BHNA BOARD MEETING
ZOOM
JULY 20. 2020

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00PM on ZOOM.

2. Attending were: Mike Brezin, Casey McLaughlin, Donna Legare, Melissa Jacoby, Michael Bannister, Eliza Hawkins, Pat Brueckheimer, Tom Schulte, Mary Kay Falconer, and Margie McInnes.

3. The June meeting minutes had been distributed by Email prior to the meeting. Mary Kay asked that the minutes be amended to indicate that the "Master Plan" referred to is the "Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan."

4. Membership: Casey reported that there are currently 351 paid BHNA members, and a few more envelopes sent to the BHNA PO box which haven't yet been processed.

5. Treasurer Report: Tom reported that he had made deposits totaling $1,236.73, and the bank balance is $11,967.47.

6. Michael made a motion, seconded by Eliza, to approve the Minutes, Membership Report and Treasurer Report. The motion carried unanimously.

7. New Board Member: Neighbor Pat Brueckheimer has agreed to serve on the BHNA Board of Directors. Michael made a motion, seconded by Eliza, to accept Pat onto the Board. The motion passed unanimously…and happily!

8. Harriman Pond: Donna and Mike reported on the proposal to plant some grasses and emergent vegetation and a few trees around the pond. The existing plant margin isn't growing fast enough so additional plants are needed. The plants will stay low so the pond is still viewable. The goal is to discourage the geese from nesting and living at the pond, not eliminate them. This should help reduce the nitrogen which runs into the pond, enters the waterway which runs to the Gulf. Another issue has been that turtles are getting trapped, so a grid is needed to keep them from getting stuck.

9. Tom made a motion, seconded by Mike, that BHNA allocate $800 toward the purchase of these plants and ask the City of Tallahassee to do the planting of the plants. The motion passed unanimously.

10. McCord Park: Mary Kay reported that she has talked with Brian Hopper (COT) and 4 dog leash signs with the City's dog ordinance information will be installed. The City will remove the ragweed in 1-2 weeks.

11. BHNA Website: Casey looked at 10 systems to handle membership on our Website, and recommends "Paid Memberships Pro." Donna made a motion, seconded by Melissa, to enter a 1 year trial with that company. The motion passed unanimously.

12. Betton Road Improvements: One of the purposes of the Betton Road improvements is to slow traffic on that road. Michael is concerned about whether the plans have been changed in regards to the width of lanes and sidewalk improvements. May need PR with anticipated driver pushback.

13. PREP: Mike reported for Mario that a few more neighbors have volunteered to participate with PREP.

14. Shredder Project: Margie found a company that will come onsite for confidential shredding. Their price is $275/hour with a minimum of 3 hours. They are booked for the next few months. Margie is waiting for calls back from other companies for additional quotes, and will also explore participation with other nearby neighborhoods to share the cost. If this is affordable and if social distancing can be guaranteed, she suggested that we use Harriman Circle as the location.

15. Betton Neighborhood FaceBook Page: Melissa summarized the "kerfuffle" on FB regarding yard signs and advertising via FB. Most of the FB interchange was positive, and Mike added some thoughtful comments that were conciliatory.

16. Alliance of Tallahassee Neighborhoods (ATN): Mike has also been providing background information on issues and candidates. ATN is conducting candidate interviews. Mike, Michael and Mario have been participating with ATN as Betton's representatives. Tom made a motion, seconded by Mike, to donate $100 toward funding the ATN website-ATNTally.com. The motion passed unanimously.

17. The meeting was adjourned at 8:45PM.