

HBNA Board of Directors Meeting

18 August 2022

Location: Home of Bob Connelly

Board members present: Hope Bawcom, Cathy Boston, Mark Bryant, Christy Campbell (phone), Shelby Cobb, Bob Connelly, Rebecca Harvill, Courtney Schickel, Ruth Skogstad, Carole Simpson, Maribett Varner.

Board members absent: Anne Culberson, Gene Hoof, Tom Mallory, Mark Roberts, Susy Stovin.

Special Guest: Stephanie McGarity, Brookhaven Security Association.

Opening: President's report, Treasurer's report, Secretary's report: Board President Maribett Varner called the meeting to order at 8:15am. The President's report was deferred to New Business on the Agenda. Mark Bryson sent out his Treasurer's report to all Board members for review prior to the meeting. The Board's finances are in good standing. Shelby sent the July Minutes out to the Board for review prior to the meeting. Bob made a motion to approve the Minutes, Hope seconded, and the Minutes were unanimously approved.

Brookhaven Security Association: Stephanie McGarity gave a brief presentation on residents placing cameras on their mailboxes and the limitations of the neighborhood's Flock cameras and their ability to capture suspicious activity at individual homes. Courtney suggested that an article for the Fall Newsletter, explaining what our Flock cameras can do and what mailbox cameras could do to aid the Flock cameras, would go a long way to dispel some residents' confusion over camera capabilities. Stephanie reported that there has been some push back from residents about registering their property cameras with the police, thinking that the police are monitoring their cameras 24/7, which is not the case. Clarifying how and when police monitor residence cameras will be part of the Newsletter article.

Buckhead Council of Neighborhoods: Anti-Crime Initiative: Maribett distributed a fact sheet from BCN explaining their proposed anti-crime plan, noting that the most crime occurs in the following commercial corridors: Northside Parkway from Chattahoochee to Moores Mill, Howell Mill from Collier Rd. to Buckhead boundary, Peachtree Rd. from Brookwood Station to BCID southern border, Roswell Rd. from BCID northern border to the city limits, and Piedmont Rd. from the BCID eastern border to the Buckhead boundary. There are nine tiers of donation levels, benefits of membership, and a small list of operational needs. Maribett attended a recent meeting and, after Board discussion, it was agreed that the Board would delay consideration of joining /donating until the program's further development appears likely. The targeted corridors don't directly impact Historic Brookhaven, but the plans warrant our awareness and continued monitoring. Stephanie plans to attend the September meeting to learn more.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Transportation: Shelby emailed the August report to Board members for review prior to the meeting, updating these projects: **Signature Streets:** After a second Zoom on August 2 to go over revisions, Pond & Company engineers are expected to wrap up the final revisions and publish by the end of August. **COA Dept. of Watershed Management:** Per Commissioner M. Browning, an informational Zoom meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 25th, at 4:00pm to explain timeline and process to all homeowners expected to be affected by the storm drain improvement project. DWM is taking responsibility for notifying all homeowners living within the scope of the project about the Zoom meeting. **Speed Monitors, City of Brookhaven:** A follow-up speed study on Brookhaven Drive was conducted by the COB Police Dept.'s Special Operations—Traffic Unit, from June 27th through July 14th. There will be an explanatory synopsis of the 14-page report in the HBNA Fall Newsletter. Recorded data from the large speed message board showed reduced speeds in lawful compliance on Brookhaven Drive. Further periodic patrols will endeavor to maintain lawful speed. The full report is available be emailed to anyone making a request. **Speed Monitors, City of Atlanta:** Speed monitors, first requested by the HBNA Transportation Committee on Feb. 4, 2022, are now finally expected to be installed right after Labor Day on targeted streets.

Cameras: No report.

Communications / Membership: Articles for the Fall Newsletter are being received by Courtney and Mark R. Distribution is still expected soon after Labor Day.

Monuments Update: Bob reported that the monument at Brookhaven Dr. and West Brookhaven Dr. has been removed. The original molds for the templates were discovered to have been destroyed, so further research for a vendor to make the molds is underway.

CME: Carole reported that planting, weeding, clean-up, and maintenance are scheduled to begin soon in several unspecified areas.

Sponsorship: No report.

Film: No report.

Events: Rebecca advised that things are coming together for the September Street Party, even as the budget is stressed, due to the rising costs of just about every aspect, especially food and drink. STROLL magazine contributed \$500 and will have a small table displaying copies of the magazine. Mark B. proposed a motion to increase Rebecca's \$4,000 budget by \$2,000. Cathy Boston seconded, and the measure passed unanimously. Rebecca is in serious need of volunteers to help with clean-up at the end of the evening. **Fall General Meeting:** An accommodating venue is still being sought. Rebecca will continue to try and work with St. Martin's Church and will also inquire about Arnette's Chop House. She will have name badges made for Board members to wear at the General Meeting. The **September Board meeting** will once again be hosted by Bob Connelly...a huge thank you to Bob for inviting the Board to meet at his home once again.

Zoning, Dekalb: Hope reported several updates on the St. Martin's / Morrison Farm property. Attorney Dennis Webb advised Hope that revised recommendations for storm water

management have been completed and general locations of the proposed underground detention are shown on a new site plan. The Board reviewed the new site plan as Hope listed several concessions that St. Martin's has offered to make after objections from residents neighboring the property. These concessions include: Moving the gym building closer to the center of the property; Moving the playing field east, further away from neighbors; Adding a double row of trees where need on three boundaries; Reducing parking spaces by seven; Creating a "pocket park" on Osborne Rd. for neighbors to use. In general, the Board agreed with St. Martin's that the last request was "improper." Board discussion centered on the proposed "pocket park," and the negative impact an open park could have on the neighborhood in general and St. Martin's in particular, as the park would not be enclosed with fencing. The City of Brookhaven Planning Commission will hold a hearing on September 7, at 7:00pm, to which the public is invited. No further zoning issues in Dekalb at this time.

Zoning: Fulton: Cathy stated that the Fulton Zoning Commission is now at six members, but that there are three candidates proposed to join which would make an odd number, helpful for voting outcomes. **Canterbury Court:** Vermont Rd. resident Diane Beck recently invited Cathy by her home to witness the water and silt destruction / build up occurring from run-off from the building site. Canterbury Court is deflecting responsibility, claiming that the silt and water flow emanates from two nearby homes that have no grass in their backyards. Cathy suggested that a portion of her budget be spent on a consult from a waterflow specialist. The water is carrying solids (silt) and is not flowing freely. Mark B. commented that the Board should support the neighbors' efforts to get the facts about the water / silt problem. Maribett cautioned that we should be cautious about setting an involvement precedent. The most effective way to help affected neighbors will be determined.

Nominating Committee: Maribett announced that four residents have expressed a desire to join the Board: Matt Polli, Kevin Dwyer, Jamie Lawson, and Julia Lanese. They will be on the slate for voting at the Fall General Meeting. The addition of these three enthusiastic neighbors would create a full Board. Cathy offered to contact them to ask if they would like to help Rebecca with the Street Party.

Bylaws Review: Committee members will not be listed, as they are ever-changing. The option for an Executive Committee will be retained. Additional editing and grammatical corrections will be updated.

Closing: The meeting adjourned at 9:35am.

Respectfully submitted on 8/21/22 by Shelby Cobb for Anne Culberson.