

HBNA GENERAL MEETING

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2016

Bob Connelly, HBNA President called meeting to order, 7:00 pm

Over 100 neighbors attended.

Special Guests included Brookhaven Mayor Pro Tem, Bates Mattison, Brookhaven Police Chief Gary Yandura as well as City of Atlanta Councilman, Howard Shook and representatives from the Atlanta Police Department. Community Marta Representative, Joel Putterman was also present.

HBNA Board Member, Maribett Varner, introduced slate of board members: Lauren Jackson, Mark Roberts, Kevin Quirk, Cathy Boston, Anne Culberson, Gene Hoof (new term), Rebecca Harvill (new term), Nikki Stephenson (new term). All Board members with new or renewed terms were approved by vote. Mike Elliot will rotate off the board this term.

Brian Ruediger, treasurer, reported The Historic Brookhaven Neighborhood Association is in sound financial condition, with all liabilities timely paid and adequate reserves on hand. All 2017 dues received to date have been deposited. The books and records of the association are available for review by any member of the association; please contact Brian Ruediger, if you so desire.

The HBNA Marta Community Representative, Joel Putterman gave a review of the Brookhaven Marta development and the Livable Centers Initiative. He spoke to the 2007 Overlay Plan as well. The current Marta proposal includes office space or building, senior housing, apartments, retail space, condos (for sale), hotel, civic space, green space and Marta station. More information is on the Marta Brookhaven Oglethorpe website. Currently, the project is in a 90 day deferral period to address concerns. Noted concerns are quality of life, creation of a vibrant development, amenities to attract community, utilities, infrastructure, density, height of buildings, traffic, and specific zoning needs, as concerns. The phases of development and the time line are unknown.

Communication and Membership V.P, Mark Roberts, reminded the members that 2017 invoices had been mailed and are now due. There has been a good response to joining HBNA. Please send your invoices along with checks for \$100 as soon as possible; these funds are needed to support beautification, zoning , transportation studies, and many other activities within the neighborhood.

Mark then explained how filming in the neighborhood is supposed to work. As companies come in to the neighborhood to film, the process is that they contact the city (Atlanta or Brookhaven) and secure a filming permit. Once that permit has been obtained, they are allowed to film in our neighborhood. They are supposed to contact the neighborhood association but are not legally

obligated to do this. To date, all companies have contacted HBNA and given us a schedule of when they will be filming so that we can let the neighbors know this. One of their requirements is to provide active traffic management through the use of local police. If you see that the police are not managing the traffic flow, please contact the local police headquarters and let them know; this point has been made very clear to the police who are assigned to this task. Often the film companies make a nominal donation to HBNA to cover any costs that we might incur as well as to support the neighborhood. If you have any questions, let Mark know.

Transportation V.P., Gay Colyer, reported, the Transportation Committee continues to work on the following issues:

We have completed a new map for the Winall Down/Vermont Rd. project complete with the approved catch basins and the addition of one modification on Winall Down due to a new driveway at 975 Winall Down. The City of Atlanta approved changing their original proposal of 12 catch basins to 8 on Winall Down and Vermont. With the help of Howard Shook, this modification has been submitted to the City. In addition, we have submitted a proposal for a vegetated curbed island at this intersection. The design of the island will be finalized after the catch basin project is adopted because only then will we have a valid estimation of how much residual run off might have to be accommodated by the design features built into the island.

We continue to talk with Foresite, our traffic engineering firm. We have received their general suggestions for traffic calming and their initial findings which include existing road widths, existing traffic calming devices, existing average speeds, traffic problems, existing cut through streets and a volume study. Foresite reports we will have their detailed suggestions for the traffic study in 2 weeks. The transportation committee will then prioritize those and take them to neighbors and others interested for their comments and suggestions before we present our recommendations to the City of Atlanta and the City of Brookhaven. Anyone who would like to be a part of these discussions or would like a copy of any of this report, please see Gay Colyer.

Kevin Quirk, Dekalb Zoning Chairman, spoke to update neighbors on Porter Hastings property and development. The zoning request by the Porter family is currently in the Court of Appeals.

Carole Simpson, V. P. of Community Maintenance and Enhancement, reported on water related issues in our 19 micro parks in Historic Brookhaven. The area is in a drought that is challenged our plants and trees. Two water meters have been put in on East and West Brookhaven. The meters will be set up for watering or irrigation. Follow up re drainage in the Carter Drive micro park is in progress. The committee hopes to make the parks more of a gathering place for neighbors.

Blake Dexter updated HBNA members re the proposed security cameras for the neighborhood. He described an initiative to work with city, police departments and security vendors such as ATT. The committee is exploring blue light technology. There is a challenge in an unsecured community with 16 entrances in two counties or cities.

Stephanie McGarity of the Brookhaven Security Association spoke of neighborhood security. She reminded us that 911 calls can be routed to the City of Atlanta or the City of Brookhaven from our neighborhood; If you are in the COA call 404-658-6666 for direct routing. Stephanie asks, that we support and join the BSA; invoices now due. Email SMcGarity@comcast.net to receive crime alerts.

Porter Hutto and Jack Huber spoke of the upcoming printing of the Historic Brookhaven homes book, The Libretto project. There are approximately 150 historic homes left in Historic Brookhaven; the goal is to preserve the history of the homes in a photographic history book. Books may be reserved for \$125. Contact Porter Hutto or Lauren Jackson to purchase a book.

Next Board meeting is December 21, 2016.

Respectfully Submitted,

Anne Culberson, Secretary HBNA

December 1, 2016