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Heritage Hill Association Board Meeting November 14, 2018 Minutes

In Attendance: Lisa Baars, Wes Beck, Suzanne De Haan, Kate Diedrich, Sarah Green, Wayne Norlin, Erin Shupe and Chris Grygiel

Absent: Nikki Hoort, Michele Giordano, Wendy VerHage Falb, Todd Hoort, Nathan Slauer, Mary McCarthy-Fuller, Mark Hutchison

Staff: Jan Earl, Maria Zache Starkey

Public: None

1. **Call to Order** – 7:02 p.m.
2. **Call for New Business** – None
3. **Minutes** – Minutes of the October, 2018 meeting were approved as presented.
4. **Correspondence Files** - Circulated among board members.
5. **Public Comment:** None.

ACTION ITEMS:

6. **Board member volunteer expectations:** Erin S. and the Executive Committee members briefly discussed expectations of board members with the subject stemming from Participation in Texas Hold 'Em. The suggestion was made for each board member to put all board events on their calendar at the beginning of the year. The executive Committee stated that they would take up the subject again in the future as so many members were absent.
7. **Annual Meeting / 50th Anniversary Celebration:** Jan E. circulated the sign-up sheet for duties and also briefly discussed the Distinguished Service Awards.
8. **Call for Executive Session:** Board members voted unanimously to approve the motion from the Executive Committee to go into Executive Session at the end of the board meeting to discuss the draft budget for 2019.

INFORMATION ITEMS:

9. **Treasurers Report** – Erin S. reported that at three-quarters of the way through the year, there were no surprises.
10. **Staff Reports:** *Written Reports were submitted.*

Jan E. reported that neighborhoods were meeting the following day with Planning Director Suzanne Schulz concerning the particulars of **Housing Now**. Some work has been done at **523 Lyon St. NE**; it is not known whether or not the owners will continue with plans for development or sell the property. Jan relayed that there had been inquiries concerning surveying work that had been done at the **former GRCC track on Lyon St.** Jan has not been able yet to find out what the plans are but reported that Spectrum Health is in need of more space for the Emergency Room and related parking. Second Ward Commissioner Joe Jones has been paving a path for a meeting with **Mary Free Bed** CEO Kent Riddle and is still bouncing dates around. HHA is hoping to open a dialogue after Mary Free Bed's proposal to demolish the Former McGraw Tire was denied. Jan also noted an upcoming meeting with neighborhoods and the **new City Manager, Mark Washington**. Historically, neighborhoods have not had that type of relationship with the city manager; the city's "first face" has been the commissioners.
11. **Committee/Board information groups:**
 - **Community Engagement:**
 - Hospitality – Holiday Potluck: Jan. E. provided an overview of the sequence of events and that the Herald would be out very soon advertising the event, as well as on the website

and Facebook. She will also send out the cover of the Herald via email. Jan reminded members that there are four candidates running for five board positions; the vote will be by acclamation. Jan suggested getting big balloons. Suggestion was made that big “5” and “0” balloons for the anniversary. Kate D. requested to start decorating early; Jan replied that she will check with GRCC. Lisa B. reported that the committee did meet, that they will solicit gift cards for a drawing, they will get a 50th anniversary cake and that everyone on the committee will work at the event.

- **Land Use:**

- GRCC Addition / Expansion of the Technology Center on Fountain St. NE: Wayne N. reported on the meeting held with GRCC, the architects for the project and several stakeholders including Wes B. and his tenants. The architects provided a slide show of the proposed building and were anxious to show how beautiful it will be. Where the playground is now, a 25-foot utility easement is proposed. Stakeholders feel that this size of easement is too big and that it may damage the bank / hill and trees on the Heritage Hill side of the property. Wes. B. suggested going back to the drawing board concerning that part of the plan and that possibly the proposed retaining wall could be moved further to the west. The existing trees do provide substantial shade and screening. Jan E. suggested putting an inquiry in to the Historic Preservation Commission as GRCC may not be allowed to change elevations in an historic district. Wes also pointed out that this is an important entryway into Heritage Hill.

- **Administration:** No new report.

- **Fundraising and Finance:**

Home Tour: Kate D. reported that there enough houses committed for Home Tour but could use one more. Members discussed more possibilities. Suzanne D. circulated sign-ups for House Captains and Guides.

Pledge Drive: Jan E. reported that the drive is going very well and that the largest single donation ever had been received recently.

Texas Hold ‘Em: Erin S. suggested thanking The Roelofs (with possibly a gift card and thank-you card) for all of their years of work with this fundraiser.

Garden Tour: Kate D. reported that there will be a tour in 2019 and that coordination with Ottawa Hills could be an issue.

12. New Business: None.

13. Old Business: None.

14. Public Comment: None.

15. Meeting Adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

Submitted by Maria Zache Starkey

16. Executive Session: Erin S. reviewed the draft budget for 2019 will all members present.

Discussion included a question concerning salaries. Members voted unanimously to approve the draft budget.