



Heritage Hill Association Board Meeting September 15, 2021 Minutes

In Attendance: Wesley Beck, Suzanne De Haan, Amy DeMott, Kate Diedrich, Wendy Falb, Jeffrey Fawcett, Sarah Green, Laura Joyce, Jeff Martin, Wayne Norlin, Scott Opperman, Carolyn Ferrari and James Scozzari

Absent: Richard App, John Walendowski

Staff: Amanda Cormier, Barbara Draughon, Maria Zache Starkey

Public: None

1. **Call to Order:** 7:03 pm

2. **Minutes** – A motion was made and seconded to approve the July, 2021 Minutes as presented; unanimous support.

INFORMATION ITEMS:

3. **Treasurers Report** – James S., Barbara D. and Maria Z. S. reported on the completed fiscal review by the Finance Committee. Details noted were the streamlined questionnaire and also matters related to insurance, including fidelity bond converge for staff and volunteers and Directors and Operations coverage. The Finance committee noted that there are a couple areas of procedure that need to be redefined and that the random check of disbursements showed appropriate documentation. General comment concerning the financial report was that all seems to be in line for the association to be in the black at the end of the year.

4. **Staff Reports:** Amanda C. highlighted and detailed several subjects from her written report including the Signal box art project, Dumpster Day, and efforts to curb speeding on Lafayette, College and Union as well as the south part of Madison, near Pleasant Park. Discussion included numerous members noting the enthusiastic response to the art project and also confirming that speeding is a very serious issue in the neighborhood now. Amanda noted that as current staffing at GRPD does not allow for enforcement of speeding that she is working with neighbors on signage to encourage drivers to slow down.

Barbara D. highlighted that there is continued effort in concert with GRPS to name the greenspace at the NW corner of Fountain and College NE after former Mayor John Logie. Wendy F. heralded this effort stating enthusiasm for the project led by legacy neighbor Faite Mack. Barbara reported that due to the Delta variant surge, plans for the Annual Meeting have returned to being virtual. The 2021 meeting will likely be more like a traditional board meeting. Barbara also reported that the new fencing at WOOD TV8 will likely be up by the end of October. Also highlighted were discussions about possible movie nights in Pleasant Park, whether in partnership with Friends of GR Parks or possibly soliciting donations for HHA to buy a movie screen.

5. **Committee/Liaison Reports:**

Land Use: Wayne N. commented that the committee continues to work virtually on several land issues, including use variances on Washington St. SE and Madsion Ave. SE as well as a proposal for a new build on Paris Ave. SE. Also on the schedule is a Walk Your Park event with Parks Director David Marquardt which will be held on September 27th At 5:00 pm, starting at Pleasant Park, progressing to Heritage Hill, Mooney and Foster Parks as well as possibly Sundial Park, time permitting. Wayne also commented that he is enjoying using the tool Building Eye notifications from the city that detail any current issues before HPC or Planning as well as reviewing Planning agendas and discussing issues with staff.

Administration: Wendy and Suzanne provided an update about Nominating

Fundraising: Scott Opperman noted that he will be sending out the final document to neighbors about the Strategic Planning process and also about scheduling the committees created. Scott also highlighted continuing serious concerns about the Delta variant of the Covid vaccine and how it might affect the planning of HHA. Scott highlighted a fundraising conversation with ED Barbara D. which

Community Engagement: Sarah G. highlighted the 5, “spooky” walking tours coming up, Sept. 30th – Oct. 27th with Tour Guide Caroline Cook. Sarah noted the enthusiastic response to the tours, three of which are sold out and that all five tours will be covered by “Ambassadors” from the board and staff.

6. **New Business.**

7. **Old Business:** None

8. Meeting Adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Submitted Barbara Draughon and Maria Z. Starkey