

HBNA BOARD MEETING MINUTES DECEMBER 10, 2014

Historic Brookhaven Neighborhood Association, Wednesday, December 10, 2014, 8:00am
Capital City Club

Board Members Present: Lisa Martinez, Bob Connelly, Anne Culberson, Michael Elliot, Tom Hicks, Lauren Jackson, Brian Ruediger, Carole Simpson, Ruth Skogstad, Susy Stovin, Wade McKenzie, and Maribett Varner. No guests present

The meeting was called to order by Lisa Martinez at 8:00 am. Lisa reviewed HBNA membership requirements and standing committees for the HBNA board.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS

SECRETARY

Wade McKenzie made a motion to approve the November HBNA Board meeting minutes. The minutes were approved by all board members present. Wade McKenzie formally resigned from the HBNA Board. Anne Culberson will serve as secretary.

TREASURER

Brian Ruediger previously provided financial statements through 12/5/14, to each Board member. Brian indicated, HBNA continues to be well funded with all expenses paid or accrued. HBNA continues to maintain a strong balance sheet with reasonable reserves at year end. Additionally, Brian requested committee chairman provide forecasted 2015 expenses to be included in a preliminary 2015 budget for discussion at the next HBNA meeting. Brian also indicated receipt of 2015 dues from approximately 600 members.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

EVENTS

Susy Stovin and others discussed the best ways to identify new neighbors. Ruth Skogstad and Cathy Boston are asked to help Suzy identify new neighbors. A new neighbor event is suggested for the winter of 2015.

COMMUNITY MAINTENANCE AND ENHANCEMENT (CME)

Chairman, Carole Simpson is currently hanging holiday wreaths on historic Brookhaven monuments. Next year the committee hopes to have the neighborhood Friends group help with the holiday bows. Tim Gartland and Carole Simpson plan to drive through the neighborhood to review expectations for community property maintenance as well as the condition of triangles or microparks. Carole indicated, the committee discussed dividing the neighborhood into geographical areas for improved supervision of green space. A committee member would track beautification needs in their area. Lauren Jackson offered to explore ways to work with the City of Atlanta and the City of Brookhaven for more maintenance support.

Monument Sub Committee

Bob Connelly discussed, a new pair of monuments for Rock Haven Homes are approved. Other locations being considered are Winall Down Road, Carter Drive, and Club Drive. Bob Connelly will contact Jed Beardsley for updates and Tim Gartland to discuss Atlanta permitting process.

TRANSPORTATION

Anne Culberson reviewed the November transportation report (given by Chairman, Gay Colyer, at the November meeting). The Forsythe Group or traffic consultant's report was offered to all board members for review.

Lauren Jackson asked for traffic study information for the Peachtree corridor near Hastings. All questions are to be sent to Gay Colyer per email.

COMMUNICATION

Meribett Varner updated the board with a nominating (sub committee) report . She reviewed the specific skills needed on the board to fill vacant board positions.

CCTV

No new information reported.

ZONING

Active Issues

Dekalb zoning issues were reported by Michael Elliot. Active issues include 15 Brookhaven Drive (14-67). Multiple requests include 1) front yard setback from 112.9 feet to 70 feet 2) Reduce side yard setback from 10 feet to 4 feet 3) Reduce the required 10 foot Accessory Structure Setback to 2 feet to maintain the existing detached garage

HBNA discussed opposition to the front yard setback only, listed as #1 above.

Next hearing for the variances is on December 17, 2014, at the City of Brookhaven, ZBA. A motion passed for a letter to be compiled and read at the next zoning hearing (opposing the front yard setback request). Two Board members had met with homeowner's builder. There were no suggestions or proposals from the homeowners or the builder reported to resolve the setback request. Lisa Martinez had also met with the property owners.

Dunkin Donuts (Peachtree and Brookhaven Drive) requests a variance for site coverage to allow a small addition to their existing detached storage unit. There were no questions and no opposition voiced at the meeting.

Hastings/Kauffman Tire/Porter Property (Colonial Drive and Peachtree Road) rezoning requests were heard at the November Planning Commission meeting, City of Brookhaven. It is recommended by the Planning Commission that the City of Brookhaven defer the matter for two months until February. Meetings with some HBNA board members, Bates Mattison, and adjoining neighbors have been held. Brookhaven residents, legal advisors, and land use planners are compiling a position statement . The statement would describe their desired criteria for development of this property. The statement was requested by the HBNA board at the December meeting but was not complete. A motion was made and vote (5 for, 6 against) to give to the legal fund (without a position statement from the Concerned Neighbors).

After board discussion two documents were requested 1) position statement 2) parameters for legal assistance with engaged attorney, Doug Dillard. Timothy Morrison is the Concerned Neighbors point person for the attorney, Doug Dillard. Topics of discussion re the property were described (R-100 rezoning, tree canopy or buffer, density, rights of property owners, traffic issues, development ownership and property maintenance). The board requested the neighbor's position statement be received by the board prior to granting legal funding of \$3,000-\$5,000. Carole Simpson and Anne

Culberson are the point persons for the HBNA board members on the proposed development. They will meet with the Concerned Neighbors and obtain statements or documents.

After zoning discussion, meeting adjourned.

Submitted by,

Anne B. Gwynn Culberson

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