

HBNA Board of Directors Meeting

Thursday, August 17, 2023

Location: CCC

Board members present: Maribett Varner, Shelby Cobb, Bob Connelly, Mark Bryson, Courtney Schickel, Kevin Dwyer, Hope Bawcom, Jamie Lawson, Carole Simpson, Mark Roberts, Rebecca Harvill, Cathy Boston, Gene Hooff

Board members absent: Julia Lanese, Anne Culberson, Tom Mallory, Christy Campbell, Anne Culberson

Opening: President's report, Secretary's report, and Treasurer's report: President Maribett Varner called the meeting to order at 8:05am. BCN update detailed report was sent to the group via email. HBNA does not have an issue at this time, the goal is to continue to support enforcing but no need to "take action" right now. We also discussed the COA Police foundation and making sure that we matched the donations and support given to COB. We matched the donations and designated the funds to the Buckhead Safety Alliance which is part of the COA Police foundation. In regard to the hedges at CCC we relayed our safety concerns for visibility and traffic/pedestrians. A meeting with the Brookhaven Committee is the next step and will continue to highlight the safety issues. Any other concerns regarding aesthetics or additional requests the board agreed should be managed by the neighbors. No update from Brookhaven Security Association was available at the time of the meeting but an email was sent after with a few items to share.

Courtney Schickel the Secretary was unable to attend the previous meeting in person but notes were provided by Shelby Cobb. The previous meeting minutes were approved.

Mark Bryson sent out his Treasurer's report prior to the meeting for review, everything is tracking as planned. The topic of changing dues was brought up, the board feels that we should ideally avoid an increase this year. There is an increase from Flock anticipated. If any other budget adjustments are anticipated, please let Mark know asap.

Committee Reports:

Zoning – Dekalb – Hope Bawcom –Details were provided prior to the meeting via email – Osborn/Windsor project approved.

Fulton – Cathy Boston – one active item to note – a neighbor is having difficulty with a proposed plan for his backyard and the set back parameters. There is a lot of opposition from neighbors for the proposed project.

Transportation: Shelby – Storm Drain project is now moving into November for completion. Continued concern over pedestrian traffic in the construction areas despite additional signage was discussed.

CME: Carole Simpson- Steps were added to Vermont Park that included a hand rail. Concern over neighbors planting and accessing the park area due to restrictions or guidelines for the designated parks by the city of Atlanta. The goal is to locate the agreement set previously between COA and HBNA and verify who is to maintain the areas and eliminate any liability issues that would exist if agreement is not followed appropriately. Concerns focused on the stairs “inviting” people into unsafe areas, the drain that is not stable or needs attention, and making sure new planting that takes place is in fact appropriate for the area.

Communications: Mark Roberts – Newsletter is in the works. Aiming for September delivery.

Historic Brookhaven Foundation: Bob Connelly– Peachtree Dunwoody stone started. Reminder for the trucks to ideally park further back from the stop sign at this location. On Fuller, there is still a delay. This may result in an increase in the overall cost. We have requested a Historic place designation and are awaiting this approval. This meeting was to take place on Tuesday the 21st, the next step will be to verify there are no “sight line” issues with current location.

Events: Rebecca – September 29th 5:30-8:30 Street Party. Looking at options for food trucks still and may ask local restaurants to join in. Checking the location for the September board meeting still.

Jamie Lawson will move forward with the time capsule purchase and we will push again for the neighborhood input on items to include in the new one.

Film: Gene – no updates at this time.

New Business: Mark Bryson is working on a list and creating the nomination committee for the selection of new board members.

Closing: The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 am

Submitted by Courtney Schickel

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