

Minutes -HBNA Board Meeting  
Thursday, January 18, 2024  
Capitol City Club

Attending: Mark Bryson, John Higley, Steve Wakely, Shelby Cobb, Carole Simpson, Christie Campbell, Maribett Varner, Julia Lanese, Julie Train, Rebecca Harvill, Mark Roberts, Cathy Boston, Anne Culberson, Kevin Dwyer

Absent: Gene Hooff, Tom Mallory, Jamie Lawson, Bob Connelly, Justine Regnier

President Mark Bryson called the meeting to order at 8:05 a.m. Mark B. explained our membership in Buckhead Community of Neighborhoods (BCN) and asked if anyone from the COA side of the membership would volunteer to attend the meetings and report back. Kevin Dwyer volunteered.

Mark B. then brought up that 2024 is the year in which the by-laws should be reviewed with a goal of any changes be voted on at the Spring General Meeting. Julia Lanese, Julie Train and John Higley all agreed to form a sub-committee with Mark B to review the by-laws.

The Minutes from the November Board Meeting had been distributed previously. Mark Roberts moved to accept the Minutes and it was seconded by Shelby Cobb. The Minutes were unanimously approved.

Steve Wakely presented the treasurers report and the financials through December were approved. There was a discussion on the final budget for 2024. Two motions were approved to amend the budget. An additional \$200 was added to Callahan's budget for maintenance. An additional \$1,000 was added to the Events budget because the estimate from Capital City Club was higher than we anticipated. A discussion ensued about general budget management. In the past several years, we spent more than we received in membership fees with the overage being covered by previous years' cash balance. The Board will need to manage to the approved budget and make potential changes and reallocations as the year progresses. It was agreed that the budget issue for 2025 will be developed and assessed in August 2024 so if a dues increase is warranted, we have time to communicate to the membership.

There ensued a discussion about the desire for other monuments at entrances (Vermont and at least one other that have none or previously had one but not currently). It was decided that this would probably be a 2025 initiative, if approved, and to table discussion until Bob Connelly is in attendance.

Mark B. presented an update on the Flock surveillance cameras. As of yet we still have not been informed of any price increase for 2024. The approved 2024 budget includes a 20% increase in the cost of the cameras to cover a potential rate change.

John Higley gave a COB Zoning update. Nothing major on the docket but he will be monitoring the Morrison Farms property to see what the next proposed development is. He also will be attending the Planning Meetings for COB.

Cathy Boston gave an update on COA zoning. Unfortunately, the Angelo Court construction that HBNA and the NPU objected to was approved by COA zoning. Cathy also reported on Canterbury's plans to demolish three houses they own on Vermont Drive and make enhanced green space in that area. We hope to keep the three properties separate from Canterbury's other main property and it will take a couple of months for the zoning to be approved.

Shelby Cobb reported for the Transportation Committee that we are making progress on the North Buckhead Storm Drain project. Hopefully all will be completed by the end of Q1 2024. She complimented the COA departments on their communication with her and others and the contiguous neighbors for their forbearance. There has been slight movement on Signature Streets with NBCA meeting with BCID and the Mayor's office. Nothing concrete resolved yet. Transportation is also convening a meeting with businesses at the Peachtree/Brookhaven entrance to the neighborhood. She's also requested that Councilperson Madeline Simmons attend along with the Truist Bank manager.

Carole Simpson had no other report from CM&E after the prior budget discussion.

Mark Roberts reported that as of this date we have an initial membership response of 700. A final reminder will go out to the residents who haven't joined yet. He's sending the Board the list of non-joiners so that we can encourage our neighbors to participate.

Mark Roberts also said that Communications is working on the next newsletter that will go out with the Directories.

The New Neighbors chairperson, Julie Train, is planning to include a special invitation to the new neighbors to attend the Spring General Meeting where they will be recognized.

Rebecca Harvill reminded everyone of the Board get-together on 1/21 at Mark and Melissa Bryson's home. The Spring General Meeting is scheduled for 4/9/24 at Capital City Country Club.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by Maribett Varner on 1/21/24.