

Minutes -HBNA General Meeting
Thursday, October 17, 2024
Capital City Club

Attending: Mark Bryson, John Higley, Steve Wakely, Shelby Cobb, Christy Campbell, Maribett Varner, Gene Hooff, Rebecca Harvill, Justine Regnier, Cathy Boston,

Absent: Julia Lanese, Julie Train, Mark Roberts, Jamie Lawson, Kevin Dwyer, Tom Mallory

President Mark Bryson called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m. and welcomed all of the HBNA members in attendance.

Mark then introduced Treasurer Steve Wakely who reviewed a summary of the financial position of the organization. Steve specifically discussed the rising costs and the committees of the Board who have the largest budgets: Surveillance Cameras and Maintenance and Enhancement. Steve completed his presentation explaining the need for a dues increase to \$275. Invoices will be mailed in the upcoming week with the new amount reflected. There were no questions or comments.

Mark Bryson then proposed the slate for election of Board members and officers of the Board:

Returning Board members elected to an additional two-year term:

- Cathy Boston
- Shelby Cobb
- Anne Culberson
- Kevin Dwyer
- Gene Hooff
- Tom Mallory
- Mark Roberts

New Board members elected to a first two-year term:

- Maya Dunbar
- Liz Means
- Jim Rowley
- Ann Short

New Officers of the Board elected:

- President Elect – Gene Hooff
- Secretary – Kevin Dwyer

A motion was made by Cathy Boston to elect the slate and seconded by Shelby Cobb. The slate was adopted.

Mark thanked the retiring Board members for their service: Carole Simpson, Rebecca Harvill, Jamie Lawson and Julia Lanese.

Mark introduced the speakers for the meeting – Mayor John Park and Councilperson Madeleine Simmons, both representing the City of Brookhaven. The two officials provided updates on a number of initiatives in Brookhaven including Brookhaven Park, the new City Center, Crime and the new live 911 functionality, and Ambulances.

During the general Q&A session, several attendees commented or asked questions.

- Concerns were expressed about traffic violations and the need for improved street safety (these items were to be taken into consideration by the Transportation Committee)
- A member of HBNA, Keith Cowan, described his concerns about the landscaping along the streets adjacent to the Capital City Country Club and its safety and aesthetics. He asked that the Brookhaven officials join with the neighbors to work with the Capital City Club to address those concerns. Madeleine said that she would attend the meetings. Two other attendees gave their views on the landscaping as well.

Mark adjourned the meeting at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Maribett Varner, Secretary