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## Heritage Hill Association Board Meeting June 20, 2018 Minutes

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

**Absent:** Todd Hoort

**Staff:** Jan Earl, Maria Zache Starkey and Tansy Harris

**Public:** GVSU social work students - 2

1. **Call to Order** – 6:59 p.m.
2. **Call for New Business** – Jan E. requested a logo presentation.
3. **Minutes** – Minutes of the April, 2018 meeting were approved as presented.
4. **Correspondence Files** - Circulated among board members.
5. **Public Comment:** The social work students thanked the board for the opportunity to observe the meeting.

### ACTION ITEM:

6. **Cancel July Board meeting:** The Executive Committee moved to cancel the May Board meeting due to summer vacation schedules. Board approved.

### INFORMATION ITEMS:

7. **Treasurers Report** – Erin S. reported that the Home Tour was a great success and had exceeded budget by a little – hooray! Discussion included better planning for the Friends and Sponsors campaign and the ad hoc committees for finance planning. Possibly the prospective ad hoc members could be tapped to assist with Friends and Sponsors. Community Development Block Grant monies will go up by \$3,082 for the 2018-19 contract year.
8. **Staff Reports:** Written Reports were submitted.  
Jan E. briefly discussed the status of **523 Lyon St. NE** and stated that no application has been filed yet with the city but that the owners had sent a personal note to neighbors and are having 2 open houses the last week of June. A 4-unit is what near neighbors have told the owners that they could consider; the owners will need a total parking waiver as there is no on-site parking. The difficult issue with use of this property is that in this area of Heritage Hill most on-street parking is used and needed by current residents. More living units will add to the current parking burdens. Residential Permit parking will not remedy this problem as it is residents that need and use the available on-street parking.  
The city is planning a new system for **residential permit parking ordinance**. The new practice would have the city determining congested areas that need permit parking. The zone would be suggested and the City would proceed with public hearings. The parking permit for residents will be \$15 for 6 months and visitor passes will be available. It also allows for caregivers and service providers to purchase permits; the permits are only for the daytime and an area would qualify by having 70% of the parking spaces occupied by non-residents.  
Jan also provided an update of the development plans for **620 Wealthy St. SE**. Though just outside of HH's boundaries, the developers have asked HHA to weigh in. The current plans are to demo the house and build a store front/retail building. The building will mimic the lines, scale, set-back, etc. of the surrounding buildings. An Open House will be held on June 26<sup>th</sup>; the developers have reached out to all the neighborhood associations that are neighbors to the property.

Jan also applauded the work of the **Pleasant Park Tenders** and Joshlyn Litzenberger guidance from across the globe.

Tansy H. commented that she is having her summer busy time as many neighbors are out walking and have been reporting various issues. She is monitoring lots of car B&Es. GRPD is trying out a "Lock It or Lose It" flyer program in Easthills whereby the police see what is visible inside of parked cars, try the locks and then leave the flyer noting what the owner of the car could do better to prevent a car break-in.

Tansy also reported that she helped confirm the identity of a man who has been frequenting the north end and drinking and dis-robing. She has been in communication with GRPS and GRPD and a warrant is out for the man's arrest.

Neighbors of Mooney Park have concerns about some aspects of the rehab going on concerning safety and crime; Tansy is working with Parks as some neighbors do not feel that their concerns were being heard by the city.

There is a new, young Tom the Turkey who is very aggressive and mean; please don't feed him. Tansy is continuing to monitor the house on Logan for suspected drug activity; GRPD Vice is not seeing much activity.

An update was also provided about the Housing Now initiatives; WMCAT has been hired by the city to facilitate more City-wide engagement concerning these initiatives.

#### **9. Committee/Board information groups:**

- **Community Engagement:** Michele G. provided a report of the committee's meeting for Picnic and plan for a bounce house, hotdogs and chips, ice cream and kids' games (provided by Cornerstone Church). The board won't meet again until after the event; much of the communication and planning will be via email.

The application for a Neighborhood Match Grant for the Fun K Run will be resubmitted for the next quarter.

- **Land Use:** Wayne N. provided an update about the housing enforcement issues at a house on the 400-block of Washington St. SE. Tansy H. reported that funds have been allocated to re-do the upper part of State Street yet in 2018.

- **Administration:**

- **Fundraising and Finance:**

Home Tour: Huge applause to Home Tour 2018 and positive comments on crowds, houses, hosts and volunteers. On to Home Tour 2019 - May 18 & 19.

Garden Tour: Garden Tour was canceled due to the Ottawa Hills Garden Tour being moved to the same day as Heritage Hill. Discussion included the fact that the Garden Tour is a line item on the budget and that a sponsor had already been recruited.

Texas Hold 'Em: The next event is July 13-15; Suzanne D. strongly encouraged members to sign up for a shift.

**10. New Business:** A new draft logo presentation created by Tom Engelsman was received with many positive comments and only a few suggestions for revision. Thanks were expressed to Tom.

**11. Old Business:** None.

**12. Public Comment:** None

**13. Meeting Adjourned** at 8:27pm.

Submitted by Maria Zache Starkey