

HBNA Board Meeting Minutes – March 2014

A meeting of the Historic Brookhaven Neighborhood Association was held on Wednesday, March 12, 2014 at 8:00am at the Capital City Club.

Present were Board Members: Lisa Martinez, Wade McKenzie, Susy Stovin, Brian Ruediger, Bob Connelly, Anne Culberson, Gay Colyer, Tim Gartland, Maribett Varner, Mike Elliot, Cathy Boston, Carole Simpson, Hope Bawcom. Prospective board member, Tom Hicks. Historic Brookhaven Foundation (HBF) President, Jed Beardsley. Buckhead Council of Neighborhoods ([BCN](#)) Parliamentarian, Glenn Delk.

The meeting was called to order by Lisa Martinez at 8:00am

Executive Committee Reports:

President

Lisa Martinez opened the meeting and gave the floor to Glenn Delk to report on BCN.

Glenn Delk noted that BCN has representatives from all but a few of the Buckhead area neighborhoods. Topics covered by BCN include: crime, schools, services, city financial issues. Their meetings are usually at Peachtree Presbyterian on the 2nd Thursday of each month lasting 1 ½ to 2 hours. Glenn has served on the BCN for 4 years and suggested it may be desirable for another interested resident to succeed him.

Lisa Martinez then gave the floor to Jed Beardsley, President of HBF for a presentation of the foundation's activities. Jed Beardsley noted the following:

- Brookhaven police scholarship fund is being administered by HBF and that the April 7th, golf tournament supporting the fund had raised over \$25,000 so far. Officers interested in obtaining scholastic funding for their children or for their own education will apply for grants from the fund.
- HBF has completed construction of 4 monuments in the last 4 months. Haven't decided where the next monument will go. Looking at Peachtree Dunwoody Road. The Garden Club has donated \$5,000 to HBF for flowers around the monuments.
- HBNA contributed \$5,000 to HBF last year.
- HBF funds have gone toward: a large portion of the construction of the monuments, some of the improvements at the Club/Davidson triangle, some for other triangle parks in the neighborhood.
- HBF Board meeting will be late March or early April.

Lisa Martinez reported there was an Executive Committee meeting on March 11th with the following items discussed:

- Board meeting attendance policy to be addressed in a by-law revision (maximum 3 absences).
- Requirement for all board members (except Executive Committee) to serve on at least one standing committee.
- Desired balance of committee members on each standing committee.
- There will be at least one final by-law meeting to finalize recommended revisions. Subsequently, a finalized version will be produced for board vote and if passed general member vote.

Lisa Martinez circulated a list of current HBNA Standing Committees and their members.

Secretary

Wade McKenzie announced that the February board meeting minutes haven't been completed. They will be distributed via email along with the March minutes for approval by the board.

Treasurer

Brian Ruediger previously distributed current financials indicating the HBNA was in good financial standing.

He noted that he needs to have W-9's for all vendors and also asked for any board member with HBNA purchases to please avoid paying for those directly and getting reimbursed. The goal is to pay all vendors directly if possible.

Brian also reminded the board of the need to plan for utilizing the budget reserve.

Committee Reports:

Community Maintenance and Enhancement (CME)

Tim Gartland reported the following items:

- Club Estates Garden Club donation for landscaping presence at base of monuments, specifically Brookhaven Drive entrance.
- Tim is requesting a 2014 budget of \$20K for landscaping maintenance, \$5K discretionary and special CME projects, \$20K for monuments.
- Discussed possibility of two additional pairs of monuments on Peachtree Dunwoody Road. There is a need for neighbor donations for that effort. HBF received approximately 65 contributions for previous monuments.
- Tim will prepare a letter to the owner (Mr. Drew) of the rental house at entrance to Brookhaven Drive near Dunkin Donuts. Intent is to get attention/action to clean up the exterior yard.
- Tom Hicks spoke about a possible big picture approach to both sides of road, potentially inquiring if SunTrust would get involved or at least support improvements.

Transportation

Gay Colyer reported the following:

- Sameer Patharkar and Jason Weckerly from Foresite group made a presentation regarding a comprehensive traffic study of the neighborhood. City of Brookhaven has a traffic study in their 2014 budget and selected Gresham, Smith & Partners to conduct this study. Foresite has been selected by this firm to do the traffic study portion. We discussed them doing the City of Atlanta portion for HBNA and then reviewing all information from both the City of Brookhaven and City of Atlanta and make recommendations. Foresite will be presenting the committee with a more detailed proposal. The committee voted to request \$20,000 in the 2014 HBNA budget to engage Foresite.
- Winall Down and Vermont intersection. Continuing to work with Howard Shook to help us progress so we could present at least 2 concepts to the neighborhood.
- Reporting of pot holes is now possible through HBNA. Send all of your streets and closest address of a residence adjacent to a pothole to: Hal Kravitz (halkrav@gmail.com). Please note City of Atlanta or City of Brookhaven when reporting.
- Metal road plates have been reported to the City of Atlanta for 1100 Stovall Blvd (confirmation number 16778158) and 940 Club Station Dr. (167781136)
- Sidewalks. We will be preparing a neighborhood map to show where we have existing sidewalks and then determine next steps.

Zoning – Dekalb

Mike Elliot reported:

- Tomlinson property at Bellaire/Club was being explored as a townhome project by John Wieland Homes (single family on the Fulton county portion). The builder has discussed building condos as an alternative but that doesn't seem to be their first choice.
- Still awaiting detailed plans for the Hastings/Kaufman property. It is understood they would like to do ground floor retail at Peachtree with 4 story apartments behind, parking in the rear and underground. It is overlay compliant but not currently zoned residential. They want to meet with neighborhood representatives then go to neighbors.
- Walgreens (which was denied variances in 2007 and 2009) has a new developer (John Gibson, Brookhaven resident) and has applied for a 9 variances. One of the variances is for a curb cut on Peachtree Road.

Mike Elliot made a motion that HBNA send a letter of recommendation to the Zoning Board Authority (ZBA) to support the overlay requirements and to allow for a 2nd curb cut on Peachtree Road. The motion passed unanimously.

After the board meeting a motion was made via board email to rescind the letter and remain silent on this issue.

The motion passed as follows:

Yes: Bob C., Melissa B., Cathy B., Bridgett O., Gay C., Anne C., Mike E., Sam L., Mark R., Susy S., Brian R.

No: 0,

Abstain: Frank C., Wade M., Tom H., Maribett V., Tim G.

Not Voting: Ruth S., Hope B., Carole S., and Lisa M.

Zoning – Fulton

No new activity reported on the Fulton County side of the neighborhood.

Events

Susy Stovin reported that the HBNA General meeting will take place April 28th at the Capital City Club at 6:30pm social introduction and a 7:00pm meeting.

Communication/Membership

Lisa Martinez reported on behalf of Mark Roberts that the Directory is in process, with 2-3 weeks print time and should go out by the end of the month.

Old Business

Lisa Martinez gave an update on the special committee meeting to review the potential for installing surveillance cameras in the neighborhood entrance monuments (CCTV). There will be at least one more meeting of the CCTV Committee before a recommendation is made for the board.

Lisa also noted that we are putting together a neighborhood survey to get feedback on a variety of issues including Security and CCTV.

Tom Hicks discussed the need for a comprehensive survey to include such things as general opinions on cameras, sidewalk, speed humps or other ideas.

New Business

There was no new business.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30am.