BHNA BOARD MEETING MINUTES
October 20, 2025

1. Minutes of September 15, 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	
3. Mary Kay Falconer	X	
4. Donna Legare	X	
5. Jim Ward	X	
6. Tom Schulte	X	
7. Mario Taylor	X	
8. Nancy Leiva-Krause	X	
9. Bill Behenna	X	
10. Mari-Jo Lewis-Wilkinson	X	
11. Amber Ward	X	
12. Ron Salutsky		X (excused)

3. Kris Ellington attended to discuss potential BHNA support for League of Women Voters' initiative to recycle political and other yard signs: This webpage explains the rules for placing, removing, and recycling political campaign signs in Tallahassee and Leon County, including where signs are allowed, how to report violations, and where to recycle signs after elections.

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

5. Mari-Jo on ATN updates and Keep Betton Beautiful (KBB) reminder:

- The next KBB event will be held on Saturday, November 8th at Winthrop Park at 9:00AM.

- The City of Tallahassee has set a $1.25 million price to sell the publicly owned Capital City Country Club golf course green space to the Club under conditions of preserving it as a golf course and memorial site.

6. Fall Fest debrief:

- *What worked well:* Over 500 people attended, and one food truck sold out. Midtown Reader had a successful event. Kids' Zone was packed.
- *Suggestions for improvement:* For future events, post the agenda of timed events on trees in the Kids' Zone and/or on a white board at the welcome tent. Have the animal shows closer to Kids' Zone. Four to 6 volunteers should be monitoring the bounce house. The City games seemed more popular than the carnival games. Reduce the number of food trucks from five to 4 while ensuring a diverse range of food options. Ask food vendors not to use Styrofoam and not to promote the event on their social media. At the welcome tent, invite members to complete their nametag (including their street name) and enter a drawing for a couple of door prizes. Volunteers also should be wearing BHNA volunteer nametags. Since parking was limited, consider placing event signs on the more interior streets (rather than exterior) to help manage traffic flow. The music wasn't loud enough. Arrange the tables as one long table.

7. Halloween Crawl/House Decoration Contest status: The decoration contest may build momentum over the years. Production of the pumpkins on a stick has provided some challenges this year; we should enlist volunteers to help with that effort, assuming it continues.

8. December board meeting: This meeting will be a potluck event at Eliza's this year on Sunday, December 14th at 6:00 PM.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:16 PM. The next meeting is Monday, November 17th at 7:00 PM at Eliza's.