Historic Brookhaven Neighborhood Association September Minutes
September 17, 2026
Capital City Club

Attending: Gene Hooff, Mark Roberts, John Higley, Maribett Varner, Ann Short, Shelby Cobb, Bob Connelly, Christy Campbell, Steve Wakely, Jim Rowley, Emily Hyde, Liz Means

Absent: Cathy Boston, Liz Shults, Mark Bryson

President Gene Hooff called the meeting to order at 8:03 a.m.

Gene discussed the tree removal that has taken place on East Brookhaven Drive at the former Cousins home. There have been 114 trees removed to date (with a permit we understand from the City of Brookhaven). He has been fielding many calls from neighborhood residents.

For the upcoming General Meeting, it was agreed to issue an invitation to Madeleine Simmons, our Brookhaven City Councilmember so that she might field questions about these trees.

We also discussed the "Friends of Historic Brookhaven" organization that has been granted 501C3 status. They have created a 40+ page booklet and raised approximately $75,000 to carry out their "mission." It was agreed that HBNA plans no participation with this organization.

Maribett Varner, Secretary, reported that the Minutes from the August meeting had been distributed and just needed to be approved. Mark Roberts made a motion which was seconded by John Higley. Minutes were unanimously approved.

Treasurer Steve Wakely sent out his report prior to the meeting. FY26 is on budget, and we expect to complete the year with a $15,000 deficit. Steve plans to have a FY27 budget completed in December.

Maribett gave an update from the Nominating Committee. All members whose terms are expiring at the end of 2026 have agreed to return with the exception of Liz Means. We thanked her for her service. There has been a nomination of two new members: Ned Simon and Jill Dunlap. Gene has agreed to serve a second term as President (2028/29) and, therefore, we can forgo electing a President-Elect until 2028. The remainder of the slate is Steve Wakely as Treasurer and Maribett Varner as Secretary. Mark Roberts made a motion to accept the slate which was seconded by Jim Rowley. The slate was unanimously approved.

John Higley, Committee chair for Cameras, presented the following report:

1. He gave an update on the growth of the trees planted by Canterbury Court that were blocking our cameras. They have agreed to trim the tree and continue to insure that the cameras are not blocked by vegetation.
2. There was a concern about a camera on Bellaire that impacted a resident's sprinkler system but it emerged that it was not our camera.

Rest of the system is working well.

Mark Roberts reported that the Communications Committee is working on the billing statements to go out in late October.

Emily Hyde gave an update on the annual Street Party. Emily will be out of town so Gene will be point of being there the day of the event. He asked for volunteers to help with set-up. Thanks went out to Cathy Boston and Stroll for sponsoring the event.

The Community Maintenance and Enhancement Committee was reported on by Christy Campbell. The main priority right now is to work on the triangle at West Brookhaven and Brookhaven Drive. The CME Committee is waiting on the next steps from the City of Atlanta on the Mayson Ravine and Davidson Avenue project before they can tackle anything there. Autumn is typically a busy time for CME with plantings.

Transportation Committee was submitted by Shelby Cobb:

> Davidson Avenue Road Project: 9/14/26 update from Asia Mosee, PE, Stormwater Design & Construction, Office of Watershed Protection: "We have received pricing from our contractors and we are in the process of selecting a contractor to do the work. The selection of a contractor and work authorization should be finalized within the next 30 days. After that, we will be able to share a more formal construction schedule with you."
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> Street Flooding Issue, Stovall at Peachtree Dunwoody Rd: Responding to assistance request from neighbor Chris Baldwin at 906 Stovall Boulevard via Department of Watershed Management. This is a recurring, dangerous issue with each heavy rain; water flows across P-D toward Stovall while rainwater rushes downhill on Stovall at this low-point corner. Stacy Cyrus, Field Manager for DWM with whom I worked for two years on the North Buckhead Storm Drain Project, is looking into Mr. Baldwin's case # (created in August) to see when a site meeting will take place. Mr. Baldwin has a set of photographs clearly depicting the water.

Ann Short reported no update for the New Neighbor Committee.

President Hooff adjourned the meeting at 8:58 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Maribett Varner

Secretary