

Fulton Heights Neighborhood Association

Board of Directors

February 15, 2021, Start 6:30pm End 7:30pm

Location: Virtual

Board Member Participants: Kayla Domeyer, Mark Staves, Sam Warber, Matthew Channing, Andrea Lehman, Chelsea Beckman, Don Wheeler, Gwen Howley

Guest: Anna Kornoelje

Absent: Bill Robinson

Minutes

1. CALL TO ORDER
 - a. **Kayla calls the meeting to order at 6:30pm**
2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
 - a. 1st Motion- Matt
 - b. 2nd Motion- Sam
3. REPORTS OF OFFICER
 - a. **President – Kayla**
 - i. Kate Robinson- filling out online crime report, it was not the right link so it was messed up. Gwen reversed it and Kate corrected it and it is good now
 - ii. REDSTONE Recap/Update
 1. We haven't heard back, also haven't obtained updated documents as requested and no response. Transcript is back and this will be published on the FH.org website. Matt will look at the agenda for the planning commission meeting.
 - b. **Secretary - Andrea**
 - i. Nothing
 - c. **Treasurer - Gwen**
 - i. Absent (AZ, vaca)
 - ii. Sam has the checkbook and she checked the PO box.
4. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES
 - a. **PR Committee Report**
 - i. Newsletter- Timeline for Spring Newsletter, not sure when we will have Spring meeting. Livingstones says they will put an article in and Ty will also pay for advertisement.

- ii. Facebook-
- iii. Outreach-
- b. **Events Committee Report- Matt**
 - i. Recap- Had the meeting yesterday, minutes emailed.
 - ii. Upcoming Events
 - 1. Winterfest- contest for snow building, take photo submit online.
Don will pick up signs tomorrow. Event will run till end of Feb.
Cash prizes for winners. Pending approval, facebook post tonight.
Kayla confirms that approval is not necessary.
 - iii. Recent Developments or Initiatives
 - 1.
- b. **Garden Committee Report - Mark-**
 - i. Sidewalk update: Provider has been clearing as planned.
 - ii. Sending out applications in about 3-4 weeks for the upcoming season for returning gardeners and 6 weeks for new gardeners via mail.
- c. **Block Captain Committee Report**
 - i. Chelsea- Drafting monthly emails for block captains and these are going out each month to connect the block captains with the recent events and are also looking to make a campaign for block captain recruiting. Also want to set up recurring block captain meetings each month to share and support each other.

STANDARD ORDER OF BUSINESS

5. Unfinished Business

1. Gwen: consistent use/sharing of information in the member directory- tabled and perhaps at strategic meeting.
2. Gwen: will there be a strategic planning meeting held this winter- YES. Feb 23
3. A. Follow up:
4. Andrea: Neighborhood Investment Plan- Intent to Apply- Did not apply.
5. Andrea: Housing Next Ryan Kilpatrick to discuss housing needs and Master Plan in upcoming meeting in March.
6. Andrea: Grand Rapids Climate Action, Climate Resolution neighbor request from Anna K. lives on Mayfield, has been a neighbor from 2009. Started in 2019 focused on GR being the greenest midsize city. Now, creating a resolution that declares a climate emergency and resolves for a carbon neutral city. They are currently starting to draft the resolution and will bring to the city commissioners.
 1. We can sign on to support or we could add to a point or resolution and help craft the resolution.

- a. Mark- do you have a draft of the resolution? Yes, will send Ann Arbor's draft. They wanted to get more orgs signed on before beginning the drafting process.
- b. Kayla- can we see the draft prior to signing on to it, Tentative support and keep open so we can see what we are supporting prior to voting on this support. Anna will send some information to look over and discuss. Sam- can the board unilaterally say we support it or do we need our membership to vote to approve it.
- c. Mark- timeline for drafter resolution? It will begin this month, not sure how long will be take
- d. Don- will connect with Anna.
- e. Kayla- we can support the tentative resolution drafting which is momentum in voices to assist in drafting the resolution.
- f. Sam- counterpoint, to cover our butts, specifically say FHNA Board, not the entire neighborhood.
- g. Mark- Motions that we sign on as supporting this initiative.
- h. Chelsea seconds.
- i. Kayla, Mark, Chelsea, Andrea, Sam, Matt, I's, Gwen abstains (came late) and Don abstains (left early).
- j. Anna will provide information to the board with the process and will also represent FH. She will continue to send updates to the secretary.

6. Sam- Livingstones dog poo complaints- update: They will buy one, we will buy one and we are working together to address the concern. Money well spent to continue a positive relationship with Livingstones.

7. Signs: Kayla discussed history or purchasing signs for every event, then modifying events for each event, small signs made and event details in sleeves. Medium sign with plastic sleeve and keeps updated. A couple of years since purchasing and they need updating. Sam confirms past issues with individual printing signs. Gwen says the current signs were prepared by handicap sign company and will look back at costs. Kayla looks at her email.

1. Sam motions to buy another batch of signs as long as the cost doesn't exceed 200. Mark seconds, everyone approves unanimous. Kayla will inform Gloria and will send a purchase request to the company.

6. New Business

- a. Spring Meeting dates. Gwen says she will reach out to Temple to see if they could facilitate the Spring meeting on the 18th or 25th
- b. Matt- road work between Benjamin and Walinwood on Fulton in the next few months. K says someone asked about islands being placed on Fulton, Matt will follow up and see if that is happening. Mark says a neighbor said they were told there would be some yard grating for the neighbors. Matt will put info in newsletters.
- c. Holland Home will become permanent affordable housing. Matt was at the East Town Neighborhood meeting. Low income and market rate. Gwen includes that Holland Home has been a difficult company to work with. Matt asks if he should reach out, K says sure. Sam says perhaps they can put an article in the newsletter.

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Strategic Planning Meeting Feb 7pm, virtual

8. ADJOURNMENT:

- a. Motion to adjourn 1st-Mark
- b. 2nds- Gwen
- c. Meeting Adjourned at 7:30pm

9. Addendum A

- a. Tabled Items (ongoing from Unfinished Business)
 - i. Document in Google Drive telling where things go.
 1. Onboarding and New FHNA Board Members Policy write up and vote
 2. Power Grid Progress update
 3. Historical FHN info update (postponed)
 4. FHNA Facebook Member group UPDATE
 1. Post concerns-
 2. Crime reporting-
 3. Purging the people who don't belong- ongoing

10. Attachments: