SUMMIT HILL ASSOCIATION / DISTRICT 16 PLANNING COUNCIL

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

MINUTES

Thursday, January 14, 2021, 7:00 p.m. – 9 p.m.

Virtual Zoom Meeting

See attendance at the conclusion of this document

Minutes

1. Additions to the Agenda
   • None.

2. Approval of April Meeting Minutes
   • After minor modifications regarding the names of Board members present at the November meeting, along with a reference to Book Club meetings, the meeting minutes were approved by unanimous consent.

3. Public Comment
   • No public comments.

4. Action Items
   • Garden Bank Account Transfer. Rene explained that the Garden Club is establishing a separate account to manage the Community Garden to ensure that those funds are not commingled with general SHA funds. Rene made the motion to approve this new structure; Denise seconded the motion, and the Board approved it with unanimous consent.
   • Xcel Energy IRP Letter. Alex Prince reviewed the letter that was drafted to support other District Councils in opposing Xcel Energy’s plans to build a new natural gas facility in the state. The Board discussed the facts behind the letter and Xcel’s long-term energy plans in an effort to determine if the letter was appropriate and/or necessary, given the fact that Xcel’s stated purpose behind this plant is to transfer from its coal-fired facilities and move ultimately to burning non-fossil fuels. Mary made a motion to accept and send the letter to the city, and Denise seconded the motion. The letter passed by a vote of 8 to 7.
   • PPP and Pandemic Aid Loan. Abhi and Monica explained that the SHA is pursuing a second PPP loan through Bank Cherokee (a new round of PPP loans are now available). The Board unanimously approved the motion that our accounting partner begin the paperwork needed to apply for the loan.
   • Printed newsletter. Mark reported that the 4Q 2020 newsletter was significantly delayed due to pressures on the U.S. Post Office (Concord Printing sent the newsletter to the Post Office on December 14 and has not yet been received). Mark outlined the potential positives and negatives of moving to a digital version of a newsletter vs. a printed version. The Board directed Mark to investigate different forms of mailing to determine if the newsletter could be delivered in a timelier manner.

5. Neighborhood Comp Plan Updates
   • David reported that the Neighborhood Plan committee is moving forward with plans to hire a consultant for a market analysis and that he has spoken with the Mac Groveland District Council regarding the possibility of working together. The Committee has wrapped up five listening sessions with residents, which were positively reviewed by other Board members. The resident survey is nearing completion and will be available
6. Committee Reports
   • Development
     • Katie and Mary expressed frustration with the delay in issuing the 2021 appeal letters, which were completed in the fourth quarter but did not get mailed until December and have not been delivered (again, due to mailing issues). They suggested that fundraising for 2021 will need to be more creative in order to fill the gap that the delayed appeal and the lack of a house tour will present.
   • Environment Committee
     • Along with the Xcel letter, the Environment Committee also worked to review Nancy O'Brien’s proposal to develop the area around Linwood Park. That proposal moved forward independent of the SHA.
   • Pedestrian Safety & Traffic Calming Committee: No major updates
   • Communications & Outreach
     • Mark and Denise mentioned the possibility of refreshing the SHA “brand” during 2021. The idea will be discussed in greater detail during the Board retreat. The first 2021 newsletter is in development.
   • Zoning & Land Use
     • Denise explained that there has been a lull in new projects requiring the Committee’s review.
   • Neighborhood Comprehensive Plan
     • David provided an update on the plan earlier in the meeting.
   • House Tour
     • Monica reported that the virtual holiday house tour sold enough tickets that allowed us to virtually break even. We continue to work on the virtual house tour with Ramsey Hill later this year.
   • Racial Dialogue & Action
     • Rene is working on plans to make the 2021 House Tour more inclusive to reflect the history of minority communities in the Summit Hill area. Rene also reminded the Board of the upcoming Renters Forum in January.

7. Treasurer’s Report
   • Abhi reported that preliminary budget numbers were sent to the Board. He and Monica explained that they are working on finalizing a preliminary 2021 budget, and reinforced the benefits that a PPP loan would offer due to funding uncertainties in this climate.

8. ED Report
   • Monica is going to ask Committee Chairs to do preliminary work with their committees regarding their 2021 goals before the Board retreat takes place, due to the shortened duration of that retreat.
   • The Board retreat will be held on Saturday, February 6, from 9 am to 11 am.
   • Monica is also asking the Board of Directors to review Councilmember Rebecca Noecker’s 2021 priorities – which she sent earlier – and provide any feedback.

9. President’s Report
   • Peter announced that Mike King has left the Board, and that the Bylaws Committee will need to reform and begin its work.

Meeting adjourned at 9 p.m.
Board Members and Staff in Attendance:

Peter Rhoades
Denise Aldrich
Abhi Andley
Rachael Spiegel
Monica Haas
Bridget Alan Ales
Katie Bergstrom
Jeremy Dowd
Mary Beidler Gearen
Holly Geck
Rene Meyer-Grimberg
Karrie Knutson
David Kratz
Mark Lindley
Sonja Mason
Hillary Parsons
Alex Prince
James Slegers