

HBNA Board of Directors Meeting

15 June 2023

Location: Via Zoom

Board members present: Mark Roberts, Carole Simpson, Cathy Boston, Bob Connelly, Mark Bryson, Anne Culberson, Rebecca Harvill, Christy Campbell, Tom Mallory, Shelby Cobb, Hope Bawcom, Kevin Dwyer.

Board members absent: Maribett Varner, Gene Hooff, Courtney Schickel, Julia Lanese, Jamie Lawson.

Special guest: Stephanie McGarity, Brookhaven Security Association.

Opening: Treasurer Mark Bryson called the Zoom meeting to order at 8:05am. There being a quorum present, Bob moved to approve the May Minutes, Mark R. seconded, and the Minutes were unanimously approved. Mark B. commented that prospects for the next HBNA Treasurer are still being sought, and Board members were encouraged to suggest potential candidates for that position and one other Board member opening.

Stephanie McGarity and Crime Update: Neighbors have initiated formal communication with the Board in the aftermath of recent vehicle break-ins. There were several cars rifled on Vermont Road, two on Winall Down, and one on Club Drive. Nothing of value was stolen and there was minimal damage, though the extent of the spree resulted in neighbors' great unease and concern. In addition, an interior unit at The Aldridge was burglarized between June 8-11. Homeowners were away and renovation work was underway. Thieves took their time and "went through every drawer." Stephanie noted that APD is not prioritizing these types of crimes. Pete Fite is our contact at APD, and we are asking for additional surveillance. Stephanie added that our own BSA officers are doing more than APD to research this rash of criminal activity. It is believed that one perpetrator came into the neighborhood from the Phipps Plaza area and the car was registered to an owner at an extended stay motel in Sandy Springs. Stephanie will update the Board and neighborhood with additional information as it becomes available. The BSA budget is \$150,000 per year. Patrol hours have been increased.

Treasurer's Financial Update: Mark B. emailed current financials to the Board ahead of the Board meeting. He reported that we on budget, we are one-third of the way through our budgeted expenses, and that there are no concerns at this time.

Zoning: Fulton: Cathy updated the status of permitting the side-yard pool and extensive cabana area at 4605 Angelo Drive. The property owner has illegally cut down trees. The Fulton Zoning Board recently unanimously denied the homeowner's application and recommended it go to an NPU meeting to be turned down. HBNA Board continues to oppose the pool plan in a non-participatory way.

Zoning: DeKalb: Hope updated the Windsor /Osborne project noting that on June 7 the Brookhaven Planning Commission denied a request for building a faux building structure to hide parking from neighbors. The City Council will take up the request at their June 28th meeting.

Transportation: The residents of Winall Down voted not to pursue exploration of speed table protocols at this time. The vote was 7 yes, 5 no, 1 neutral (69.5% in favor), thus not reaching the 75% required for further discovery. The North Buckhead Storm Drain Project proceeds on schedule. A weekly email update is sent to Shelby from DWM Public Information Officer Kinesia Cato.

Community Maintenance and Enhancement: Carole reported that Christy recently organized a clean-up of Mayson Ravine and Vermont Park. In order to be in compliance with City of Atlanta, the existing wooden steps leading down into the Vermont Park interior will be removed to prevent people from walking or otherwise being in the middle of the Park. The two circles in Club Forest will see additional clean-up and planting as needed. Mark B. offered an improved payment system for Carole and Christy to use for paying the landscape crews that keep our parks and triangles maintained.

Communications: Mark R. announced that work is about to begin on the Fall Newsletter to be published and distributed in September. The deadline for article submission will once again be early August to allow time for editing and composition.

Monuments: Bob reports that progress is being made with stone sample and design approvals. Work is underway at Osborne Road.

Events: Rebecca is gearing up for another fabulous Fall Street Party! With a budget of @ \$6,000 in hand, she will be contacting vendors, clean-up assistance, sponsors, and more. Via an email campaign, all neighbors will be engaged in the time capsule contents project and assisting Rebecca with her comprehensive to-do list. She added that there will be more updates at the July Board meeting. **The Board voted to hold the Fall Street Party on Friday, September 22nd.**

Film: Gene was unable to attend the Board meeting, but previously reported that there is neither film activity nor requests at present.

Cameras: Tom shared that the \$56,000 error has been resolved. All cameras are in order.

Closing: **The July HBNA Board meeting will be held on July 20th at 8:00am and will likely be a Zoom meeting.** There being no further business to discuss, the June meeting adjourned at 8:50am.

Respectfully submitted by Shelby Cobb for Courtney Schickel on 6/21/23.