

Meeting Minutes

PHNA Board

June 12, 2019

At the home of John Volz, 1406 Preston Avenue

- I. Trevor Armstrong called the meeting to order at 6:35 pm and verified that a Quorum was present. In attendance were Trevor Armstrong, Jane Hayman, Charles Heimsath, Ron Unger, and John Volz. Also present was Sarah Goodfriend and she said she had an interest in discussing the issue of homelessness.
- II. Trevor reviewed the agenda and asked if Sarah could wait until the Government Affairs committee to discuss the homeless issue.
- III. The May PHNA meeting minutes were reviewed and approved
- IV. Officer Reports:
 - a. President Report: Trevor said that he would discuss the Picnic during the committee reports
 - b. President Elect: Jane Hayman said that she is continuing the quest to secure additional board members. She has had several conversations with people, but has not yet obtained a commitment. Jane said that she may reach out to some real estate agents that live in the neighborhood. Trevor and Ron discussed the idea of distributing “door hangers” requesting residents to join PHNA and possibly running for office.
 - c. Secretary: Charles Heimsath had no report
 - d. Treasurer: Ron Unger shared the revenues and expenses for May. Three members joined in May adding \$120 of revenue. Monthly expenses for bookkeeping and stripe totaled \$235.00. The net balance at the end of May was \$5,024.24
- V. Committee Reports:
 - a. Social Committee: Trevor provided a preliminary estimate for the picnic budget of \$4,597 based on the experiences of last year. The committee discussed and confirmed that the picnic went well last year and that the same vendors should be used again. Trevor noted that we barely have enough funds in the account to cover the cost of the picnic and that we should work to increase the operating fund balance by at least \$2,000 to provide a cushion prior to the picnic. Frank Walsh said he will help Trevor to contact the sponsors from last year to ask them to commit. Jane said that she has confirmed the October 27th picnic date with Jean Mueller. Jean Mueller said that she wanted to review the placement of the porta-potty before it is placed onsite. Charles suggested that Trevor go over the placement of various activities and equipment on a “site plan” of the lot in his discussion with Ms. Mueller.
 - b. Communications Committee: The next email blast should provide a “save the date” notice for the picnic and a reminder that the membership renewal is due by September 30.
 - c. Bylaws/Policies & Procedures: Charles said that he and Jane met and reviewed the bylaws and created a word document with changes “tracked” which he had sent to Trevor. Trevor apologized and said that he had neglected to forward it to the committee. Charles asked the committee to review the Bylaws and be prepared to discuss and potentially adopt the new bylaws at the July meeting.

- d. Environment Committee: John said that the City is putting in a 30" storm sewer line on Woodridge Drive and that the City Council is considering how to pay for the stabilization of the hillside above Shoal Creek. Apparently the recent rains are continuing to cause more erosion and the situation is becoming more critical for homeowners along the bluff. The issue of preserving the historic street tiles was discussed again and Frank noted that a grant might be available to pay for the tile restoration.
- e. Traffic & Safety Committee: No report
- f. Government Affairs Committee: Sarah Goodfriend said that the City Council is considering the repeal of the ordinances that prohibit people from sitting, laying or camping on public property. She is concerned about homeless people camping nearby in the Shoal Creek Park but she is also concerned about the lack of appropriate accommodation for homeless people by the City. A lengthy discussion ensued with several board members expressing concern for both the homeless people and the security of neighborhood residents. The issue is complex and growing as the City gets larger. The group decided that it would be very beneficial to the neighborhood to host a forum with several people invited to talk about the issue from alternative perspectives. Jane said she would check with the library to see when the community room is available in July.

There being no other business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm.