BHNA ANNUAL MEETING
AND
BOARD MEETING
ZOOM
Monday, April 15, 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	
Mike Brezin	X	
Donna Legare	x	
Jim Ward	x	
Tom Waits		x excused
Margie McInnes	x	
Tom Schulte		X excused
Jenn Winegardner		X excused
Mario Taylor	x	
Nancy Leiva-Krause	x	
Rob Pierce	x	
Courtney Doker	x	
Taimour Chaudhry	X	

3. MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING NOT AVAILABLE.

4. FINANCIAL/MEMBERSHIP UPDATE:

4.1. Treasurer's report not provided. A report that includes membership numbers, revenues and expenditures will be provided at the next meeting.

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. There are repeated requests by individuals to gain access to the BHNA FB group page that use addresses for houses that are for sale or other addresses for homes that they do not own. Mike will check with other neighborhoods to learn how they monitor and control access to their FB group pages. If there are inappropriate posts on the BHNA group page, Eliza suggested board members contact her, Mike or Melissa Jacoby.

5.2. Newsletter: No report on the newsletter or transition to a digital newsletter.

6. CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES:

6.1. McCord Culvert: Jim will draft a letter that will thank the city representatives for their restoration of the buffer along the McCord culvert. Eliza will then sign and send that letter to the city commissioners.

6.2. FSU/TMH Facilities: Mike provided an update. There are no permits for the construction of a building but the land is being cleared and the road will be under construction soon.

7. EVENTS:

7.1. Easter Egg Hunt: This event went well. It was estimated that there were close to 200 participants. Courtney shared her positive experience at the event with her son, Charlie. Mario indicated he is still waiting for the event receipts, in order to reimburse the Proctors who organized the event again this year.

7.2. Garage Sales: Casey indicated there are 11 sign-ups for the garage sale on May 4. The board will do more advertising of the sale in the neighborhood. Casey will send an email explaining more about the procedures to those who sign-up.

7.3. Block Parties: There was no discussion about this during the meeting.

7.4. Spring Fest: (AKA Ice Cream Social, Cruise-in). This event will be held on **Saturday April 27 from noon to 3 pm at Harriman Park.** Mario shared his list of items that he and others have acted on in preparation for this event. Time signs were changed, tent was ordered, port-o-potty was rented, tables, cloths, chairs and stage were rented, bounce house was rented, and COT games were reserved. Two Food Trucks and Lofty Pursuits Ice Cream Truck were reserved. Jim Ward confirmed that the guitar duo is set. Courtney is handling media advertising for the event. Mario also shared that there is a new park table installed and the water debris from the storm will be cleaned up before the event. Donna will bring water jugs to the event.

7.5. Food Trucks: Mario provided an update on the food truck event scheduled for June 20 on Cline Street—next to the community garden in McCord Park. He was granted preliminary approval from the city to close Cline Street for this event. A TPD officer will be required to be present. The cost of the TPD officer is $360 and the board approved this expenditure. It is the board's intent to have the food truck events at different locations in the neighborhood.

7.6. Fall Fest: Date is tentatively set for October 13 but there was no discussion of this event during the meeting.

7.7. Halloween: This is not a BHNA initiated or driven event but is fully supported by the BHNA. Claire agreed to help coordinate this activity for BHNA this year.

8. **Donations to Neighborhood Schools:** Mary Kay has contacted Kate Sullivan and Cobb Middle School about the donations of $500 for each school. Both schools have shared suggestions for the expenditure of the funds. Mary Kay will continue discussion with them. She will also contact Tom Schulte about contacting the Leon High School Foundation.

NEW BUSINESS:

9. **Transfer of utility serving the community garden to BHNA:** Eliza explained that she would like BHNA to be the name on the utility account for the community garden. She will coordinate with Travis Schroder to make sure the utility account is paid. This request was approved by the BHNA board. Travis will be managing the renting of the plots and other tasks associated with the community garden.

10. **Friends of McCord Park:** Mary Kay mentioned an interest in forming a group of volunteers interested in helping with the maintenance of plants in McCord Park. She will assess interest and report back to the board.

The meeting was Adjourned at 8:30pm.