

Notes from Historic Brookhaven General Meeting – April 2017

Libretto

I am pleased to announce the book has been sent to print and we believe the finished product exceeded our expectations in every way.

Our pre sales with homeowners and patrons totaled over 400 books! Thank you to our sponsors, HBNA, and the many Historic Homeowner Subscribers who helped make this happen.

Our committee made a decision to incur the additional expense to expedite one advance copy of the book for each of those subscribers who participated early. The author will sign and number all subscriber books. (Including the early delivery copy as well as the additional copies). The remaining subscriber books will be signed and distributed along with the other preorders when the remainder of the order is received at the end of the summer.

Additionally we will be selling books beginning Sept 15 with the details about how to purchase and where to purchase forthcoming via email. Watch for info in the HBNA newsletter and the website and eblasts.

We are very excited to announce the title of the book **THE STORIED HOUSES OF HISTORIC BROOKHAVEN**.

It is a coffee table size book and printed and bound with fine materials. The book contains vintage photos, hand-painted watercolors, deep research, interesting historical maps and references as well as wonderful and engaging stories of the families who have lived here, some of whom have been here most of their lives.

Transportation Committee Report

Traffic Study

We received the final traffic study from Foresite, our engineering firm this afternoon. It's 200 pages and includes data, roadway characteristics, speed calming technique selection and study recommendations. The transportation committee will review this and set up meetings with neighbors and the city of Brookhaven and City of Atlanta to determine next steps. Traffic continues to be a

top concern in our neighborhood and will continue to be so as more is developed on and off Peachtree.

Intersection of Vermont Road and Winall Down

As I've reported on numerous occasions, we have continued to work on the drainage project and the look of the intersection for several years with the City of Atlanta with the help of Howard Shook. We are in hopes of getting a hard copy of the final project map for drainage this week to review with all of the appropriate neighbors. Once we determine the impact of the new catch basins, we will then begin work on an appropriate vegetated curbed intersection more in keeping with the expectations we have for the look of Historic Brookhaven.

Additional concerns for transportation:

Pot holes

Street signs which need to be replaced

Streets which need to be paved

Bikers not riding with the traffic

Walkers walking 3-4 abreast and those who are not facing traffic

Suggestions

Asking each neighbor to be a part of the solution: For the City of Atlanta: Call 311 or go online to ATL311.com and report a pothole or other potential roadway and sidewalk hazards, give them the closest resident address. A service request record will be created. You will receive this information by automated email.

Response.

In the City of Brookhaven: Go to Brookhaven Connect on the internet or smart phone. Follow all the prompts. You can either enter an address or point to a spot on the map. Once you've entered the location, you can select the type of report you're sending and add a description or upload an image.

This is not for issues which need to be addressed immediately. For downed trees across roadways, traffic signals on flash or downed stop sign, call the Public Works main number at 404-637-0540 and press 1. All emergencies requiring police, fire or EMS should call 911.

We have a list of neighbors who want to be a part of the transportation discussion. If you would like to join that group please let me know.

Treasurer's Report

“Brian Ruediger, treasurer, reported that the Historic Brookhaven Neighborhood Association is in sound financial position, with all outstanding liabilities paid and adequate cash reserves on hand.”

Security Cameras

The Board has received proposals from the following service providers: Atlanta Police Foundation, AT&T, and Georgia Power. After receipt of the proposals, we met with and continue to speak with both the City of Atlanta and the City of Brookhaven to understand the different platforms and whether or how their platforms can work with our alternatives. We are continuing our due diligence and hope to wrap it up in the next 30 to 60 days and make a recommendation to the Board.

Filming Committee Report

The filming committee was recently formed to evaluate filming in the neighborhood. The committee contains several neighbors with diverse filming perspectives and knowledge. The committee has met once and is working on improving communication in a number of areas including communication with the neighborhood, the Mayor's Office of Film and Entertainment, and the film crews. The committee is working on a document for the HBNA website that will better explain the filming process, good neighbor guidelines, and the benefits to the neighborhood. The committee is also evaluating potential “asks” of the City and/or film crews.

Bob Connelly and Haig Kazazian also met with Cardellia Hunter from the Mayor's Office of Film and Entertainment to learn more about the process and benefits. Cardellia informed us that Brookhaven could ask for the City's or the film crew's help on numerous potential items. The Committee is considering some options which could include improving traffic flow to more compensation for the neighborhood.

The neighborhood does receive some compensation from the films and uses those funds for beautification and other items. You will see more info out of the film committee in the coming months.

Landscape Committee

We have 19 common areas throughout our neighborhood and that is a big part of what makes Historic Brookhaven so special. As you might imagine, it is a huge job to oversee all that needs to be done as well as expensive. We try to prioritize the needs so that we are addressing those that need the most action first. It has been brought to our attention that the space on Vermont is in urgent need of help for aesthetic as well as safety reasons. We have met with engineers from the City of Atlanta and they are working on a plan to fix the safety and drainage issues with this micro park. We do not have a timetable for this yet but will continue to follow up with the City.

We are also in the process of gathering bids for new curbing for the Lakehaven/Davidson triangle, the Davidson/E. Brookhaven triangle and the Carter Drive/Peachtree Dunwoody triangle.

We are also gathering information on installing irrigation in some of the triangles that we have found need it the most. We hope that we will see some real progress soon but ask your indulgence as we try to make wise and cost efficient decisions for our projects.

Little Nancy Creek Park

Big Things are happening AGAIN at Little Nancy Creek Park!

This spring, the Board of the Friends of LNCP was granted a \$75,000 Matching Legacy Grant from Park Pride in order to complete the development of the park. This project focuses on the north side of the creek on the old house footings and also on restoring the natural habitat surrounding the creek itself. In details, we are adding another stepping stone crossing, bench swings overlooking the creek and playground, a new pavilion, improved parking, and added picnic tables on the back lawn area. In order to fund our half of the \$150,000 project cost, we have created The Legacy Club, whose members will be memorialized on a bronze plaque in the park (many of the members are choosing to honor children and grandchildren on the plaque instead of their own names). The cost to join is

\$2500. As of this writing there are less than 10 spots available, so please contact Christy Roberts at marobe100@yahoo.com soon to leave your Legacy in Little Nancy Creek Park!