

HBNA Board of Directors Meeting

15 September 2022

Location: Home of Bob Connelly

Board members present: Hope Bawcom, Mark Bryant, Christy Campbell (phone), Shelby Cobb, Bob Connelly, Rebecca Harvill, Gene Hooff, Mark Roberts, Ruth Skogstad, Carole Simpson, Maribett Varner.

Board members absent: Cathy Boston, Anne Culberson, Tom Mallory, Courtney Schickel, Susy Stovin.

Opening: President's report, Treasurer's report, Secretary's report: Board President Maribett Varner called the meeting to order at 8:05am. There was no President's report, but Maribett led a discussion of the new Board officers slate toward the end of the meeting.

Treasurer Mark Bryson sent out his current financial report to all Board members and stated that HBNA's budget and coffers are in good standing and even somewhat ahead on revenue vs. expenses. Mark R. asked about bills from Flock; Mark B. replied that no bills have been received from Flock. We pay Georgia Power bills. Maribett asked Mark B. to check with Tom about Flock bills. Reportedly, Flock is having some growing pains and the billing dept. is one of those areas. Carole stated that beautification spending is forthcoming. The **August Minutes** were distributed by Shelby via email ahead of the meeting. Bob Connelly made a motion to approve the Minutes, Mark Bryson seconded, and the Minutes were unanimously approved.

Committee Reports

Events: Rebecca advised that all systems are "GO" for the September 23rd **Annual Street Party**. Stroll magazine is a \$500 co-sponsor and will have a display table. Details such as dumpster placement, electrical outlet need, use of orange cones, possible silt fence use nixed, boxes and contractor bags for garbage, and a list of vendors and entertainment highlighted the discussion. Rebecca asked all Board members attending to be watchful of the party perimeter and to make sure children do not stray and play in neighboring yards. An email blast will be sent to remind parents to be watchful of their children and respect proximate properties. The **Fall General Meeting** will take place on October 17th at Gable Hall (parish hall) at St. Martin's Church. Hospitality will begin at 6:00pm and the meeting will begin at 7:00pm. A save-the-date email will be sent soon. The **October HBNA Board Meeting** will be held at the home of Bob Connelly. The Board is extremely grateful to Bob for his hospitality!

Transportation: Shelby reported that the **Signature Streets** and **COA Speed Monitor requests** projects are pending and she awaits forthcoming updates on both projects from her recent inquiries. The **Historic Brookhaven Storm Water Improvement Project** is going forward. A second informational Zoom was held on September 8th with the Department of Watershed Management, contracted engineers, and affected neighbors. The Zoom recording and slide deck will be offered to all households making a request via email to Shelby. The in-person Transportation Committee meeting was postponed until Thursday, Oct. 20th, at 4:00pm.

Cameras: No report.

Communications / Membership: Mark R. stated that we currently have 753 membership homes, just slightly less than last year. He feels this very small decrease is due to the heavy turnover of homes in Historic Brookhaven. Efforts to stay current on sales via realtors are ongoing as is communication about the value of HBNA membership. The Board previously voted in favor of increasing membership dues to \$200 per household, a \$50 increase. Mark B. will speak to the increase at the General Meeting. A letter from Maribett with a quote from Chief Yandura, and a note from Mark B. will accompany the invoices to be sent out by the second week of October, just prior to the October 17th General Meeting. Mark also announced that neighbor Mary Stark will head the New Neighbor effort and that Melissa McNamara will lead the HBNA Newsletter content gathering, while Courtney continues her role as Newsletter composer and designer. Maribett suggested that content for the Spring Newsletter could include the planned “dig” of the time capsule which will be opened at the 2023 Annual Street Party and any ideas for children to participate, as well as a possible interview with a former HBNA Board President, such as Jack Huber.

Historic Brookhaven Foundation, Monuments Update: Bob advised that the monument at Brookhaven Dr. and West Brookhaven Drive has been removed and that the payment check to Felipe Martinez, deposited at Truist Bank, was returned marked insufficient funds, a bank error. It was decided that the remaining Foundation monies (about \$15,000) in the Foundation account would be moved to the existing HBNA account as a line item, and Martinez would be paid asap from that account. No further progress on fabricating new monuments was reported. Carole Simpson offered to call Sarah Henderson at Oakland Cemetery for some possible leads on fabricators / monument craftsmen.

CME: Carole announced that new Christmas wreaths have been ordered for the neighborhood monuments with a 10% quantity discount. Planting will begin soon at designated locations where new and replacement plants are needed. She asked that her team of landscape helpers be allowed to work on the two islands in Club Forest, since her team knows best how to take care of the gravel work and planting needed. There is no profit to Carole, so the Board agreed to this plan.

Sponsorship: Ruth reported no activity.

Film: Gene advised that that there was no current activity in the neighborhood. He was thanked for his excellent, explanatory article published in the Fall Newsletter.

Zoning, DeKalb: Hope gave an update on the St. Martin’s property plans based on her presence at a recent DeKalb planning commission meeting and two conversations with Dennis Wedd, the attorney representing St. Martin’s. The concept of the pocket park, perhaps even expanded beyond current plans, external from the proposed fencing plan for the rest of the St. Martin’s property, was discussed at length at the meeting with a vote deferred until October 5th. Hope

indicated that HBNA seems to be the only group not in favor of the park, even as the Association has no vote in the matter. Certain other conditions, including hours of operation, were not fully detailed, also contributing to the deferral. St. Martin's has stated the property will not be used by other entities. There will be no lighting on the field. Lighting will be limited to inside the gym and the parking lot. St. Martin's is proposing to cede the proposed pocket park property to the City of Brookhaven. Hope was thanked for her participation as a neighbor and her ability to keep the Board up to date.

Zoning, Fulton: Bob reported that a permit was granted for a pool in Club Forest.

Old Business: Nominating Committee Update: HBNA Board members whose terms expire this year are: Mark Roberts, Cathy Boston, Anne Culberson, Gene Hooff, Rebecca Harvill, Mark Bryson, Tom Mallory, and Shelby Cobb. All have volunteered for another term.

The slate of officers for the 2022-2025 term includes: President, Maribett Varner; President-Elect, Mark Bryson; Secretary, Courtney Schickel; Treasurer, Mark Bryson.

The slate of new Board members includes: Kevin Dwyer, Julie Lanese, Jamie Lawson, and Matt Polli.

Bob Connelly made a motion to approve the additional service terms, the new slate of Board members, and the slate of officers. Mark R. seconded, and the motion unanimously passed.

Other Business:

By-laws: Maribett has made all of the agreed upon changes to the By-laws and Mark B. offered to assist her in getting it all to final form.

Agenda for Fall General Meeting: Maribett listed a few items for the Agenda she is drafting: the Watershed project, dues increase and financial update, new officers, etc. Brookhaven Mayor John Ernst, Jr. will be invited to speak. Shelby will check with NBCA members working on Signature Streets for an update closer to Oct. 17th.

The October Board meeting will be held on October 20th, 8:00am at the home of Bob Connelly.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:40am.

Respectfully submitted on 9/26/22 by Shelby Cobb for Anne Culberson.

