

Haw Creek Community Association
Board of Directors Meeting
Haw Creek Commons and via Zoom
Monday, July 7, 7 p.m.
Minutes

Attending Board Members

- Holly Arghiere
- Wyndy Bonesteel
- Patrick Gilbert
- Torin Kexel
- Barber Melton
- Susan Michael
- Georgena Millar
- Chris Pelly
- Renate Ridders
- Wayne Robbins
- Elizabeth Matthews

Absent

- Torin Kexe

Other Participants

- Bernard Arghiere
- Kelly Phillips
- Nikkia McBeth

1. Welcome and Introductions -Chris Pelly

President Chris Pelly welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked that everyone attending introduced themselves.

2. Approval of minutes from the May 5, 2020 Board of Directors meeting

The board unanimously approved the minutes. .

3. Treasurer's Report - Torin Kexel

Chris Pelly noted that Torin was away and had sent a brief update via email, saying that not much had changed since the last report, other than some new members had paid their membership fees.

4. HCCA Websites Improvements - Bernard Arghiere, Holly Arghiere, Renate Ridders

The board heard a report from a small group, consisting of Renate Ridders, Bernie Arghiere, and Holly Arghiere regarding improvements to the Haw Creek Community association website.

The group contacted the webmaster for the website, Suzanne Amelung, of Elemental Creations Inc. who analyzed the website and recommended two options for improvement:

- Option 1- \$975.00, which included reorganizing content, updating and testing software, updating information and reactivating the online newsletter.
- Option 2 - \$3,775.00, which would include creating a whole new website

Bernie, as software engineer and community resident, said he would recommend Option1 and that he would work with Ms. Amelung on the project. Renate asked board members to review the website and make further recommendations for change. The board also discussed finding a volunteer to keep the website updated.

The board unanimously voted to approve Option1.

5. Mission Statement - Holly Arghiere

Holly agreed to lead an effort to write a mission statement for the community association. She asked board members to submit suggested phrases or words that could go into a mission statement. She will then draft a mission statement and bring it back to the board. .

6. Volunteer Recruitment - Kelly Phillips

Kelly, a new association member, agreed to help with volunteer recruitment and coordination. She and the board discussed the following recommendations:

- Generate a list of volunteer needs, including any upcoming events
- Get list of current volunteers.
- Set up table at food trucks and ask for volunteers from community residents.
- Finish work on the website
- Send out a call for volunteers to match those needs
- Assign one person to check and respond to emails sent through the association website
- Find a person to handle social media--Facebook, NextDoor, etc. .

7. Membership Status Report - Torin

No report was given.

8. Community Issues Update

- Haw Creek Elementary School - Lessons Learned

Patrick gave a report on lessons learned from the Buncombe County development project to build a new school addition and a stormwater retention pond, the removal of more than 60 mature trees in the wooded area behind the School. Those were:

1. Developers are not required to notify a community or city-registered neighborhood association about development plans.
2. Under the existing UDO, citizens only have input in development decisions when

the City Council holds a public hearing on a project

The board unanimously approved a motion to support a citywide effort to make changes in the city's Unified Development Ordinance to increase citizen and community notification and input into the development approval process.

- Haw Creek Graduates Parade

Susan Michaels gave a report on the highly successful parade honoring high school graduates from the community. About 45 vehicles participated in the parade. The line of vehicles went through the parade route twice. A lot of residents came out to watch the parade.

- Haw Creek Park Encampment

The board discussed the issue of homeless people camping out in various parts of the community, including Haw Creek Park. The community resource officer pledged to have the park routinely patrol the park. Chris suggested inviting some advocates for the homeless to a communitywide meeting to discuss the issue.

9. Summer Newsletter - Chris Pelly

The board discussed articles that could be included in the summer newsletter, including;

- Food Trucks (The board discussed the success of the food truck service and how to keep it manageable.)
- Membership Appeal
- Survey on whether residents prefer a print or electronic newsletter
- Covid-19
- Parade review/photos
- Haw Creek Elementary School Addition Project
- Article on interesting residents

10. Board Vacancy -- Chris Pelly

Chris reminded the board that there is an open seat on the board that has to be filled.

11. Other Business

No other business discussed.

Adjournment