back.

City of Atlanta Department of Watershed Management: Before our March Board meeting, our point person at Watershed, Susan Rutherford, advised me to be back in touch with her around the

first of May. I hope to have definitive drawings, timeline, phasing plans for our May Board meeting. A contract expired with contracted engineers they were working with on our project, as I mentioned at our last meeting. Will dig deeper.

Regarding the Atlanta Dept. of Transportation: Our Committee's late January request for speed studies on five priority COA streets was acknowledged on Feb. 4, with cases and work orders, as I reported at the February Board meeting. We were told production time would be 66+ days, now expired. On Monday, April 11th, I contacted Angela Campbell at COA Dept. of Transportation via email requesting an update on our place in the pipeline of work orders. I have had no response to date. Will pursue.

Proposed Peachtree Rd. / Brookhaven Dr. Traffic Signal: The HBNA Spring General Meeting was very well attended on April 12. Brookhaven neighbor Ben Raney gave everyone an overview of the proposed traffic signal placement and important questions and comments ensued. He then introduced Eli Veith, City of Brookhaven Traffic Engineer, who fielded more questions from the audience with pushback to the proposal. A letter-writing campaign is underway to oppose the traffic signal installation in front of Brookhaven Drive. The threat of additional cut-through traffic compels us as a neighborhood to defeat the Kroger shopping center's self-serving mission.

Cameras, Tom Mallory: Tom is following up with Flock to make certain all equipment is functioning well. He will get the current data report.

Communication, Mark Roberts: No update since last meeting.

Monuments, Bob Connelly: Bob is following up with a new craftsman to work on new monuments for Historic Brookhaven.

CME, Community Enhancement, Carole Simpson: Carole continues to plant in micro parks this spring. One bench will be relocated from Brookhaven Green.

Sponsorship, Ruth Skogstad: Ruth discussed the difficulty in finding sponsors for HBNA events. Discussion revealed that HBNA may not need sponsorships and the minimum for a sponsorship is flexible.

Events, Rebecca Harvill: The April General Meeting had approximately 100 plus people in attendance and went over budget. The HBNA Board is happy for a great attendance and Rebecca has photos of the meeting to post to our website. Our next Board Meeting is May 19, 8:00 a.m. at the Connelly's home. Mark Roberts will chair the meeting for Maribett Varner.

Zoning, City of Atlanta, Cathy Boston: Shelby Cobb reported, the water retention vault is under construction at Canterbury Court.

Zoning, city of Brookhaven, Hope Bawcom: The City Center Plan has passed the COB Planning Commission and now goes to the COB City Council. Three points are recommended for review: the official name of the project, Traffic analysis on Peachtree Road for multi use (trails, bikes, walkers, cars), the effects of the plan on Apple Valley Road residents. There is current discussion of redevelopment of small businesses near Town Brookhaven on Peachtree Road.

New Business, Anne Culberson, Anne encouraged more representation on NPU B from HBNA Members. Currently, HBNA needs a business representative on NPU B. Bob Connelly asked for a volunteer for the City of Atlanta HBNA Zoning Committee.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:15 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Anne Culberson

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