BHNA ANNUAL MEETING
AND
BOARD MEETING
ZOOM
Monday, February 19, 2024

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

2. Board Members

	In Attendance:	Absent:
Eliza Hawkins	x	
Casey McLaughlin	x	
Mary Kay Falconer		x excused
Mike Brezin		x excused
Donna Legare	x	
Jim Ward	x	
Tom Waits		x excused
Margie McInnes	x	
Tom Schulte	x	
Jenn Winegardner	x	
Mario Taylor	x	
Nancy Leiva-Krause	x	
Rob Pierce	x	
Courtney Doker	x	

Members in attendance: Taimour Chaudhry

3. MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING APPROVED DATED: January 8, 2024 with two edits: Indicate that the Easter Egg Hunt is at Chittenden Park; Edit typo at end "BNHA" should be "BHNA"

Motion to approve the minutes by Eliza, seconded by Mario with revision: passed unanimous.

4. FINANCIAL/MEMBERSHIP UPDATE:

4.1. Treasurer's report and discussion. Detailed report at next meeting. Two reimbursements were made for Arbor Day expenses: To Lynn Bannister for food ($173.18); and Native Nurseries ($175.83).

5. COMMUNICATIONS:

5.1. Facebook: Mike Brezin has been helping member Melissa Jacoby but we need someone to do the management on a permanent basis. Could use a member

volunteer. Tom Shulte volunteered to reach out to Mike Sheriden to ask if he would be interested in doing this.

5.2. Newsletter: Spring newsletter articles due to Mike on 2/23. Eliza will ask Mike to add a section on block parties to remind people that the association will reimburse up to $50. Eliza will announce Fall Fest in the President's letter, as well as the April 27 Spring Fest Event.

5.3. Digital Newsletter. Most members of the association pay dues upon receipt of the mailed newsletter so there is no reason to stop mailing the newsletter. Those who were in favor of transitioning from written newsletters to electronic newsletters have changed their minds after seeing the impact of the mailed newsletters. Jim would like to allow certain advertisers to help defray the cost, which Courtney also supported.

BHNA also sends an electronic version, posts the newsletter on its website, and sends email blasts throughout the year. Courtney would like to revise and update the design at some point, but that will be a project down the road.

6. CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES:

6.1. McCord Culvert: Mary Kay and Jim would like to send a thank you letter from the board to various City representatives to thank them for their work on restoring the buffer along the McCord culvert. Jim will prepare the thank you letter for Eliza's signature and will transmit it to the City representatives.

7. EVENTS:

7.1. Arbor Day: Donna reported that there were about 43 participants. The event went well using team leaders. There were 15 FSU students who worked hard. Jim, Mike, Mary Kay, Tom, and Jody, Richard Crisler, Kris Ellington, Randy Murrell and Lynn Bannister helped as well.

7.2. Garage Sales: The date is May 4. Melissa Jacoby and Mike are doing an article for the newsletter.

7.3. Block Parties: Short discussion confirming that Board will reimburse up to $50 for a neighborhood block party held in the spring. Tom agreed to do an article for the newsletter and will refer to last year's article which should be on the website.

7.4. Spring Fest: (AKA Ice Cream Social, Cruise-in). Will beheld on **Saturday April 27 from noon to 3 pm.** There will be food trucks and possibly live music. The event will be advertised in the newsletter and emails and on the Facebook page.

7.5. Food Trucks: Will have 4 food truck events this year: the first is at Spring Fest on April 27. The following food truck events will be June 20, September 19, and at Fall Fest in October. Discussion about moving the food truck event around. The Spring Fest

event will be at Harriman. Mario will look into getting a permit for Winthrop Park on the playground side for the June event.

7.6. **Fall Fest:** Date is tentatively set for October 13 but Margie will check the school calendars to make sure there are no major conflicts. Eliza recommends the committee meet earlier this year to start planning. Margie recommends using team leaders. A steering committee will stay after the next board meeting to identify core activities to include in Fall Fest and will recommend those at the following meeting and recruit board members to manage those activities.

7.7. **Halloween**: This is not a BHNA initiated or driven event but is fully supported by the BHNA. Board is hoping that Claire will continue to help put the event on because it is a great event.

8. **CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES:**

8.1. **McCord Culvert**: Jim Ward has been emailing Eliza with updates. He will update the Board at next meeting.

8.2. **FSU/TMH New Construction**. There was a community meeting about the new construction and Jim and Mike attended. Jim reports that the building construction manager from FSU, Sadie Grines, came with a power point. Quite a few people from the Pilkem Ridge neighborhood were not pleased. Ms. Greiner decided to come back for another meeting and bring a city representative to explain it better. Neighbors withing 1000 feet of the construction were not notified that the road near their neighborhood would be extended. There was apparently no traffic study done. Neighbors wondered if they could mitigate traffic on Betton by staggering hours of operation of the new facility to disburse traffic.

Mario mentioned that he'd invited neighbors in Pilkem Ridge to officially become part of Betton Hills.

9. **GRANT OPPORTUNITIES:** Mario confirms that BHNA is not eligible for the City's neighborhood grant funding two years in a row. Since we applied and received grant funding last year, we are not eligible this year.

NEW BUSINESS:

10. **Cemetery Historic Sign.** A member new to the neighborhood would like BHNA to support changing the language on the historic marker at the cemetery on Betton Road. The language is offensive. Jim offered to reach out to Ben Crump to ask for help getting the State on board with the change.

The meeting was Adjourned at 8:25 pm.