

HBNA Board Meeting Minutes – July 2013

A meeting of the Historic Brookhaven Neighborhood Association was held on Wednesday, July 10, 2013 at 9:00am at the Capital City Club.

Present were Board Members: Lisa Martinez, Mark Roberts, Bob Connelly, Hope Bawcom, Cathy Boston, Carole Simpson, Gay Colyer, Mike Elliot.

The meeting was called to order by Lisa Martinez at 9:00am

Executive Committee Reports:

Secretary

The June minutes which were previously distributed via email were presented and approved by the board. There was some discussion between Gay Colyer and Bob Connelly regarding the wording of the Bellaire discussion and Mark Roberts agreed to add an addendum to the minutes for clarification.

Treasurer

No report was given.

Committee Reports:

Zoning-DeKalb

Mike Elliot stated that a committee meeting was held and the consensus was that no fund raising efforts to pay for legal fees would occur until there was a zoning or development challenge that called for it. New development plans for the Hastings property are being drawn up and the broker indicated that their intent to conform to the Brookhaven Overlay and to share the plans with the neighborhood early, before seeking permits or approvals. The latest plans for the Cherokee Plaza parking lot and frontage of the Kroger project have been provided to the community. Kroger did not work with the local neighborhoods to improve landscaping and the Peachtree Road frontage as they had promised, and action is being taken to obtain better landscaping and an Overlay compliant street scape.

The City of Brookhaven City Council added the following verbiage to the Overlay guidelines... "Conflict means there are competing regulations or provisions. In the absence of a provision in the Overlay district, the regulations of the underlying zoning shall apply".

Zoning-Fulton

The Vermont Road project has been postponed for now.

Community Maintenance and Enhancement (CME)

This committee met last Thursday at the Davidson Triangle. There has been a request for a naming opportunity at East Club and Davidson. Tim Gartland will get with the person making the request to clarify what is wanted. Cathy Boston said that we should consider using plaques in the future with multiple opportunities for naming. The Board needs to put together an overall plan on how to handle naming requests in the future.

Mike Elliot stated that there will be a cleanup at Brookhaven Park on August 24 with 50 student volunteers from Oglethorpe U. He stated that the last park cleanup project with OU had no involvement or support from HBNA, and that new leadership & greater involvement from HBNA was needed Brookhaven Park is a priority for the City of Brookhaven and the Mayor and the Council are aware of the DeKalb Service Center issues concerning the park. The DeKalb County Library director has publicly stated the Library's preference for Brookhaven Park as the best new library site – there is about \$3.5 million in bond money available for this project.

Transportation

Foresight (traffic consulting team) met with the committee regarding the Vermont/Winall Down intersection and offered some proposals to address this situation. Drainage had not been addressed so they are working on that and will get back to the committee with their recommendations. They have met with the City of Atlanta and everyone is in agreement on the general direction and plan.

Events

Lisa Martinez stated that there is a goal to have some sort of public relations event in the fall.

Communication/Membership

Mark Roberts explained why there was confusion regarding the date and time of today's meeting. There is a new contact at Capital City Club and there will need to be some flexibility within the Board on meeting times and dates moving forward. If it continues to be a problem, we will contact the General Manager and see if it can be resolved. Lisa Martinez will resend the meeting schedule that had been previously approved so that all Board members can mark the dates on their calendar. We discussed the General Meeting date and agreed to keep it in November.

Mark Roberts will talk to Maribet Varner as it relates to the PR piece that was written about the development on Mabry Rd to see how it should be used.

Mark Roberts stated that he is continuing to work with Aaron Bawcom on a website redesign and that the plan is to have the new website ready to go in November and to present it to the neighborhood at the General Meeting. The Board also decided to add the Board Meeting minutes to the current website so that neighbors can read the minutes by month as well as by committee.

Old Business

There was no old business to discuss.

New Business

There was no new business to discuss.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00am.