

Fulton Heights Neighborhood Association

Board of Directors

January 18, 2021, Start 6:30pm End 7:35pm

Location: Virtual

Board Member Participants: Kayla Domeyer, Gwen Howey, Mark Staves, Sam Warber, Bill Robinson, Matthew Channing, Andrea Lehman

Absent: Chelsea Beckman, Don Wheeler

Minutes

1. CALL TO ORDER
 - a. **Kayla calls the meeting to order at 6:30pm**
2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
 - a. 1st Motion- Gwen
 - b. 2nd Motion- Mark
3. REPORTS OF OFFICER
 - a. **President – Kayla**
 - i. REDSTONE Recap/Update
 1. Hosted and moderated meeting with Redstone. Recorded and also transcribed (\$ to Gwen). Valuable for information. 30 people attended, over 100 FB comments 2 mail, mostly in opposition.
 2. When they say they will notify, it means just the neighbors within 300 feet of the property.
 3. Mostly say it doesn't fit the neighborhood, if it felt more residential it would be more favorable. Density and price is also the problem.
 4. Matt: Kayla did a great job and we should use that format again if needed. Big thanks to Kayla!
 - b. **Secretary - Andrea**
 - i. Email requests- see new business
 - c. **Treasurer - Gwen**
 - i. In AZ!
 1. Ended the year with 207 members, updated directory, will discuss other data collecting concerns at a later date.
4. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES
 - a. **PR Committee Report**
 - i. Newsletter-

- ii. Facebook- one comment removed due to divisive nature. One request to join for an address just outside of boundaries for garden reasons?
 - iii. Outreach- Kayla put a lot of effort into getting info on the website & FB. The half sheet flyer went out with EC info and Redstone info.
- b. Events Committee Report- Matt**
- i. Recap- Holiday decorating and luminaries.
 - 1. 2 houses submitted, 15 votes submitted - will decide at a later date if this is worth doing again next year.
 - 2. Houses on many streets had some luminaries.
 - ii. Upcoming Events
 - 1. Winterfest- developing ideas about what to do that is at home and community friendly like snow people.
 - iii. Recent Developments or Initiatives
 - 1. Going forward they would like to engage in monthly touchpoints with the neighbors. Using Block Captains was favorable and it worked well. Half-sheet worked well, but wonder if something else should be developed. Does have budget.
 - 2. Kayla: Some frustration around the idea that block captains were busy and couldn't pass out things due to an event. Going forward, as soon as EC knows what is coming up, let the board know so that we can make sure we are delegating appropriately. Sam: Encourage communication between EC and board. Minutes were provided to two board members
 - 3. GWEN: they should be taken and emailed to each board member. Any expenses that EC incurred needs to be reimbursed by the board. We need as much advance notice as possible for neighbors to be able to participate with ample time.
 - 4. Mother's day- Baby announcements, Easter
 - 5. Kayla- glad the EC is active and moving forward on initiatives.
- b. Garden Committee Report - Mark-**
- i. Things to come in the Spring
 - ii. Meeting took place last week, sent out minutes.
 - iii. Coming up with plans starting year in March, sending out letters to current gardeners to respond by April, then new gardeners will be invited in April. Then there will be clean up and tilling and staking and gardens available by May.
 - iv. Changing road to one way for safety, restrict parking to protect water faucets.
 - v. Snowplowing- contract with neighbor, and Livingstones is also depositing snow on sidewalk. Andrea will inform neighbor who complained about sidewalk. Mark will let us know if the sidewalk issue is remedied.
- c. Block Captain Committee Report**
- i. **Chelsea is not present**

STANDARD ORDER OF BUSINESS

5. Unfinished Business

1. Gwen: consistent use/sharing of information in the member directory- tabled
2. Gwen: will there be a strategic planning meeting held this winter- see below

- 1.

6. New Business

- A. Andrea: Neighborhood Investment Plan- Intent to Apply
 - a. Action step- if anyone feels strongly to write this, do it, by Saturday, vote via email if.
- B. Andrea: Housing Next Ryan Kilpatrick to discuss housing needs and Master Plan in upcoming meeting with the board. He will be invited.
- C. Andrea: Grand Rapids Climate Action, Climate Resolution neighbor request
 - a. Advertise in newsletter or meeting or take poll on FB?
 - b. Climate change in general could be a political stance - but we can put it before the neighborhood and get their support or not. Poll the neighborhood and invite neighbor, Anna, to the next meeting to present.
 - i. Matt- motion to table,
 - ii. Bill seconds table
 - iii. Andrea will reach out and invite to next board meeting
- D. Andrea: Garden Sidewalk clearing/deicing- Mark will update on sidewalk clearing. Norma is informed of the liability and the lack of quality service performed so far.
- E. Sam- Livingstones dog poo complaints- email from volunteer and LSA complaining that people are not cleaning up after their dogs and children are getting soiled while playing. Perhaps putting up signs and dispensers to help. Any monetary help from the board.
 - a. We love the use of the property, we can send goodwill by helping out with the project. Gwen says we have the money, and the city might not see it as their

issue to address. Kayla says it would be a good idea and it would also help show our appreciation for the use of their property and generosity in the past. Matt found one online for \$175. We will sponsor one, Sam will follow up with LSA.

- b. Motion by Gwen to approve up to \$200 to sponsor a doggie bag post, second by Sam

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 1. Strategic Meeting in February and invite EC as well. February 23rd 2021.

8. ADJOURNMENT:

- a. Motion to adjourn 1st- Mark
- b. 2nds- Sam
- c. Meeting Adjourned at 7:35pm

9. Addendum A

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

10. Attachments:

1/11/2021

Hello FHNA board,

I hope this email finds you well! I I am a neighbor on Mayfield Ave and a member of the FHNA. I'm also a member of the Grand Rapids Climate Action group and we are gathering support for the creation of a Climate Resolution for adoption by the City of GR. We want to encourage the City to adopt a

Climate Emergency declaration and to commit to carbon neutrality community-wide by 2030.

The Neighborhood Associations of the Baxter, Creston, Easttown, Garfield Park, and MLK Park neighborhoods have signed on to the group that supports this effort. A number of local businesses, nonprofit organizations and church's have also signed on.

I think this is a great opportunity to show neighborhood support for this work and I'd like to ask that the board consider supporting this effort. I'd be glad to make a brief presentation at the next board meeting if that would be helpful. You can find more information at grclimateaction.org.

Please let me know if you have any questions. Thanks very much for your consideration.

Best regards,

Anna Kornoelje

On 2021-01-11 07:56, Ryan Kilpatrick wrote:

Good morning,

I am reaching out on behalf of the City of Grand Rapids with the hope that I might be able to schedule some time with you and the Fulton Heights Neighborhood Association to discuss the housing needs in your neighborhood and the upcoming Master Plan process.

My name is Ryan Kilpatrick and I am the Executive Director of Housing Next, a non-profit organization dedicated to ensuring quality, affordable housing for all families at all income levels across West Michigan. The City of Grand Rapids has contracted with us

to support their efforts to create more stable neighborhoods with more affordable housing options.

In July of last year, we released an [initial report that outlined the overall housing needs](#) in the City of Grand Rapids and across Kent County. We also issued a template for an [Inclusive Housing Plan](#). I'd like to schedule some time with you and your board to briefly explain these two documents, talk about any concerns you are hearing from the neighborhood, and encourage your team to participate as fully as you can in the upcoming Master Plan process.

Is there a regular board meeting this winter that I might be able to join you for a brief conversation about housing in the City?

Ryan Kilpatrick, AICP & EDFP

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**REQUEST FOR NOTICE OF INTENT TO APPLY
NEIGHBORHOOD INVESTMENT PLAN**

The City of Grand Rapids is seeking organizations with the capacity to successfully implement projects that support the Neighborhood Investment (NI) Plan. The NI Plan is the outcomes framework used to invest funds for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME), Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG), and Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) programs. Proposed projects must result in achieving at least one of the outcomes outlined in the application. NI Plan outcomes are subject to City Commission approval.

This request for Notice of Intent to Apply (NOI) is to: 1) identify potential projects that would achieve NI Plan outcomes, and 2) assess organizational capacity to meet City and federal contracting requirements. Successful respondents will be invited to complete a Request for Proposal (RFP).

1/13/2021

Hello neighbors,

My message is in regards to the sidewalk in front of the community garden. They have become extremely difficult to walk through. There's a large amount of thick uneven ice. I'm wondering what needs to be done to get this cleaned up? I look forward to hearing your ideas!

Thanks for your help!

Jenn Serba