

HBNA Board of Directors Meeting

16 March 2023

Location: Capital City Country Club

Members present: Hope Bawcom, Mark Bryson, Christie Campbell (phone), Shelby Cobb, Rebecca Harvill, Gene Hooff, Julia Lanese, Jamie Lawson, Tom Mallory, Mark Roberts, Carole Simpson, Maribett Varner.

Members absent: Cathy Boston, Bob Connelly, Anne Culberson, Kevin Dwyer, Courtney Schickel, Susy Stovin.

For the Record: The revised February Minutes had not been sent to Board Members before today's meeting. Secretary Courtney Schickel sent the Minutes later on 3/16. Mark R. moved to approve, Shelby seconded, and the Minutes were unanimously approved via email.

Opening: President Maribett Varner called the meeting to order at 8:05am. **President's report:** Maribett noted that she met with North Buckhead Civic Association President Robert Patterson regarding gonfalon and signage logo options for Signature Streets, Peachtree Dunwoody Road. Nothing has been decided yet; HBNA will be included in the final design.

With Ruth's resignation in February, Maribett suggested we elect a new member with a financial background at the Spring General Meeting to serve on the Board to first finish Ruth's term, then be added to the fall slate to be voted on as Treasurer at the Fall General Meeting. Julia and Tom will check with potential candidates they know. Time requirements are minimal and all business is online via QuickBooks. **Treasurer's report:** Mark B. shared that financials are in good standing. He has written an SOP for the Board's financial matters. He is working with Bob Connelly and Matt (Brick Concepts) regarding the first payment (just under \$10,000) for the new monuments, since contract is signed.

Committee Reports

Zoning, DeKalb: Hope announced that the City of Brookhaven City Council voted to defer action on the land use project at Windsor and Osborne for two months until March 21st at 6:30pm, location TBD. Public meeting will allow community comments on the project. Hope's second item involves a zoning application from a homeowner at 1042 Farmington who is requesting a side yard setback change from ten feet to four feet to accommodate a larger garage. Neighbors on either side of his home support the application. The homeowner reached out to the HBNA Board seeking support. Maribett explained that for the City of Brookhaven there is no formal process to support or oppose. Mark R. suggested that although we may not like the idea of a four-foot side yard setback, the Board would be wise to stay silent on the matter, leaving the

option to support or oppose to the immediate neighbors. The neighbor will be advised that it would be best not to ask the Board for support.

Zoning, Fulton: In Cathy's absence, Maribett reported that we are still awaiting the outcome of Cathy's meeting with Canterbury Court regarding the houses they purchased on Vermont contiguous to the Canterbury property. The Board prefers that the house properties remain a separate parcel of land from Canterbury, to preclude further development.

Transportation: Shelby reported on the progress being made on Stovall as the water main tie-in nears completion. Work will soon move to Club Drive near the Club, Winall Down, West Brookhaven intersection as crews perform a sewer main relocation. Appropriate detour signage will be deployed. Capital City Club management and security have been notified.

A meeting was held with DWM personnel and four homeowners who will need to have trees removed from easements. All four homeowners were in agreement with the removal and will be compensated with one new tree per yard.

Plans for Signature Streets on Peachtree Dunwoody Road are moving along. In late February, Maribett attended a meeting with NBCA President and member Matt Oja for a presentation of plans, including options for landscaping, to personnel at St. James Methodist. NBCA's ideas were warmly received.

Community Maintenance and Enhancement: Carole commented that her CME Committee is in a "wait and see" mode, evaluating December's prolonged hard freeze losses of plant material. Pine straw and mulch will be spread after the worst of the pollen season has passed. The Club Estates Garden Club graciously donated \$3,000 for further work at Vermont Park.

Christy Roberts is heading up the Blue Star Monument installation slated for April 11th at 1:00pm in the Brookhaven Drive / East Brookhaven Drive triangle. Callahan Landscape will install the marker around April 1. City of Brookhaven dignitaries and others will lead the ceremony. An email blast to neighbors will be composed and sent inviting all to attend this important gathering. Maribett suggested that a Brookhaven policeman be present for traffic control.

Communication: Mark R. announced that we now have 753 HBNA household memberships. Directories, mailbox stickers, and Spring Newsletters have been delivered. Mark thanked the Committee and all of the volunteers who helped accomplish this task.

Monuments: Bob reported via email that the monuments mason has received the deposit and has placed the order for the cast stone pieces. The mason will receive shop drawings to look over and approve with Bob prior to any castings. After approval, it will take approximately four weeks to complete the castings, then construction will begin.

Events: Rebecca confirmed that arrangements for the Spring General Meeting / New Members Reception on Tuesday, April 18th, at St. Martin's Church, are in place with same parish hall location and same caterer, who provided a lovely reception at last fall's meeting. Meeting time TBA.

There was discussion about the Time Capsule: How large the new one should be, location of the currently buried capsule, etc. The new one will be buried at this fall's Street Party. It was agreed that we should locate the buried capsule ahead of the event, but not open it. Carole offered to have her landscape team locate the capsule. Rebecca offered to take a picture at the dig-up.

Speakers for the Spring General Meeting: APD Major Mitchell is a tentative, and offered to send another officer in case he cannot make that date; Howard Shook is out of town; Mary Norwood declined; Bob extended an invitation to Mayor Dickens, awaiting reply; Maribett will ask Matt Oja, NBCA, to speak on Signature Streets, Peachtree Dunwoody.

Christy mentioned DWM and Mason Ravine plans from years ago. Trees were tagged on East Club Lane about two years ago. Shelby will contact Kinesia Cato to ask about plans for inlets around Mason Ravine, money previously socked away, etc.

Film: Gene warmly thanked the Board for its financial support toward the March 19th Krewe du Foret parade in Club Forest celebrating Mardi Gras. Regarding filming in the neighborhood, Gene noted that there are some speculative possibilities, but nothing confirmed at this time.

Cameras: Tom reported that all cameras are working and that the billing has all been worked out. GA Power had a 5% rate increase which was incorporated into our budget. City of Atlanta is slowly gaining more cameras.

Closing: Maribett adjourned the meeting at 8:55am.

Respectfully submitted by Shelby Cobb for Secretary Courtney Schickel.

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