

HBNA Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

15 July 2021

Capital City Country Club

Board members present: Mark Bryson, Shelby Cobb, Bob Connelly, Wade McKenzie, Mark Roberts, Courtney Schickel, Carole Simpson, Susy Stovin, Maribett Varner.

Board members absent: Cathy Boston, Christy Campbell, Anne Culberson, Rebecca Harvill Gene Hooff, Cathy Iannotti, Tom Mallory, Brian Ruediger, Ruth Skogstad.

Opening: President Susy Stovin called the meeting to order at 8:05am. **President's Report:** Susy began by thanking Rebecca for composing and sending the explanatory email regarding Nala, the serval cat that roamed the neighborhood for several days, and she discussed why she declined to speak with news outlets, as the capture of Nala was accomplished. Susy addressed sponsorship in Ruth's absence, referring to the Historic Brookhaven magazine and Cathy Iannotti's suggestion that we partner with them for sponsorship opportunities. It was suggested that the neighborhood Street Party would be a good choice for the magazine and the neighborhood to work together. **Secretary's Report:** Mark Roberts made the motion to approve the June Minutes; Maribett seconded and the Minutes were unanimously approved. **Treasurer's Report:** Brian submitted via email the HBNA financial statements as of July 13th. His official statement read: "Consistent with prior periods, the Historic Neighborhood Association is financially sound and able to meet all anticipated current liabilities."

Committee Reports:

Transportation: Shelby reported that the COA Department of Watershed Management has completed all of the individual meetings with neighbors who expressed concerns and ideas for the storm drain project. We await the DWM's final report and proposal any day. Gay Colyer sent an email to our contact this week. Likewise, the Committee expects to hear from COB Public Works Director Don Sherrill regarding signage needed at the dangerous triangle of Brookhaven Drive and West Brookhaven; Gay contacted him via email this week. Per conversation with Stephanie McGarity, failure-to-stop tickets were written a couple of months ago. Many tickets were issued, mainly to unhappy neighborhood residents. The Atlanta Dept. of Transportation is now an independent entity where residents can report a safety concern, report roadway damage, report street signs or signals, or report a related issue. <https://atldot.atlanta.gov>. Beginning in August, the Committee will review the 2016 Traffic Study and determine the best course of action to gain understanding and hard data about HBNA traffic in 2021, taking into account costs, partners, results of 2017 study, current data,

neighbors' desires. The scope of this work is TBD. It was suggested perhaps a smaller study could be conducted using some findings from 2016.

Cameras: Susy read an email from Tom stating that he has not been provided any data for the past thirty days and FLOCK has also not responded to his mid-June request for a meeting to learn why data is not forthcoming. Customer service is practically nil and it is a frustrating situation. HBNA will continue non-payment until issues are satisfactorily resolved. Susy suggested we continue the contract and meanwhile try to determine if the police departments are receiving data. HBNA will pursue more formal and forceful communication with FLOCK.

Communications: Maribett stated that the Committee is busy this month and next gathering articles and composing the September newsletter. Assignments have been made and work is underway. Mark R. asked if any Board members have a connection to Fox Bros. restaurant, saying he would like to write an article for the September newsletter. Susy offered to facilitate a contact.

Historic Brookhaven Foundation: No report.

Beautification and Maintenance: Carole reported that her men are working on positioning the beautiful new benches from Curry & Co. and picking up the pieces of the old concrete benches. She noted that the weight of the new benches will prevent them from being stolen. There are plans to place in Vermont Park. She also lamented the large number of leaf bags decomposing on our curbs and the lack of city service to have them picked up.

Sponsorship: Cathy Boston, Ruth Skogstad, and Kristen Sodemann are co-sponsoring the October New Neighbor / General Neighborhood Meeting at CCCC. Date and time TBD.

Film: No report.

Events: Susy stated that Rebecca is working on plans for the Street Party. The proposed New Member / General Meeting date of October 18 is unavailable at CCCC. A booking fee of \$3,000 is required by CCCC to be open for events on a Monday night. Rebecca will be asked to check with the Club to determine if a fee is charged for non-Monday night events and a couple of available dates when our event could be held.

Zoning: Fulton: No report.

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Old Business / New Business: Wade commented on the Candler Park area and whether utilities are being buried in long stretches or just hit and miss in places. Courtney offered to contact a former co-worker to assist Tom with getting connected to a helpful contact at FLOCK.

Closing: There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:35am. Respectfully submitted by Shelby Cobb for Anne Culberson, 16 July 2021.

