

# Fulton Heights Neighborhood Association

## Board of Directors

September 21, 2020, Start 6:35pm End 7:38pm

Location: Hillcrest Park

Board Member Participants: Kayla Domeyer, Gwen Howey, Mark Staves, Don Wheeler, Sam Warber, Andrea Lehman

## Minutes

1. CALL TO ORDER- **Kayla calls the meeting to order at 6:35pm**
2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES –Gwen motioned Sam seconds, all others approve
3. REPORTS OF OFFICERS
  1. **President – Kayla-**
    1. Events committee- no longer has the membership meeting, the board will do it. Events will do more social and comm building. Need to plan a meeting this fall to ratify members and bylaws. What is it going to look like, let's start planning. No social time, invite Glowney,
      - a. **Gwen will contact Temple Emanuel**
      - b. **Andrea- food/bev**
      - c. **Broadcasting via FB live**
    2. **Secretary - Andrea**
      1. Fulton Heights Highlight on the Raptidian- **Sam will follow up**
      2. Eat Play Grow- **Andrea will follow up with block captain coordinator**
    3. **Treasurer - Gwen**
      1. **187 paying members as of last week**
      2. **720\$ collected on dumpster day in dues and donation**
      3. **Change square reader user name and password- Kayla will address**
      4. **Legalize credit union change in board members- signage completed**
  4. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES
    1. **PR Committee Report**
      1. Newsletter- Need dates and planning completed for Fall Membership Meeting
      2. Facebook- none
      3. Outreach- none

## 2. **Events Committee Report**

1. **Dumpster Day Review (SAM via email 8/30/2020):** Despite the location SNAFU that some people expressed their frustration about, everything went pretty well the day of - yay! Here are some details that I should be added to flesh out the GoogleDoc sheet:
2. The two shifts of volunteers are needed, but 8a-10a is the most hectic time, by far. Traffic dies down after 10:00 so there can be fewer volunteers for that.
3. The recycling carts ALWAYS fill up in an hour or so, even with two volunteers with box cutters ensuring they are packed perfectly. There is no need to schedule volunteers for that in the second shift
4. More Heavy Lifters need to volunteer. Ideally, the first shift has 4-5 people loading dumpsters, at least 2 of which are men in their prime or Heavy-Lifters
5. In theory, it sounds good to say people can unload their own stuff, but the reality is that they already do (except elderly), but we need our people to be a part of the process to ensure the dumpsters are packed correctly, monitor what is getting dumped, and speed up the process so it doesn't get so backed up.
6. There are usually four dumpsters at a time. DO NOT fill them all at once! Only be filling two at a time and leave the others with their doors shut. This allows filled ones to be taken away and replaced so you always have at least two available to be filled.
7. Have someone be in charge of traffic at the dumpsters. This can not be a timid person. They need to be comfortable telling people what and how to do it, for the good of everyone!
8. Don't have people "backup" their cars to the dumpsters. The end result should look like an "L" with the opening of the dumpster and the loaded part of the car being where the two lines of the L come together.
9. No kids under 16 or should volunteer due to liability.
10. Thanks so much to Don and Gwen for being there!
11. Upcoming Events- none

## 2. **Block Captain Committee Report**

1. Headed by Chelsea (Arielle Resigns)
2. Purpose/Meeting/Budget- Update
3. Recent Developments or Initiatives- none at this time.

## 3. **Garden Committee Report - Mark-**

1. **Garden Encroachment Committee:** Mark proposes this is tabled until spring since the encroachment concerns decreased with the passing of the summer gardening season.

## STANDARD ORDER OF BUSINESS

### 5. - **Unfinished Business**

### 6. - **New Business**

1. **Kayla- Guidelines for Halloween.**
  1. **Andrea: research send out info**

2. **Newsletter: figure out hosting place and plan first, then talk about Halloween, fall leaf raking, clear drains, short dumpster day recap**
3. **Fall meeting- we will plan it via email, decide whether it will be outside or in and also make contacts for inviting a few key speakers like Glowney, Calderon (andrea will contact Calderon), etc.**
6. ANNOUNCEMENTS
  1. **Arielle has resigned from the Board, she will continue to be on the Events Committee.**
7. ADJOURNMENT: : 7:38pm Mark motions, Sam seconds.

#### 8. Addendum A

- a. Tabled Items (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. Added Moderator- Andrea
      2. Post concerns- none
      3. Crime reporting- report being used
      4. Purging the people who don't belong- ongoing

#### 9. Addendum B

- a. Email from the GRCCMC:

On 2020-09-14 21:50, Brett Townsend wrote:

Hi there,

On behalf of [Community Media Center](#), we're hoping to highlight GR's neighborhood associations through a new audio journalism project for [The Rappidian](#) news source. We're seeing if Fulton Heights Neighborhood Association is interested in participating!

Part of a "Passing the Mic" series, the idea is to share 1-3 minute audio recordings on The Rappidian of team members from neighborhood associations sharing responses to open-ended questions from other neighborhood associations in the city. Questions are locally focused, and all associations are encouraged to follow up their answers with a question of their own for other associations to respond to.

Two questions have been asked so far, if you'd like to answer either: 1) Myself (kicking off the project) with, "What are you most proud about in your neighborhood right now?" 2) Fran Dalton, from [Garfield Park Neighborhoods Association](#), asking: "In this recent environment with Black Lives Matter and the trend to looking at reallocation or defunding of police, what are other neighborhood associations finding people saying about that?"

Fran Dalton's audio clip is available on The Rapidian now, [here](#). Please feel free to listen to it to get a better sense of the project's direction.

We'd be happy to record a 1-3 minute audio clip with you through Zoom to be highlighted, whenever may be convenient with you! The editing we do on our end, and other than giving a brief response to one of these questions, we encourage you to ask a question for other neighborhood associations to answer that you're genuinely curious about.

We'd love to get FHNA involved! Please let us know how we can help make your involvement easiest for you.

Warmly,

Brett Townsend  
Community Engagement Specialist  
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FHNA Response: This sounds interesting! We will discuss at our next board meeting which will be on Monday the 21st. Thank you for this invitation, we will be in touch!

Response from GRCMC: Thanks for getting back, Andrea. Sounds great!

As far as time spent, really this could be done within a five minute Zoom call. We'd just record your response to either of the aforementioned questions, and record a question you may have for other neighborhood associations.

Looking forward to hearing back,

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