

HBNA Board Meeting Minutes – May 2014

A meeting of the Historic Brookhaven Neighborhood Association was held on Wednesday, May 14, 2014 at 8:00am at the Capital City Club.

Present were Board Members: Lisa Martinez, Wade McKenzie, Susy Stovin, Brian Ruediger, Anne Culberson, Gay Colyer, Tim Gartland, Mike Elliot, Cathy Boston, Carole Simpson, Mark Roberts, Ruth Skogstad, Frank Clementi, Bridget O'Donnell, Melissa Bryson.

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

Executive Committee Reports:

President

Lisa Martinez opened the meeting for discussion and feedback on the General Meeting. Comments were that the content was good but we would like to see better attendance. Suggestions for future meetings were as follows: try and make it more fun, day-to-day business may not be what members care to hear about, zoning issues seem to be of greater interest generally, politicians don't add greatly to the meeting, advertise more aggressively in advance, Monday is potentially a tough day. It was suggested that any additional comments should be referred to Susy Stovin for planning.

Secretary

Wade McKenzie presented the minutes of the April General meeting for approval by the board. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Treasurer

Brian Ruediger previously distributed current financials indicating the HBNA was in good financial standing, tracking to budget, all bills are paid.

He noted the following donations to the HBNA general fund: the production company filming "Survivors Remorse" in the neighborhood has made a \$250 payment for each film day in the neighborhood and the Lutheran Church has paid \$100.

Brian also noted the \$53K budget reserve.

Committee Reports:

Community Maintenance and Enhancement (CME)

Tim Gartland reported the following items:

- Club Estates Garden Club made a \$5K donation and HBF \$2K. These are for landscaping presence at base of monuments, specifically Brookhaven Drive entrance and also Club Drive and Davidson triangle. Landscaping will begin in approximately two weeks including some small tree removal and stump grinding.
- CME is planning on cutting back and clearing up area at Mason Ravine near Davidson with input from adjacent neighbors.
- Trees have fallen near monument at Club and Stoval. They will need to be removed.
- Two dead trees at W. Brookhaven/Brookhaven Dr. and E. Brookhaven/Brookhaven Dr. have been reported via "See Click Fix". Need to send certified letter to the city.

Transportation

Gay Colyer reported the Foresite group is beginning speed and volume data collection Thursday and Saturday in the neighborhood. She distributed a map with more detail.

Zoning – Dekalb

Mike Elliot reported:

- Tomlinson property at Bellaire/Club project by John Wieland Homes is requesting a curb cut on Peachtree.
- 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. Zoning Committee is waiting on a staff opinion before responding with an HBNA opinion.
- Discussion on the issue of the house on Club/E. Brookhaven Dr. corner being an eye sore and causing neighborhood concerns.

Zoning – Fulton

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

Events

Nothing new to report.

Communication/Membership

Mark Roberts noted the neighborhood website has a test site up online. He distributed the URL for board review and input. He also said photos would be needed as they go forward with the new website.

Old Business

Lisa Martinez announced there would be another special committee meeting to review the potential for installing surveillance cameras in the neighborhood entrance monuments (CCTV) on 5/20 at 8AM at the Peachtree Kroger.

Mailbox stickers have been produced for distribution.

Mike Eliot discussed a meeting held regarding potentially creating a book about Historic Brookhaven which was attended by approximately 20 people interested in the project. Mark Roberts suggested some of the information which might be material for the book would be good content for the new website.

New Business

There was no new business.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30am.