

Fulton Heights Neighborhood Association

Board of Directors

June 15, 2020, Start 6:32pm End 7:42pm

Location: Webex

Participants:

Kayla Domeyer, Andrea Lehman, Arielle Leipham, Gwen Howey, Mark Staves, Don Wheeler
Sam Warber, Bill Robinson (Chelsea Beckman)

1. CALL TO ORDER- **Kayla calls the meeting to order at 6:32pm**
2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - motion to approve minutes by Kayla, all in favor, unanimous
3. REPORTS OF OFFICERS
 - a. **President** - Interested new board member Chelsea, appointed in the vacant spot as the 9th member. Chelsea has been here for about a year and are excited to get involved in the neighborhood projects and activities.
 - b. **Secretary - Andrea** nothing to report
 - c. **Treasury - Gwen** we have over 70 members thanks to the FB campaign- 20 to 70 is great growth! Using PayPal is more cumbersome and we lose 6% with each transaction, however, it is easier for the member to pay since it's via FB.
4. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES
 - a. PR Committee Report - **Kayla**- post campaign for membership which has become quite successful. We also posted a small statement about the recent civil unrest and that will be included here including the votes and opinions. We will be meeting and preparing for the flyer to be distributed by the end of June.
 - i. Flyer to be distributed in June? Info to be:
 1. Friends of GR Parks Trees- payout from GR Parks
 2. Dumpster Day- rescheduled date August 29th
 3. Picnic Day- August 9th
 4. Garage Sale Weekend- weekend in July 17-19
 5. If filler space is needed, ordinance info can be added
 - b. Events Committee Report - **Arielle**- Garage Sale- guidelines/best practice for social distancing. Summer Picnic Sunday August 9th. Picnic food and social guidelines will be discussed at the next Events Committee meeting for specifics. Will they need a separate events budget? No, they will use the Picnic budget as set aside as usual each year.

- c. Block Captain Committee Report - **Don**- no meeting yet, Kayla will assist with mail chimp info.
- d. Garden Committee Report - **Mark- encroachment on gardens**
 - i. Meeting a week ago- a small number of gardens not being managed, they received email and were notified and they began tending the garden.
 - ii. Neighbors on Arthur and Lowell- treat the area behind their yards (the garden) as theirs. What should be done? Opinions?
 - 1. Sam- draft a letter/language that the board could review and put into writing on official letterhead and deliver to houses. Don agrees this will be a good strategy. Mark suggests that they sign the garden volunteer form which covers the liability of running over their property. Don- Should we involve an attorney to draw up a letter?
 - 2. Gwen has a copy of the old survey, Kayla- we could also get a new survey which would develop fresh boundaries.
 - 3. Let's review the existing survey and we develop an ad hoc Garden Boundaries Committee Don, Mark + one garden committee member, & Gwen. Kayla motion, Sam second.

5. STANDARD ORDER OF BUSINESS

6. - Unfinished Business

- i. Summer Newsletter/Flyer- PR committee will work on and send out by end of June.
- ii. Document in Google Drive telling where things go.
 - 1. Gwen got this started
 - a. Need volunteers to take the map and indicate what goes where. (Arielle volunteered)
- iii. Some version of Training for new members
 - 1. Onboarding with where things go (See above Gdrive mapping)
 - 2. Provide a copy of the Bylaws
 - a. Shows how meetings are run
 - b. Shows how the board runs
 - c. List of board members and their role/responsibilities
 - 3. Bill added his thoughts so far:
 - a. Potentially a list of board member generic responsibilities? Is this covered in Bylaws? Yes it is.
 - b. Potentially a signature or some other agreement of "weight" or "ritual" to make becoming a board member feel more committed. Kayla will continue to explore.
 - 4. Potentially have a sit-down with another volunteer board member to welcome and go over everything. Welcome wagon! No

assigned person but everyone takes a turn to build relationships.
Kayla will do this with Chelsea.

5. Ensure new board members are FB group members (if desired)

b. - New Business

- i. Don has more FHNA signs. Signs can go to Gloria.
- ii. Facebook Membership Purge/Dues discussion- started in 2010, board is currently admin. Should we purge the group of the inactive or no longer neighbors? Should we require dues paid or FHNA members? Send FB name & address by this date, anyone who has not emailed them, get deleted. There seems to be a large number of people on FB FHNA page that don't live here anymore. Sam agrees, but thinks it should not be part of paying dues. Gwen would like to be involved to update the information. Kalya agrees and will instruct on how to fill out the form to provide updated member information. Arielle agrees that dues should be paid if the board is monitoring. Kayla wonders about meeting in the middle to have an expectation of paying and provide a constant campaign on FB to pay dues and become members. Don urges the verbiage: "expected". Arielle- have to be a member going forward, pay your dues, word it strongly, and not have teeth so we don't become debt collectors. Gwen- some people paid twice, so they are refunded, extra work... maybe don't return, prepay the next year or use it to sponsor another neighbor. Kayla will continue to work and explore this. This will not be a quick thing, it will be hammered on for 6-8 weeks on FHNA FB and we don't want anyone to feel excluded.
- iii. Advocate for Power Grid renovations or information- our neighborhood tends to lose power often, Michigan is the 5th highest for power outages, there is a lot of chatter and negative feelings about the multiple number of outages. Kayla would like to find information about the power history and the power line grid to be able to provide information to the membership to help with the concern that they have and also help them feel they are being heard. Chelsea would like to do some exploring with Consumers and compile some data. Sam agrees. Don agrees. Chelsea will bring information at the next meeting and we will discuss then.
- iv. **Fulton Heights Historical Info- for the next meeting to discuss, we might want to provide historical perspectives to include on the FB page for neighborhood interest. Kayla has a hard copy of a research paper completed on the historical information. We do have permission to publish her late husband's research paper.**
- v. Chelsea Beckman- Chelsea is excited to become a new member and this will be voted in at the next meeting.

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. **Sam- the next meeting if it is decent can we meet in someone's yard? We will email about that and make arrangements.**

8. **ADJOURNMENT-** motion by Mark, Gwen seconds ends 7:42pm

9. Addendum to PR committee Report:

Per the PR Committee via email from Kayla on 6/3/2020:

PR committee has put together the following language to post. (via Facebook)

Dear Fulton Heights Neighbors,

Let us be clear: FHNA is unequivocally against systemic racism & against police brutality. We stand in solidarity with our black neighbors.

In line with our mission statement, we will continue to advocate for civic matters at the City level regarding policing.

Diversity is a gift that makes us stronger.

“True peace is not merely the absence of tension: it is the presence of justice.” — Martin Luther King Jr.

The City is considering these next steps:

<https://twitter.com/joelafurgey/status/1267830294238777344?s=20>

The goals of this language were to:

1. **Show support of those people of color who live in our neighborhood.**
2. **Keep promises/commitments local and stay out of greater political debate**

A quorum was present and via email and votes were as follows:

Yea- Bill, Mark, Andrea, Arielle, Kayla, Don,

Nay- Gwen (wanted verbiage about not condoning property destruction or violence, also concerned about comments), Sam (did not want to get involved in political activities and also agrees that verbiage about nonviolence be added, and concerned about comments)

Majority vote approved the above post via facebook and Kayla, Arielle, and Kate will moderate comments.