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## Heritage Hill Association Board Meeting February 21, 2018 Minutes

In Attendance: Lisa Baars, Wes Beck, Suzanne DeHaan, Kate Diedrich, Wendy Falb, Chris Grygiel, Michele Giordano, Sarah Green, Nikki Hoort, Todd Hoort, Mark Hutchison, Mary McCarthy-Fuller, Wayne Norlin and Nathan Slauer

Absent: Erin Shupe

Staff: Jan Earl, Tansy Harris

Public: Rob Metzger, Tom Dowling & Scott Noto

1. **Call to Order:** 7:01 pm
2. **Call for New Business** – No new business.
3. **Minutes** – Minutes of the January meeting were approved with the addition of Nikki Hoort in attendance.
4. **Correspondence Files** circulating among board members.
5. **Public Comment:** Scott Noto introduced himself as a candidate for an open judge position in the upcoming August primary.
6. **Rhonda Baker of the city's Historic Preservation Commission** overviewed the Heritage Hill Historic District Study Report and proposal to extend Heritage Hill's dates of historical significance from 1845 – 1923 to 1845 – 1968. The proposal is basically a housekeeping effort and will effect approximately 80 structures that were less than 50 years old when the district was designated. This change will allow owners of these 80 properties to access Federal and State tax credits in the repair and renovation of these structures. The criteria judged these properties' effect on the character of the neighborhood not just in style or architecture, but also in the people, the events and the eras that brought them into being. Through this examination of "contributing to the character of the hill" vs. "non-contributing," only a handful of structures were in the "non-contributing" category. This inclusion creates a more complete picture of the development and growth of Heritage Hill. Rhonda stressed this change does not affect current guidelines or boundaries.
7. **Treasurers Report** – Nothing to discuss now.
8. **Staff Reports:**

In addition to her printed report, Jan remarked she has been busy, busy, busy due to city's Housing Now! zoning text proposals. She called it the most complicated and misunderstood issue that she has dealt with in her tenure. It has pretty much been non-stop gathering and supplying of information to better understand the meaning of the proposals and their consequences. Much board member discussion ensued. This is not only a Heritage Hill concern. . . it is a concern of the entire city and most all GR neighborhoods are opposed to the zoning changes.

In addition to Tansy's report, she reiterated some neighborhood scams related to Craig's List and snow removal services as well as some recent breaking and entering cases. A meeting with the owners of Stuyvesant Apartments yielded additional

steps they are taking to maintain the property. Tansy is also heavily involved with Housing Now! issues and acting as liaison with all other neighborhood organizations.

9. **Committee/Liaison Reports:**

**Administration:** Nothing to report this month.

**Fundraising:** Home Tour 2018 – The line-up is set with eight homes and two institutions. 50th Anniversary Tour plans being discussed. Garden Tour a go, but currently on the back burner. Other fundraising efforts (Texas Hold'em, etc.) in progress as well.

**Community Engagement:** Still a meeting or two away from finalizing plans. More at March meeting.

**Land Use:** Housing Now! and Period of Historical Significance issues already discussed. Brief talk on the purchase of the recently vacated Jellema house. Also, Mooney Park (Logan & Prospect SE) expecting a facelift this summer season.

10. **No New Business.**

11. **No Old Business.**

12. **Meeting Adjourned** at 8:24pm.

Submitted by Tom Truesdale