

## **HBNA Board of Directors Meeting**

**14 July 2022**

**Location: Home of Bob Connelly**

**Board members present:** Hope Bawcom, Mark Bryson, Christy Campbell (phone), Shelby Cobb, Bob Connelly, Rebecca Harvill, Gene Hooff, Tom Mallory, Courtney Schickel, Carole Simpson, Maribett Varner.

**Board members absent:** Cathy Boston, Anne Culberson, Mark Roberts, Ruth Skogstad, Susy Stovin.

**For the record:** Cathy Iannotti and Wade McKenzie have resigned from the HBNA Board. The Board thanks Cathy and Wade for their years of service!

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**Opening: President's Report, Secretary's report, and Treasurer's report:** President Maribett Varner called the meeting to order at 8:05am and deferred her **President's Report** until the end of the meeting. The **June Minutes** were unanimously approved with a motion by Bob Connelly, seconded by Carole Simpson, and voted on by Board members present. Mark Bryson sent out his **Treasurer's Report** prior to the meeting, noting that the budget is in excellent shape.

**Transportation Committee:** Shelby and Maribett shared an update and a handout showing Pond & Co.'s designs for the Peachtree Dunwoody Rd. portion of the Signature Streets project. HBNA is working in concert with North Buckhead Civic Association (particularly President Robert Patterson and member Matt Oja) to develop a priorities list, based on the highly-conceptual drawings from Pond, realizing that priorities could change depending on funding sources. HBNA Board discussion centered on safety improvements for Little Nancy Creek Park. Robert Patterson will be in touch with LNCP active member Mandy LeCompte to bring their group into the conversation regarding future plans for the Park, to include pedestrian safety and traffic calming. Mark B. commented that it would be nice to know if our neighborhood will be able to connect to the trail network on the NBCA side of Peachtree Dunwoody, and Shelby offered to seek an answer. Gene offered that implementation of the Pond & Co. scheme would not be feasible without government funding; all agreed to that hard fact. Of the roughly forty homes along the studied stretch of Peachtree Dunwoody Rd., only six or so are HBNA members. Shelby will compose a short paragraph for the September newsletter, informing HBNA residents that this project is being studied and discussed between the two neighborhood associations.

On other topics, Shelby advised that there is no update from the COA Dept. of Watershed Management regarding the storm drain project. ATL DOT deployed three speed monitors for one day on July 12. Transportation Committee requested them to be installed after Labor Day weekend in order to collect the most accurate volume and speed data.

**Cameras:** Tom reported that all Flock cameras are working and that a few of those with no active blue light are being checked. Tom plans to provide a substantial update for the September newsletter.

**Communications:** Mark R. has called a meeting of this Committee and a few other invited Board members for Monday, July 18<sup>th</sup>, 1:30pm at his home, 4261 Club Drive, to request and assign copy for the September newsletter. Copy / photo deadline will be around August 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Monuments:** Bob advised that he has obtained an estimate for the dismantling and salvaging of the damaged monument at Brookhaven and West Brookhaven Drives, which totals \$6,700. The estimate to build new monuments came in at \$11,250 per monument. During a discussion about funding the work of dismantling, salvaging, and building a new monument (not for that location), the idea was floated to use the remaining Historic Brookhaven Foundation money, approximately \$15,000, to achieve this project by transferring the money to the HBNA budget. This would not include funding for the cast stone aspect of the work. **Motion and Vote:** Mark B. made a motion to budget an additional \$5,000 to complete the fixed cost parts of the project. Hope seconded the motion, and the Board unanimously voted yes. The monument at Brookhaven and West Brookhaven Drives includes a plaque stating that the Club Estates Garden Club gifted this monument, one of the first in the neighborhood. Carole will contact Club Estates President Christy Roberts to let her know the monument is coming down and that the plaque can be repurposed for any future gift the Club would like to make.

**CME:** Carole noted that the Committee is composing a to-do list for fall work, including already-planned updates in the two Club Valley circles, a downed tree in Mayson Ravine (est. \$5,500 to cut and haul), and other maintenance needs. The CME Committee has a budget of approximately \$30,000.

**Sponsorship:** No report.

**Film:** Gene is planning to provide a good update on the status of the neighborhood's activity with the film industry for the September newsletter. Overall, experiences have been positive and worthwhile, without detriment to the neighborhood.

**New Neighbors:** Mark R. has taken on the leadership of this important "first connection" with new neighbors. He is ordering welcome mugs after virtually requesting a small additional budget amount.

**Events:** Rebecca reported that the Board get-together is on hold for now. She is actively looking for a venue for our October General Meeting and will be contacting St. Martin's Church / School, as they have at least two spaces that could welcome a large crowd, as well as their own catering service. The date of Monday, October 17<sup>th</sup> looks most promising, post-Columbus Day Weekend. TBD. The Annual Street Party is scheduled for September 23, and Rebecca is contacting vendors and helpers. The neighbor who lives at the corner of Lakehaven and Davidson who complained about trespassers last year, will be given an opportunity to let Rebecca and the Board know what we can do to make her Street Party experience more enjoyable.

**Zoning, Dekalb:** Hope gave an update on the Morrison Farm property, saying that our request for conditions during construction will go before the Planning Commission at their September meeting. An irrigation specialist recently walked the property after drainage concerns were raised. A report should be forthcoming.

**Zoning, Fulton:** In Cathy's absence, Bob reported that there have been no applications for variances or other activity.

**New Business:** Maribett opened discussion about the formation of a **Nominating Committee** to vet potential new Board members. Recent resignations have reduced our Board size and we need to move closer to the maximum number of twenty Board members. There will be an email sent to residents asking them to consider self-nomination for a Board or Committee position. Bob, Mark B., Courtney, and Maribett offered to form a Nominating Committee and a slate of potential new members will be presented at the Board's September meeting. The final slate will be presented at the October General Meeting. The Committee will discuss skill sets needed, etc. Maribett will also ask Cathy Boston to join the Committee. **By-laws Review:** Maribett also requested a small group to focus on possible small tweaks to the current HBNA by-laws, not updated since 2017. Maribett, Gene, Hope, and Shelby volunteered to study and report back to the Board at the Sept. meeting. **Neighborhood Time Capsule Opening:** The 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the placement of HBNA's Time Capsule will be celebrated at the 2023 Annual Street Party! The Communications Committee will engage neighbors, including children, to suggest what artifacts should be placed in the next Time Capsule, perhaps in a contest context. Planning will begin in the months to come.

**Closing: The August HBNA Board meeting will take place on Thursday, August 18<sup>th</sup>, 8:00am at the home of Bob Connelly. Thank you, Bob!**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:20am.

Respectfully submitted,

Shelby Cobb for Anne Culberson

15 July 2022