

HBNA Board Meeting Minutes – Jun. 2013

A meeting of the Historic Brookhaven Neighborhood Association was held on Wednesday, June 12, 2013 at 8:00am at the Capital City Club.

Present were Board Members: Lisa Martinez, Wade McKenzie, Mark Roberts, Anne Culberson, Bob Connelly, Hope Bawcom, Cathy Boston, Brian Ruediger, Carole Simpson, Maribett Varner, Sam Levine, Gay Colyer, Ruth Skogstad, Tim Gartland, Karen Spitz.

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

Lisa welcomed the new board members who were voted in at the general meeting May 13th.

Executive Committee Reports:

Secretary

The April minutes which were previously distributed via email were presented and approved by unanimous vote of the board. It was noted that the minutes from the general meeting are pending completion.

Treasurer

Brian Ruediger distributed current 2013 financial statements for review.

Brian made a motion for the following HBNA board members to have signature authority for the HBNA working account in the event he is unavailable to disburse funds as appropriate to vendors. In addition to Brian those signers would be: Lisa Martinez, Mark Roberts and Wade McKenzie. The motion was approved by unanimous vote of the board.

Committee Reports:

Community Maintenance and Enhancement (CME)

Tim Gartland updated the status of the Club/Davidson Micro Park. The city funded a number of the final costs of completing the park. Renovations are now largely done and the plantings should begin to fill in during the growing season.

Tim presented an update on maintenance of the common areas. Tim sent requests for bids to six contactors and received bids from two (Gibbs and Southern Elegance). Based on the strength of their bid and competitive pricing (\$18,406), Tim made a motion to approve Gibbs for the maintenance contract. The motion was approved by unanimous vote of the board.

Regular meetings are planned for neighbors interested in the micro parks, these are planned for the 3rd Thursday of the month at 8:00am at the Club/Davidson triangle. CME intends to prioritize all the micro parks for improvement.

Tim noted that the bench that was donated to HBNA has been placed at the E. Brookhaven/Davidson triangle.

Bob reported that monument footings laid on Mabry have to be repoured due to site line issues and will be located approximately 40 feet further down Mabry away from Windsor. HBNA may have to pay a small cost of pouring new footings. Mark Roberts requested a list of all addresses in the new Rockhaven development. Maribett Varner plans to do a press release on the new monuments once they are completed.

Zoning – DeKalb

Bob Connelly reported that the Overlook project has been deferred by the city planning comm. for six months. There has been no communication from the developer but the neighbors are prodding them for alternative suggestions. The overlay has been updated by the city of Brookhaven (the density of the underlying zoning now drives zoning rules in the overlay).

Regarding the attorney bill for work done on behalf of HBNA in opposition to the Overlook project, it was noted that adjacent neighbors had indicated they intended to raise approximately \$7,000 toward the legal bills. While some of the attorney's fees were incurred from direct talks with surrounding neighbors it was concluded that this direct communication was beneficial to the process.

ADDENDUM (based on email thread dated 7/9/13)

Bob Connelly stated, "It is my recollection from discussions with Walt Moeling and Rick Asbill that while they are not eager to spend \$\$ unless needed; they do understand the direct effect of this project on them and are willing to step up as needed. No definite plan has yet been established but the consensus among the Bellaire neighbors that I have heard is that while they are most affected by this project, there should be a central clearing mechanism (HBNA) to collect and disburse funds for this application and others to follow."

Zoning - Fulton

Cathy Boston noted that a zoning application for 3700 Peachtree Road has been deferred by the county for 2 months.

Events

Lisa Martinez emphasized that this committee needs members and volunteers.

Transportation

Wade McKenzie reported that the Transportation Committee met with Foresite to review progress and give feedback on initial concepts for the Winall Down/Vermont intersection.

Communication/Membership

Mark Roberts noted that HBNA minutes are now on the website sorted by committee. The C/M committee is continuing to work on enhancing the HBNA website a planned "reveal" date is TBD.

Old Business

There was a brief discussion about the potential need for a sign policy for naming rights to various areas of the neighborhood. It was noted that these memorials have been listed in the directory. Further discussion was deferred to the next CME meeting.

New Business

Lisa Martinez raised the question of how to prioritize and fund special issues/projects in the neighborhood. i.e. how much does HBNA pay and how much (if any) should adjacent homeowners be expected to pay or match? There was some discussion and question about the HBN Foundation's role. There was also discussion about what level of funding the current HBNA dues could support. It was noted that adjacent homeowners had raised funds for monuments and for the Davidson Triangle. The subject was tabled for further discussion.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45am.