

HBNA AUGUST BOARD MEETING MINUTES

15 August 2024

Capital City Club

Board members present: Cathy Boston, Mark Bryson, Christy Campbell, Shelby Cobb, Bob Connelly, Anne Culberson, Rebecca Harvill, John Higley, Gene Hooff, Mark Roberts, Julie Train, Maribett Varner.

Board members absent: Kevin Dwyer, Julia Lanese, Jamie Lawson, Tom Mallory, Justine Regnier, Steve Wakely.

Opening: President Mark Bryson called the meeting to order at 8:05am. **President's Report:** All committee chairs were urged to submit their budgets for 2025. Mark cited Christy's CME budget report, log, and triangle document as great examples for others to follow. The Board will adopt a draft of the overall 2025 budget and set the cost of dues at the September Board meeting. **Secretary's Report:** Mark R. made a motion to approve the July Minutes, John seconded, and the Minutes were unanimously approved. **Treasurer's Report:** Steve sent the August financial report ahead of the meeting, noting that 2025 HBNA dues will need to be decided in September. Revenue and expenses are running as predicted. Maribett advised that careful consideration should be given to alerting HBNA membership that there will be an increase in dues for 2025.

Committee Reports:

CME: Christy updated the Board on recent cleanup at Mayson Ravine, Vermont Park, etc. The CME 2025 budget was presented in detail. Christy discussed "Gay's Corner" being the last unkept area we need to address in 2025, the headwall replacement at Vermont Park, and how the two parks will be kept tidy going forward. We are in communication with the garden club on their plans for Vermont Park and CME has notified the garden club of our maintenance and planting plans. Christy clarified how the CME budget was handled in the past...that projects were not necessarily "approved" by the Board once the budget was approved and all agreed that CME should be free to use their budget as needed. Christy will order a new plaque for the time capsule triangle, and it should be ready to install before the annual Street Party. Bob Connelly offered the help of a sub-contractor he uses as an option for spreading mulch, etc.

Zoning Dekalb: John reported that 3117 Mabry Rd. has been cleaned up. No further permits issued for extensive property changes, just kitchen redesigns, etc. John presented a few proposed particulars of the Brookhaven Mobility Study: Osborne Rd. and Windsor Parkway are included in the plans. Mabry Rd. would not have bike lanes but would have some sort of caution markings for cyclists. Since only Mabry Rd. falls within the Board's purview, it was agreed that a heads-up type of email blast might be a good idea to send out to neighbors with the link to the study. Mark R. will look into. The Board will not take a position. Shelby discussed Trails ATL meeting to discuss our region. According to maps, the closest incursion into Historic Brookhaven would be on our western perimeter along Peachtree Dunwoody Road.

Zoning Fulton: Cathy updated the Canterbury Court plans for the three houses along Vermont that Canterbury has acquired. Zoning issues, including construction of a six-foot fence and eliminating city-required sidewalks were agreed upon. Fulton zoning, Canterbury Court, and Historic Brookhaven worked several months to ensure protections for the property and the neighborhood and require that it only be used for a green space. In case of financial difficulties for Canterbury, the property can only revert to single family zoned lots that Canterbury could sell. Neighbors are satisfied with these agreements. Cathy mentioned that the zoning group is looking for an additional member or two who might be interested / experienced in zoning.

Transportation: Shelby advised that the low retaining wall has been completed at 4000 Vermont Rd., as part of the North Buckhead Storm Drain Project. Crews are executing the project punch list. ATL DOT has installed new signage and painted the asphalt. The new Vermont triangle is ready for fall planting by Callahan Landscaping. Howard Shook's office is taking the lead on paving of Winall Down from Vermont Rd. to Peachtree Dunwoody Rd. There is no update from the Mabry Rd. Safety subcommittee. After Labor Day weekend, Shelby will request assistance from COB Police Dept. and APD Traffic Unit for enforcement of the speed limit and STOP signs at several specific intersections.

CCC Hedge Discussion: The issue of CCC hedge height was discussed once more and the Board affirmed that we had acted in the best interests of the neighborhood in bringing the original safety concerns to the Club's attention. No further action is needed by the HBNA Board.

Cameras: In Tom's absence, Mark B. reported that all cameras are working and that there is no change to the camera at Windsor Parkway and Mabry Rd. Georgia Power is getting out of the neighborhood camera segment, and we will need to renegotiate costs with Flock. It is speculated that the increase could be as much as 25%, which will be another 2025 budget consideration.

Communications: Mark R. reminded everyone that copy deadline for the Fall Newsletter is Friday, August 23rd, so please get your articles to Mark asap. The Fall Newsletter will be online to save money. He asked Mark B. for a letter answering the question, "Where Does Your Dollar Go," and including the benefits of HBNA membership, how dues are spent, year of last dues increase.

Film: Gene noted there was nothing new to report.

Events: Rebecca gave an update on the annual Street Party, indicating that preparations are on track and vendors have been secured with the exception of the food truck. Everyone was asked to monitor behavior, litter, and clean-up in yards proximate to the triangle. Chick fil-a is highly recommended by Cathy. Emails and signage will invite neighbors to the party.

Rebecca also reminded us that it is time to invite potential guest speakers to the Fall General Meeting. Anne spoke with Rebecca King regarding possible speakers and Commissioner Jahnee Prince was recommended as possibly a good choice to talk about the proposed new zoning under the name of affordable housing (density). Cathy, Bob, and Anne will confer with Ms. Prince and decide whether she would be an appropriate speaker. Other mentions included Brookhaven Mayor John Park, the new Chief of Police for COB, and COB District 3 Councilwoman

Madeleine Simmons. The Board chooses the speakers and the President extends the invitations. Rebecca suggested an email blast to neighbors asking for topics/speakers they would like to have brought up / attend the Fall General Meeting. Mark R. will send out the blast this week.

Nominating Committee: Maribett reminded the Board that a Nominating Committee needs to be formed right away to field nominations for retiring Board members. Current members with expiring terms should be asked whether they intend to serve another term. Mark B. will helm that task.

New Neighbors: Julie will plan a get-together for new neighbors. Cathy added that there has been a slow down in the number of new neighbors. Swag is needed and there is money left in the committee budget.

NPU-B Update: Bob explained that there is only one appeal at this time; that is the house on Club with the shallow back yard requesting a pool be allowed. This would place the pool very close to the property line and in a flood plain. This will be reviewed on Tuesday, August 20th, by the Fulton zoning board.

BCN Update: No report.

Repository for Monument Wooden Forms: Currently, the monument cast forms are stored with their maker: Matthew Waldrop, Brick Concepts (cell 770-402-9357), (office 770-974-1122) 4315 New McEver Road, Acworth, GA 30101. The Board discussed the idea of obtaining a small storage unit to house these and other Board items such as files, Christmas wreaths, meeting signs, etc. The files should be reviewed and organized. Mark B. offered to research and bring costs / sizes to the September meeting to become part of the budget process.

Closing: There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:30am.

Respectfully submitted,

Shelby Cobb for Maribett Varner

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