

## HBNA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

17 February 2022

Board Members Present: Brian Ruediger, Maribett Varner, Carole Simpson, Suzy Stovin, Cathy Boston, Bob Connelly, Mark Bryson, Anne Culberson, Ruth Skogstad, Rebecca Harvill, Gene Hooff, Courtney Schickel, Wade McKenzie, Christy Campbell, Tom Mallory, Shelby Cobb  
Board Members Absent: Mark Roberts, Cathy Iannotti

Opening and Present's Report: Maribett Varner, HBNA President, called the meeting to order at 8:10 a.m. Maribett called for an election of the nominated treasurer, Mark Bryson. Shelby Cobb made a motion to nominate Mark Bryson for Treasurer and Anne Culberson seconded the motion. Mark Bryson was elected unanimously to succeed Brian Ruediger as the Treasurer. Maribett encouraged the Board to discuss use of reserves in the proposed HBNA budget.

Treasurer, Brian Ruediger: Brian states, "The Historic Brookhaven Neighborhood Association begins 2022, with a sound balance sheet, strong reserves, and the ability to meet expected expenses. After careful consideration, the HBNA Board has approved the 2022 budget, with continuing emphasis on neighborhood beautification and safety." Brian notes the approved 2022 budget was emailed to each Board member this week. Discussion continued regarding expenditure of reserve funds for the current budget. It was suggested the Board keep a set amount in reserves such as \$100,000. The biggest budget expense is currently security cameras and license plate readers. Options were discussed to cover camera expenses such as raising dues or a fundraising campaign. It was noted that many neighbors do not realize the Flock system is not covered by HBNA dues. Carole Simpson noted if we raise dues, communicate it is for security expenses. Bob Connelly and Mark Bryson proposed that we need to decide a set amount for reserves. Mark suggested that he and Brian Ruediger meet to discuss a long term cash projection for HBNA. Dues, reserves, and projected expenses will be considered to set a reserve minimum and dues for 2023.

Transportation, Shelby Cobb: The Transportation Committee's Speed Study proposal was sent to Howard Shook's office and forwarded to the Atlanta Department of Transportation at the end of January. The proposal, created by co-chair Gay Colyer, was shared with Committee members for additional comments.

Case studies and work orders have been created for our initial top five locations:

West Brookhaven Dr.: from Club Dr. four-way stop to City of Brookhaven boundary

Winall Down: Peachtree Dunwoody Rd. to Club Dr.

Club Dr. from West Club Dr. to house #4210 on Club Dr.

Club Drive from Peachtree Rd. to Stovall Blvd. or Capital City Lane

Per the City of Atlanta Dept. of Transportation, we may expect a “service level agreement” of 66 days or longer. This will consist of installing temporary speed monitors to gather data. Next steps to curb speeding on Brookhaven Drive will be forthcoming soon from City of Brookhaven Police Dept.’s Sergeant Bayshawn Fleming, who conducted the six-day speed study in early December.

We expect to receive an update with a timeline from engineers at the City of Atlanta’s Dept. of Watershed Management for our HBNA Board meeting in March, regarding the storm drain project affecting portions of Club Dr., Winall Down, Vermont Rd., and Stovall Blvd.

Cameras, Tom Mallory: Tom reported the cameras show few stolen cars or car-related crimes since May 2021. This does not include theft or other home or property-related crimes. Cameras are working and in good order.

Communication, Membership, Maribett Varner: Mark Roberts has delivered directory and newsletter mock-ups to the printers. Next week the completed newsletters and directories will be delivered to HBNA. Delivery to members will begin next week.

Historic Brookhaven Foundation, Bob Connelly: Brian Ruediger notes there is \$15,000. in the Brookhaven Foundation account. The money will be spent on Historic Brookhaven monuments. The account is on track to be dissolved. Bob Connelly notes each monument is \$10,000 plus. We currently plan for two new monuments and one replacement. Carole Simpson discussed obtaining an extra set of monument castings to keep for a later date. Bob Connelly will contact the castings stone contractor.

CME, Carole Simpson: Carole thanked her Committee. The Committee assessed each micropark and identified projects for this year. Two landscaped circles in Club Valley will be improved this month. The Brookhaven Drive and West Brookhaven Drive micropark will be cleaned up and plantings added. The Park Pride project at Vermont Park will be completed this spring.

Film Committee, Gene Hooff: Gene discussed current filming on Narmore. The film crew will be on site March 11-18. Gene will collect a HBNA donation from the filming company.

Events, Rebecca Harvill: Rebecca discussed meeting dates and places for spring and summer. The Capital City Country Club is closing April 17 for renovations. Rebecca will try to secure Capital City Club for the April 12, HBNA General Meeting. Other suggestions were discussed if the Club cannot accommodate us for our spring General Meeting. The Board discussed meeting in Board members’ homes for Board meetings after April 17. Currently the Board plans to meet March 17 and April 14 at the Capital City Club. Rebecca discussed having a Board social at a neighborhood establishment. More details regarding a social to follow.

Sponsorship, Ruth Skogstad : No current sponsorships reported.

Zoning, Fulton County, Cathy Boston: Cathy reports one zoning variance in discussion currently. Cathy also requested suggestions or nominations for the Fulton County, City of Atlanta, Historic Brookhaven Zoning Committee.

Zoning, Dekalb County, Mark Bryson: Mark notes the street view or overlay plan for the Brookhaven Marta Station is currently being discussed by the City of Brookhaven.

Nominating, Maribett Varner: The Nominating Committee has asked Hope Bawcom to serve on the HBNA Board and our Dekalb Zoning Committee. Hope has agreed if the Board approves. Cathy Boston nominated Hope Bawcom and Wade McKenzie seconded the motion. Hope was unanimously approved by the Board. Hope served previously as a HBNA Board member and as Chairman of the City of Brookhaven Zoning Appeals Board. Hope will be taking Wade Copeland's vacant position.

Maribett moved to adjourn at 9:35 am

Respectfully submitted,  
Anne Culberson  
HBNA Secretary