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Heritage Hill Association Board Meeting January 17, 2018 Minutes

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

Absent: Nathan Slauer

Staff: Jan Earl

Guest: Craig Nobbelin

- 1. Call to Order:** 7:00 pm and round table introductions of 2018 HHA Board.
- 2. Call for New Business** – Craig Nobbelin, HHA Zoning Committee chair introduced the City's Housing Now! proposed zoning text amendments that are before the Planning Commission on January 25. He overviewed the draft recommendation letter from the HHA Zoning Committee (letter attached). The amendments are being proposed under the goal of providing more affordable housing in GR. The theory is that increased density will provide more affordable units. The HHA position disputes that conclusion and also opposes the by-right provisions that will remove neighbors' voices from development proposals. Letter as submitted was approved unanimously. Board members were also encouraged to send personal letters to the Planning Commission.
- 3. December Board minutes** – Approved as submitted.
- 4. Correspondence File – Circulated.**
- 5. Public Comment** - None

ACTION ITEMS:

- 6. Community Development Block Grant Funding:** Approval to submit Continued Funding Request (RCF) for continued 2018-19 CDBG funding (\$43,756) was moved and approved.
- 7. HHA Committees/Issues contacts appointment** – The submitted list of committee chair, members and contact list was approved.
- 8. HHA Board Members Code of Ethics** – Board members signed and submitted the Code of Ethics form.

INFORMATION ITEMS:

- 9. Treasurer's Report** – E. Shupe reviewed the year-end report and reported that the Task Forces regarding Home Tour and Individual/Institutional Contributions were still being formed.
- 10. Staff Reports** – Jan and Tansy's written reports were reviewed. Jan highlighted her appointment to the stakeholders group that will interview City Manager candidates. She also reported on the status of 402-430 Madison SE. The properties had sold to Kenewa Builders and the owners are concentrating on restoration of the main house. There are currently no solid plans for the vacant parcels.
- 11. 2018 Organization Structure & Board Information Groups + breakout** – Board members gathered in their respective Information groups. Wayne Norlin is the chair of

Land Use group; Kate Diedrich is Fundraising and Todd Hoort and Michele Giordano will co-chair Community Engagement.

12. Committee/Information Reports:

1. Administrative – *Lisa Baars/Wes Beck* – No further updates

- Finance
- Institutional Liaisons
- Nominating; Personnel

2. Fundraising – *Kate Diedrich*

- Home Tour/Friends & Sponsors: Home Tour still needs 3 more houses. Suggestions were welcomed. Suzanne also requested House Captain volunteers.
- Pledge Drive; Garden Tour
- Texas Hold-em (**2018**: February 16-18 @ Eastbrook; July 13-15 @ Lincoln; October 29-31 @ Eastbrook; November 9-11 @ Lincoln) – The sign-up sheet for the Feb. 16-18 was circulated.

3. Community Engagement – *Todd Hoort/Michele Giordano*: Their break-out discussion centered on neighborhood connections and expanded communications.

- Education
- Membership; Hospitality

4. Land Use Issues – *Wayne Norlin*: Detailed the Land Use group discussion and the group members covering the issues listed in the Board structure.

- State Street
- Zoning & Preservation
- Parks, Traffic and Parking, Housing

13. New Business: Discussion and questions regarded the Bike sharing program that was reported in the GR Press and supposedly will be starting soon in Heritage Hill.

14. Old Business: None

15. Adjourn – 8:40 pm

Respectfully submitted – Jan Earl, Executive Director