BHNA BOARD MEETING
ZOOM
March 19, 2022

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

2. **Board Members Attendance:**

	In Attendance:	Absent:
1. Eliza Hawkins,	X	
2. Casey McLaughlin,	X	
3. Mary Kay Falconer,	X	
4. Mike Brezin,	X	
5. Donna Legare,	X	
6. Janeen Piotrowski,	X	
7. Tom Waits,		X
8. Claire Cotton-Watkins,	X	
9. Keith Bowers,	X	
10. Margie McInnes.	X	
11. Tom Schulte		X
12. Jenn Winegardnen	X	
13. Mario Taylor	X	
14. Geoffrey Deibel		X

3. **MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING WERE APPROVED DATED: February 21, 2022 –** Motion made by Mary Kay Falconer to approve, Seconded by Donna Legare.

4. **FINANCIAL UPDATE:** Eliza provided an update on financials. The estimated balance for the BHNA account was $17,146.80.

5. **MEMBERSHIP:** Eliza mentioned that BHNA has 185 members. Christian Weiss is taking over the process for entering dues checks and credit card submissions in the master spreadsheet. Claire Cotton-Watkins agreed to assist with the dues process.

6. **WEBSITE:** Casey provided an update and will send the website statistics report.

7. **EVENTS:** (BHNA events were highlighted in the Spring newsletter. BHNA approved the expenditure of up to $1500 for the installation of a pole for electrical service at Harriman Circle for BHNA activities. (Donna made the motion and Claire seconded.)

   1. Easter Egg Hunt at Chittendon Park on April 16
   2. Betton Hills Block Parties (March, April, May, or June)
   3. Garage Sales on May 7 Form available for neighbors to submit for their garage sale participation and Casey will generate map with the residences that are participating.
   4. Cruise-In and Ice Cream Social in Harriman Circle on May 7 – budgeting expenditures for up to 200 people attending.

5. Food Truck Nights at Harriman Circle (probably start this event in April on Thursday evenings**)**

8. ACTIVITY UPDATES

A. Prep information (hurricane preparedness) will be provided at the Cruise-In Event

B. Construction Projects in Betton Hills. A summary of updates on neighborhood road and stormwater construction projects is included in the newsletter.

C. BHNA Fall Festival. Claire volunteered to help with the BHNA Fall Festival in 2022

D. School Partners for Excellence Funding. The board reviewed criteria for guiding the selection of public school needs for BHNA funding, An explanation along with the list of criteria are as follows:

The criteria below will guide our process for allocating annually BHNA funds for Kate Sullivan, Cobb and Leon High School. The criteria will be shared with the principals at each school. The selection of needs to be met will be shared with the BHNA board by email. At a BHNA board meeting in the Spring, a vote of the BHNA board members will approve the allocation of funds. If there is a need that is not covered by the criteria, the exception will be shared with the BHNA board members and a vote of the BHNA members will approve the need and allocation of funds to meet that need.

Proposed Criteria:

1. Selection should be coordinated with the school principal. Teachers and parents may offer suggestions and be consulted on the decision but the school administration should be on board.
2. The funds should provide or supplement student instruction.
3. The funds should reach as many students as possible (multiple classrooms and grades).
4. The funds may strengthen cultural competence and creative expression.
5. The funds may not be used for student or teacher award or incentive programs that offer food.

Donna moved and Mike seconded a motion to approve the allocation of $500 for each school, Kate Sullivan Elementary School, Cobb Middle School, and Leon High School. The motion was approved.

Mansfield Fund. Donna moved and Margie seconded the motion to approve $500 for distribution to students at Leon High School interested in pursuing journalism.

E. Observation Deck in McCord Park—Discussion with Ashley Edwards (city parks and recreation director) about this project was described by Mario. Ashley agreed to check on permitting requirements.

F. Alliance for Tallahassee Neighborhoods (ATN). Mike explained the current ATN position on uses of the available space for the Northwood Center. Three major uses are supported by the ATN—police headquarters, performing arts center, and a community redevelopment center that would be designed by a professional team knowledgeable in these types of

community centers. Mike agreed to send an explanation of the proposal to the BHNA board for review and consideration for approval by the BHNA board.

G. BHNA Compost Workshop was conducted on March 19 at the home of Donna Legare. There were 6 participants, some of them new residents in the neighborhood.

H. Noise Ordinance. Mike explained that the city passed a new noise ordinance. It will allow more discretion on the part of TPD officers to determine when noise is obnoxious and will allow penalties for repeat offenders, including property owners. It will be a positive change for our neighborhood.

I. BHNA Name Tags. Mario shared that the order for name tags for new BHNA board members has been submitted.

J. Neighborhood of the Year Applications. Mario shared that the period for submitting applications for neighborhood of the year has started. The process has changed in ways that will improve efficiency and add incentives to submit applications. A decision on whether BHNA will submit an application was postponed until the meeting in April.

17. INCORPORATION OF BHNA: The committee discussing this process includes Mike, Mario, Jennifer and Tom. Mike and Jennifer explained that the process for reinstating the BHNA incorporation could be expensive ($2000 or more) due to a requirement to pay previous incorporation fees since 1993. A new incorporation would require a different name and tax ID for the neighborhood organization but it would be much cheaper ($200). Keith offered to provide information from a state division office that handles documents. He thought there might be an exception on fees required for the reinstatement of the incorporation.

The meeting was Adjourned at 8:35pm.