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Heritage Hill Association Board Meeting April 18, 2018 Minutes

In Attendance: Lisa Baars, Wes Beck, Suzanne DeHaan, Kate Diedrich, Chris Grygiel, Mary McCarthy-Fuller, Nathan Slauer, Wendy VerHage Falb, Sarah Green, and Nikki Hoort

Absent: Michele Giordano, Wayne Norlin, Todd Hoort, Mark Hutchison, Erin Shupe

Staff: Jan Earl and Tansy Harris

Public: Officer Craig Glowney, Mary Oeverman and Steve Wiltjer (owners of 523 Lyon NE – Jellema House), Calvin social work students - several

1. **Call to Order** – 7:00 p.m.
2. **Call for New Business** – No new business.
3. **Minutes** – Minutes of the March, 2018 meeting were approved as presented.
4. **Correspondence Files** - Circulated among board members.
5. **Public Comment: Steve Wiltjer and Mary Oeverman** owners of 523 Lyon NE, former Jellema House, introduced themselves. They came to meet the Board. Their hope is to use the Jellema House as multi-family apartments and they have been meeting with neighbors regarding their plans.

ACTION ITEM:

6. **Cancel May Board meeting:** The Executive Committee moved to cancel the May Board meeting due to its proximity to Home Tour. Board approved.

INFORMATION ITEMS:

7. **Treasurers Report** – Jan gave a brief overview of the first two months of 2018. All appears on target this early in the year.
8. **Staff Reports:** Jan overviewed her written report, stressed that Home Tour is front and center, and gave a brief update on the Housing NOW status. The City Commission is hiring WMCAT to conduct public engagement meetings throughout the city to inform residents and help determine possible zoning text changes that could be implemented in the near future. The most contested text amendments will likely be pushed into the City's Master Planning process that is being encouraged to begin yet this year. Wendy Falb thanked Jan and Tansy on their intense, attentive work and leadership on this issue. Jan also recognized the Jellema House owners and their meetings with neighbors on plans for the building.

Tansy presented her written staff report, discussed the increase in car break-ins and the large theft of tools on College SE. The man that moved a deceased woman to an alley remains in jail and the toxicology report has yet to come back. Tansy also discussed the Housing Now work.

Community Officer Glowney: Had no further updates to Tansy's report. He outlined the GRPD's Youth Baseball league that he is coaching again this year. The program is

open for 80 kids, ages 9 -12 and happens June 12- July 26. He is recruiting for snacks and lunches too.

9. Committee/Board information groups:

- **Community Engagement:** The small grant for the fall Funky run has been filed.
- **Land Use:** Most issues were covered in Jan's staff report; Wes reported on zoning violations at a Washington Street house that is being used as a rooming house rather than a multi-family apartment building.
- **Administration:** Nothing new to report this month.
- **Fundraising and Finance:**
Home Tour: Kate outlined the myriad of details of Tour. The GRCC lot will be partially open now in addition to the ramp. The big need is for Tour sponsors to be recruited. Nathan Slauer asked Board members to see him after the Board meeting for assigned businesses. Suzanne encouraged the Calvin students to volunteer for Tour.
Garden Tour: Gardens recruitment continues for the June 16th date.

10. New Business: None

11. Old Business: Mary asked the status of the 50th logo, video. The logo is in draft form and the video will be worked on after Tour. Also discussed the Pleasant Park tenders that is in good hands with a big clean-up planned for May 5th.

12. Public Comment: None

13. Meeting Adjourned at 7:45pm.

Submitted by Jan Earl