BHNA BOARD MEETING MINUTES
May 19, 2025

1. Minutes of April 21, 2025 Board Meeting approved, and the meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM.

2. Board Members (put X in appropriate column)

	In Attendance:	Absent:
1. Eliza Hawkins	**X**	
2. Casey McLaughlin		**X (excused)**
3. Mary Kay Falconer	**X**	
4. Donna Legare	**X**	
5. Jim Ward	**X**	
6. Tom Waits		**X (excused)**
7. Tom Schulte		**X (excused)**
8. Mario Taylor	**X**	
9. Nancy Leiva-Krause	**X**	
10. Rob Pierce		**X**
12. Bill Behenna	**X**	
13. Mari-Jo Lewis-Wilkinson	**X**	
14. Amber Ward	**X**	
15. Ron Salutsky	**X**	

3. Update regarding Tallahassee-Leon County Comprehensive Plan: Mike Brezin, ATN representative, presented updates about the revised Comprehensive Plan (available online here). A community meeting with City planning representatives is being targeted to occur at the Woman's Club of Tallahassee in Los Robles (date/time TBD) to discuss the details and to workshop the future of the Comprehensive Plan. The City Commission has scheduled a meeting on June 11th to assess whether the Plan will be approved for transmittal to the State.

4. Treasurer's Report: Balance and reimbursement updates.

5. Board member status review: The Board reviewed meeting attendance of its board members and updated its roster based on BHNA bylaws.

6. “Keep Betton Beautiful” debrief (Round 1): The inaugural clean up took place on April 26th on Betton Road with five member volunteers present. The next clean up will occur on July 12th at McCord Park.

7. McCord bat house presentation debrief; status of research by Vanessa Crisler re potential installation of bat house at Harriman Circle: About 30 residents attended the presentation, with a count of about 261 bats seen at dusk. BHNA will explore pursuit of a City grant to help defray the cost of a bat house, should BHNA choose to proceed with its installation.

8. Cobb/Kate Sullivan donations status: Kate Sullivan will spend their donation on books for the summer reading program, and Cobb may spend their donation on agriculture programming.

9. Spring Fest debrief: The Board discussed moving Spring Fest in 2026 from Saturday to Sunday to minimize the prospect of reduced attendance caused by conflicting events that fall on a Saturday around town (e.g., FSU graduation, etc.).

10. Food Truck Thursday planning: The next Food Truck event will be held at Harriman Circle on June 19th from 5:00-7:00 PM and will include the following food trucks: Zap Zap Thai, Taqueria Miranda Mexican, and Fine mobile espresso bar.

11. Preliminary Fall Newsletter planning: The Board will revisit this topic and assign articles during the August meeting.

12. Preliminary Fall Fest planning: Fall Fest will be held this year on October 12th from 3:00-6:00 PM. The Board will revisit this topic and assign volunteers during the August meeting.

13. Board member volunteers to facilitate communications with BHNA members: Bill Behenna (chair), Nancy Leiva-Krause, and Amber Ward (social media graphics) volunteered to work together on a new BHNA communications sub-committee.

14. Resident Lee Avirett concern re backup/blockage of Betton Road westbound lanes (at rush hour) near Trescott crosswalk. The Board discussed this issue and will direct Lee Avirett to the city, as the Board consensus is that it could not identify a practical solution.

15. Contractor yard signs potentially in violation of Tally Code: The Board brainstormed the issue and next steps to address situations where contractor yard signs remain in resident yards well beyond completion of the contractor's work.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM. Next meeting is Monday, August 18th at 7:00 PM at Eliza's.