

**Heritage Hill Association Board Meeting
February 20, 2019 Minutes**

In Attendance: Lisa Baars, Wes Beck, Suzanne DeHaan, Kate Diedrich, Wendy Falb, Michele Giordano, Chris Grygiel, Heather Hall, Erin Shupe and Nathan Slauer

Absent: Sarah Green, Nikki Hoort and Wayne Norlin

Staff: Jan Earl, Amanda Cormier

Public: Jim Payne and Joe Kopp.

1. **Call to Order:** 7:01 pm
2. **Call for New Business** – No new business.
3. **Minutes** – Minutes of the January meeting were approved.
4. **Correspondence Files** circulating among board members.
5. **Public Comment:** No public comment – just quick introduction of a new neighbor.

ACTION ITEM:

6. a. The HHA executive committee recommended the appointment of John Walendowski to the unfilled 15th position on HHA board. The board voted unanimously to approve the appointment. John's tenure starts with the March 2019 meeting thru December 2021.
- b. A second neighbor seeking to serve out the remaining year of an open 3-year term was also reviewed. The board voted unanimously to approve the appointment of James Scozzori to a term ending December of 2019.

INFORMATION ITEMS:

7. **Treasurers Report** – Not received yet. Report to come.
8. **Staff Reports:**

From Jan:

The city Planning Department administratively approved 547 Paris SE as a two-family dwelling. It has been used more for multi-family than single-family since the 1940s. Neighbors are upset with the Planning Department's decision however the decision cannot be appealed. The use history of the home justifies Planning's decision. The HHA office received complaint today with photos showing rear windows have been removed. Jan reported it to HPC and reps were meeting by the end of the day. Language barriers coupled with the owner's father's lack of knowledge of historical district regulations will likely be an issue. The owner is developing 2 four-bedroom units. Jan also reminded board members of meeting February 26 with developers of 200 Madison SE. The now vacant church will be developed into 22 affordable/subsidized apartments with parking provided inside the lower level of the building as well as outside.

There will also be a meeting the following night (Feb. 27) regarding an addition to Cornerstone Church, corner of Washington and Lafayette.

ADUs (Accessory Dwelling Units): The City hosted engagement meetings proposing a qualified review process for development of ADU's. This process requires that neighbors within 300 feet of proposed ADU be notified. If there is one complaint, the approval process will be as current – a Special Land Use hearing before the GR Planning Commission. If no complaints are voiced, the ADU can be administratively approved if all standards are met. This Zoning text amendment will be considered for passage at the March 26 City Commission meeting.

The GRCC Tech building addition will begin with utility site preparation on or about 4/30/19. GRCC would also like to set a future meeting regarding additional campus planning including the college's use of the Lettinga and Mabel Engle houses for college programming.

From Amanda:

No comments beyond her report. She did ask the board if there were any thoughts regarding hosting a "Coffee with a Cop" type of event to introduce neighbors to the neighborhood officer. Suggestions were mentioned/offered . . . thoughts of maybe coupling it with the Pleasant Park clean-up in April.

9. Committee/Liaison Reports:

Land Use: Most already covered by Jan's report. There have been odd/even parking issues this winter all over the neighborhood. The severity of the cold and snow was difficult for enforcement and the City's snow plowing of secondary streets was not a priority.

Administration: There is now a full board with the 2 appointments.

Fundraising: Home Tour 2019 – 7 homes and four institutions are committed. Still looking for one home to fill out offering. Reminder that this is the 50th Anniversary of Home Tour. Garden Tour is progressing.

Community Engagement: No updates this month.

10. No New Business.

11. Old Business: Nothing heard as to work progress of the former Jellema House at 521 Lyon NE. Owners were approved for a 5-unit.

12. Meeting Adjourned at 7:52pm.

Submitted by Tom Truesdale

