

HBNA NOVEMBER BOARD MEETING MINUTES

November 21, 2024

Capital City Club

Attending: Mark Bryson (via phone), Christy Campbell, Shelby Cobb, Anne Culberson, Maya Dunbar, Kevin Dwyer, John Higley, Gene Hooff, Tom Mallory, Liz Means, Justine Regnier (via phone), Ann Short, Maribett Varner, Steve Wakely, Mark Roberts.

Absent: Cathy Boston, Bob Connelly.

President Mark Bryson called the meeting to order at 8:05am.

President's report: Mark B. brought up the upcoming December 9th meeting between the Capital City Club, representatives from the City of Brookhaven, and neighbors concerned about the Club's hedges. Mark will attend the meeting to listen, but the HBNA Board has already done its part to bring the concerns to the Club and to insure there are no safety concerns for the neighbors. Mark reserved a 10'x10' rental unit at the Brookhaven storage facility next to Town Brookhaven and made a motion to approve the Board's rental of this unit for storage of Christmas wreaths, file boxes, monument maquettes, etc. Maribett seconded, and the rental unit was unanimously approved.

Secretary's report: John made a motion to approve the September and October Minutes. Gene seconded, and the Minutes were unanimously approved.

Treasurer's report: Steve advised that the financials are tracking in line with the 2024 budget. Efforts to incorporate Venmo for collecting dues are underway. Financially, HBNA is on a solid cash basis.

Committee Reports:

CME: Christy reported that the beautification project at Mayson Ravine is complete, with additional funds used by the City of Atlanta 2022 bond. Updates to the neighborhood entrance near Dunkin' Donuts are anticipated soon, with Callahan Landscaping overseeing the improvements. The Dept. of Watershed Management project on Davidson Dr.'s drainage issues should be completed by late 2025. At Vermont Park, the Callahan crew installed truckloads of plant material and amendments throughout the park. The bench for the south tip, a gift of Bonnie Copeland in memory of her parents, should arrive in December. A second request for rock and mulch for the interior path was approved by the City of Atlanta. The Board needs to appoint a new project leader for the monuments at Vermont Rd. at Peachtree Rd. This is deferred until the January Board meeting.

Zoning: John advised that the house at 3117 Mabry Rd. has not received approval to proceed. Currently there are no additional zoning concerns for the City of Atlanta nor the City of Brookhaven.

Transportation: Shelby reported that there have been some questions from neighbors about inconsistent paving on various streets. Street paving is handled differently by COA and COB jurisdictions. She contacted ATL DOT for an update on the Winall Down Rd. vehicle volume traffic study and still awaits a reply. The COA and COB police traffic units responded quickly to help with STOP sign and speeding violations at specific locations observed to be problematic. Officers will continue to monitor these locations.

Cameras: Tom noted that all neighborhood cameras are operational and functioning well.

Communications: Mark R. reported that membership has grown to 450 households. Volunteers are needed to write articles for the Spring Newsletter. Maya volunteered to assist.

New Neighbors: A new swag bag has been introduced to welcome new neighbors. Discussions are ongoing regarding budget allocations for a welcome party.

Events: Justine is coordinating the next six months of events with the Capital City Club, including setting dates for the Board party and the Spring General Meeting. Concerns about low attendance at our twice-yearly general meetings were discussed, along with strategies to enhance meeting engagement and fun.

Film: Gene reported that he has received no updates from the film crew that visited Mabry / Club Commons a few months ago. The possibility of listing our homes for film production was discussed but is not currently promoted. The idea of including information about the film industry in the next newsletter was suggested.

New Business: It was announced that the new Brookhaven Dog Park at Osborne Rd. and Peachtree Rd. is set to open on Monday, November 25th.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:15am.

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin Dwyer

Secretary

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