

HBNA BOARD MEETING

DECEMBER 21, 2016

Board Members in Attendance: Anne Culberson, Ruth Skogstad, Carole Simpson, Bob Connelly, Kathy Boltwood, Brian Ruediger, Blake Dexter, Gay Colyer, Haig Kazazian, Kevin Quirk, Maribett Varner, Rebecca Harvill, Nikki Stephenson, Cathy Boston, Mark Roberts
Guest, Mike Elliot

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS

President, Bob Connelly: Welcomed new members to the board and discussed committee assignments.

Secretary, Anne Culberson: December minutes approved.

Treasurer, Brian Ruediger: reports that the HBNA is in strong financial shape, with adequate reserves, all invoices paid through December 19, 2016, and all 2017 member dues received deposited. Brian reviewed the treasury protocol or guidelines for the 2017 budget. Committee chairs and vice presidents should have budget requests soon.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Communication/Membership, Mark Roberts, Maribett Varner: Mark reports, we have 645 members, thus far; our target is approximately 664 or 67% of Historic Brookhaven. Maribett requested more members to serve on communications and membership. Secretary will also update the HBNA Board roster.

Transportation/Traffic, Gay Colyer: We received more concerns about the blow ups on Winall Down and Peachtree Dunwoody. We need to continue to discuss the dangerous situation for next year and hopefully come up with solutions to protect our neighbors' safety. We continue to work with Howard Shook on the modified proposal for the catch basins on Winall Down and Vermont. The report from the COA engineers was due by December 16. Howard Shook is working with Public Works regarding the status of our proposal. We also submitted a request for a vegetated curbed island at the intersection. The design of the island will be finalized after the catch basin project is adapted. Only then will we have a valid estimation of how much water run off will need to be accommodated by the design features of the island. We have received a partial report from Forsite for the detailed traffic study for the neighborhood and hope to have the completed report by year end. To date, we have an outstanding invoice for the traffic study of \$6,000. Under a separate contract for the island and intersection, the balance is \$1200. If the reports are not finished by year end, the funds will need to be included in the 2017 budget. Ruth Skogstad and Bob Connelly discussed construction issues. Ruth stated, she would put a form letter together for construction in the neighborhood. The letter given to home owners and

builders includes clean up, drainage, parking, safety, traffic, and requests a primary contact person. Ruth also plans to follow up re doggie bags and trash baskets.

Zoning, Dekalb County, Kevin Quirk: Bob and Kevin discussed Hastings Porter property and Marta project. The Hastings project is still in appeal.

Bob met with The City of Brookhaven regarding the Marta project. Concerns expressed by citizens include types of housing (such as affordable housing for seniors), rental vs owner occupied units, security, crime, traffic, density and number of housing units, green space and civic presence. Thirty six conditions have been requested by surrounding neighborhood organizations. The board feels HBNA needs to stay more informed. In the January Board meeting, it is requested we set up a committee to be more involved and educated. City Council, City of Brookhaven, meets January 24, regarding zoning and concerns re Marta project.

Zoning, Fulton County, Cathy Boston: Cathy discussed a lot on Vermont is now a lot and not part of adjoining development. There is request for property at Calvert and Peachtree Dunwoody to be developed as a subdivision. This request is presently deferred.

CCTV, Haig Kazazian, Blake Dexter: Discussion re closed circuit TV using ATT Smart City or GA Power (has a lease option) New Initiative project was presented. The Plug and Play plans were discussed for realistic financing. Committee members have met with the above companies. Challenges continue to integrate The City of Atlanta, The City of Brookhaven and 16 entrances to the neighborhood. Costs for the project would expect to exceed \$100,000. The project could be put in in steps or phases. The City of Atlanta Police Foundation offers support for the project.

Community Maintenance and Enhancement, Carole Simpson: Carole gave an update on micro parks in neighborhood. Vermont Park has water flow issues to address with city engineer. Some erosion is evident. Carter Drive Park is a watershed park. The monument at Carter Drive creates vision impairment. Carole discussed landscape needs of parks including replacement of vegetation and irrigation needs.