

HBNA Board Meeting
Tuesday, April 19, 2016, 8:00am
Capital City Club

Members Present

Kevin Quirk, Gay Colyer, Haig Kazazian , Lauren Jackson, Brian Ruediger, Mark Roberts, Susy Stovin, Bob Connelly, Cathy Boston, Mike Elliot, Carole Simpson, Anne Culberson

Executive Committee Reports

Bob Connelly, President called meeting to order

Mr. Connelly updated board regarding neighborhood movie production and policies suggested by neighbors and those guidelines used in the past.

ATT Cable services may be trimming trees and installing cable in Historic Brookhaven. Notices are given to neighbors affected.

Secretary, Anne Culberson, presented minutes. Minutes approved.

Treasurer, Brian Ruediger, reported, The Historic Brookhaven Neighborhood Association continues to be well funded, with adequate reserves, and is current with all financial obligations.

Committee Reports

Communication/Membership, Maribett Varner, Mark Roberts

Reported the current geographical facts re membership, approximately 650 members in HBNA.

Transportation, Gay Colyer

Gay gave an update on the Winall Down Road and Vermont Road project. Leaders of the transportation committee met with City Councilman, Howard Shook and program management officer for Public Works and the Consulting Engineer for Watershed to hear neighborhood suggestions for the number of catch basins and the positions of these on the neighbors' yards in Vermont Road area. The consulting engineer was interested in making the water down Vermont be totally eliminated but we suggested the neighbors are willing to live with less. Howard Shook (via email) suggests the City of Atlanta is close to a compromise.

Sameer Patharkar from the Foresite Group will make a power point presentation concerning the traffic study to the neighborhood at the annual meeting. Anne Culberson and Mike Elliot will represent the transportation committee at the meeting.

The board continued to discuss busy intersections for cut through traffic, Waze, speed, and walkers, runners, bikers at the meeting. Resolutions continue to be discussed.

Mr. Patharkar welcomes input from HBNA members.

Zoning, Kevin Quirk, Dekalb County Zoning

Discussed Hastings Porter development and role with City of Brookhaven, developers and concerned neighbors. Board discussed support of R 100 buffer, underground retention, lower height and no open porches on back of structure. Primary support is protection of R 100 buffer. Board discussed best audience to defend our position. A motion was made and approved to contact Ben Song at the City of Brookhaven to plan our strategy and clarify our role. It was stated, with no discussion with the City of Brookhaven we have forfeited our previous work. Kevin also asked to keep all neighbors updated on the date of April 27, hearing and future court dates in Dekalb County court. Comments were made re progress of Bellaire Peachtree development and concerns such as drainage and development.

Zoning, Cathy Boston, Fulton County Zoning

Cathy Boston discussed development of two homes between Carter Drive and West Club Drive at Peachtree Dunwoody and new construction at Club Drive and West Brookhaven. Both projects received review by HBNA and NPU and both projects are slated for approval by the City of Atlanta. A third request for a variance for a pool near Stovall Blvd. and Vermont was approved with no neighbor objection. (Note that the Club Drive home will be placed at the corner of Club and West Brookhaven where two homes are currently standing.) (Note there was discussion if moving City of Atlanta utility equipment was possible near Carter Drive. No better resolution to utility equipment issue.)

Monuments, Mike Elliot

Projects for Monuments on Winall Down and Carter Drive were discussed. Kathy Boltwood and Jed Beardsley will continue to work on Carter Drive project. It was suggested to contact City of Atlanta (Tim) re permitting for Monuments.

Community Maintenance and Enhancement, Carol Simpson

Carole reported that the City of Atlanta is making erosion repairs at Vermont Park. She reminded neighbors not to put limbs in our parks after clean up. Clean up is scheduled at East Brookhaven and Brookhaven Park. Water service is planned for two more micro parks for maintenance and care.

Events, Susy Stovin

Suzy reviewed plans for annual meeting on Monday, April 25, 2016.

Libretto, Lauren Jackson

Update and positive progress re book. Book will be printed.

Board Membership

Discussion re need for President elect. New board members will be voted in at fall general meeting.

Respectfully submitted by Anne Culberson, Secretary, HBNA