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Heritage Hill Association Board Meeting April 17, 2019 Minutes

In Attendance: Lisa Baars, Wes Beck, Suzanne DeHaan, Chris Grygiel, Wendy VerHage Falb, Sarah Green, Michele Giordano, Nikki Hoort, Erin Shupe, James Scozzori

Absent: Wayne Norlin, Kate Diedrich, Nathan Slauer, John Walendowski and Heather Hall

Staff: Maria Zache Starkey

Public: Andrew Wilkenson, newer neighbor in the Pleasant and Union area.

1. **Call to Order** – 7:02 p.m.
2. **Ice-Breaker:** What is your favorite warm-weather activity that you are looking forward to after a winter with a Polar Vortex?
3. **Call for New Business** – Maria Z. S. provided an update of exterior maintenance that will be completed at the Voigt House this spring and summer on porch as well as some painting.
4. **Minutes** – Minutes of the March, 2019 meeting were approved as presented.
5. **Correspondence Files** - Circulated among board members.
6. **Public Comment: None**

ACTION ITEM:

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

INFORMATION ITEMS:

8. **Treasurers Report** – Erin reported that the March report was not yet available as the bookkeeper had been quite busy with tax season. Members agreed that the report could be sent via email when available.
9. **Staff Reports:** *Written reports were submitted.* Members discussed Community Policing and various issues concerning the GRPD. Members also discussed the very successful clean-up at Pleasant Park (complete with Provenzano's Heritage Hill Pizza!) and the plans that the Parks Department at the city has for improvements at both Pleasant and Foster Parks.
10. **Committee/Board information groups:**
 - **Community Engagement:**
Hospitality: Chris G. stated that the committee will be meeting concerning the Annual Picnic / National Night Out.
 - **Land Use:**
Parks: Suzanne D. reported that Joshlyn Litzenberger has been recruiting volunteers for the Pleasant Park Tenders but still needs more folks to sign up to weed a section of the park this summer.
Housing, Zoning and Preservation:
Housing Now: Members discussed that two components of the Housing Now initiatives were passed recently by the City Commission. Neighborhood organizers had expected that one of measures – 2-Unit Housing by Right on Corner Lots – would be discussed in the city's 2020 Master Planning.

- **Administrative**

Institutional Liaisons: Chris G. reported that a new President has been chosen for Mercy Health Saint Mary's: Huang Tai Kim, who is coming from the MSU College of Human Medicine. The meeting with the interim President has been canceled in anticipation of meeting with the new President. Chris G. also relayed that the hospital has a new Director of Admission Services who lives in Heritage Hill.

- **Fundraising and Finance:**

Home Tour: Suzanne D. provided an update concerning House Captains, volunteers as well as that there would be some type of event at the carriage houses at 50 College SE during Tour and that the Sweet House Foundation is hosting a "De-Wine" party the Saturday night of Home Tour. Tickets for De-Wine are \$10 at the door. Suzanne also relayed that she has had great meetings with Fountain Street church, The Museum School and 50 College and that they are ready for and excited about Tour. Maria Z. S. made a plea for members to recruit sponsors, volunteers and to get the marketing tools out to their circles both physically and electronically.

Garden Tour: Kate D. reported that the Garden Tour is going ahead on Saturday, June 15th and that she is still recruiting gardens.

11. New Business: None

12. Old Business: Maria Z. S. reminded members to take the Home Tour promotional materials.

13. Public Comment: None

14. Meeting Adjourned at 7:41pm.

Submitted Respectfully by Maria Zache Starkey