

## HBNA Meeting

Wednesday, July 8, 2015

HBNA meeting held on July 8, 2015, The Capital City Club

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Lisa Martinez, Brian Ruediger, Maribett Varner, Lauren Jackson, Kathy Boltwood, Bob Connelly, Gay Colyer, Tom Hicks, Mike Elliot, Kevin Quirk, Ruth Skogstad, Cathy Boston, Anne Culberson

No Guests Present

### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS:

President, Lisa Martinez

Lisa reviewed HBNA Board meeting attendance policy. It was stated that with three unexcused absences within a year, a board member may be asked to rotate off the board.

Lisa announced, Anne Culberson is the HBNA Board representative ( Public Safety Committee) to NPU; Bob Connelly (Zoning Committee) and Cathy Boston (Public Safety Committee) serve as business representatives to the NPU-B (Neighborhood Planning Unit, B). Twelve neighborhoods are represented in the North Atlanta area. The new 311 service (Mayor Connection Line) to report City of Atlanta service needs (by citizens) was discussed. Other community boards and councils discussed were Brookhaven Chamber of Commerce, and BPCA (Buckhead Council). Susy and Mark Stovin represent HBNA on BPCA.

Treasurer, Brian Ruediger

HBNA continues to be in strong financial condition, with bills paid to date, and sufficient resources maintained in our bank account. Additionally, our books and records are always available for review by any HBNA member.

Secretary, Anne Culberson

June minutes approved.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

Transportation, Gay Colyer

Continued follow up with Foresite traffic study, City of Brookhaven, and City of Atlanta (Vermont/Winall Down, Mason Park). No update since June meeting.

CM&E, Beautification, Carole Simpson

The board discussed irrigation for the Davidson Triangle. Mike Elliot requests follow up of water to new Japanese Maple at East Brookhaven Triangle. Follow up with Commissioner of Parks re water source for noted triangles was requested.

Monuments, Historic Brookhaven Foundation, Bob Connelly

Bob reported that Jed Beardsley will oversee construction management of monuments. The Winall Down and Carter Drive monuments are planned for the near future. Board members asked if property

owners agreed to placement of monuments. Cathy Boltwood and Lauren Jackson, Cater Drive residents, discussed raising funds on Carter Drive. Maribett Varner noted funds were raised on Fuller and Mabry Roads but monuments have not been placed. Follow up with Jed Beardsley planned.

Zoning, Dekalb County, Kevin Quirk

JLB's request for a land disturbance permit has been denied thus far. JLB will appeal the denial in August. If denied in August, JLB may take their appeal to Dekalb Superior Court. Kevin Quirk, Lisa Martinez and Tim Morrison plan to meet with HBNA zoning attorneys on July 10. The two issues are the division of labor between the City of Brookhaven and HBNA and to arrange a meeting with the developers. The engagement letter with the attorneys was discussed. It is noted that the four most effected neighbors are also named in the attorney's engagement letter. Kevin Quirk will update the HBNA Board before the next board meeting.

Mabry Development, Brookhaven Walk Subdivision , Bob Connelly

Allen McCraw, developer, met with Bob Connelly and neighbors. Concerns are curb cut, trees slated to be cleared, orientation of homes, and drainage. Follow up requested of Bob. No agreement with builder or developer reported.

Zoning, Fulton County, Cathy Boston

975 Stovall Blvd., Height Variance requested by John Willis

Cathy reviewed application now approved. She noted no foot print change, new front driveway , garage facing Vermont Rd. , and a second story height variance.

Carter and Club Drive Subdivision (SD 15 016), Subdivision is open for comment to the City of Atlanta; no variance request currently.

Comments included concern for preservation of tree canopy, water issues, and density of homes.

Request for Cathy Boston to notify HBNA Board of contact information for Subdivision Board at The City of Atlanta was requested. Cathy also reviewed the steps that the Fulton County/City of Atlanta HBNA zoning committee and NPU take to review variances and zoning requests in Historic Brookhaven. The outline of the process may be obtained from Cathy Boston or HBNA secretary. Suggestions were made by the HBNA Board for HBNA Fulton County/City of Atlanta zoning committee. 1) Example, more communication with neighbors in a larger radius or community posting of variance requests by HBNA website and/or neighborhood email. 2) Example, more neighbor opportunity to meet with land owner or developer when applicable. The notice of posting of hearing is misleading on City of Atlanta signage. The date of neighborhood zoning meeting should post. The committee offers the neighbors the most effective communication.

Lisa Martinez reminded the HBNA Board that all board members may attend committee meetings as voting members. The HBNA Board should be notified of all committee meetings. No committee or board member should use HBNA letter heard without board notification.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Culberson, Secretary HBNA

July 25, 2015

