



FOREST HILL HOME OWNERS INC.

June 9th, 2021

Virtual meeting

Attending: Gretchen Mettler, Ronald Ramsey, Beryl Tishkoff, Sam Kohn, Chris Hubbert, Jacqueline Kelly, Lee Barbee, Ann Ghazy, Tom Winston, Bob Charlick, Tony Rupcic

After attempting an in person meeting that was called off due to the threat of inclement weather Gretchen called the meeting to order at 7:12.

There was one correction to the previous minutes regarding attendance. The May minutes were approved as submitted.

Treasurers report

Tony reported that FHHO was doing fine, showing a small surplus of \$1869.03 through the end of May. The bulk of the expenses so far this year are insurance, printing, utilities, and postage for the newsletter.

Separately, Tony is considering quotes from PK Wadsworth and Verne and Elsworth Hann to repair the Blue Cottage. There are two different heating solutions for the Blue Cottage, both covered by insurance.

Bylaws Committee

Chris reported that the committee sought input from residents regarding the bylaws revisions who are not also trustees. He has not had much of a response, however, one resident provided thoughtful comments, another resident provided more broad comments that seemed less relevant to the specific bylaw revision process. Chris reiterated the efforts of the committee to make appropriate sized revisions to the bylaws, focusing on membership instead of too many sweeping changes presented all at once.

Other business

Beryl reported regarding the save the Blue Cottage effort. Patty Choby of Cobalt Group Inc. was going to join Beryl and Gretchen to consider ways to restore the Blue Cottage. The meeting will be rescheduled for next week. Sam will send out a zoom link for the meeting to trustees so that all who are interested in joining to hear potential restoration ideas, no matter how preliminary they are.

Preservation

Tom reported that there are a number of applications submitted recently for fences and patios. He was heartened that the city of Cleveland Heights referred a resident to FHHO while trying to add on a patio.

Tom is experiencing some pushback from homeowners regarding the legitimacy of FHHO to review changes to their property.

Tom and Bob will be meeting with the Home Repair Resources Center (HRRC), on June 11th. Bob stated HRRC is excited to meet with FHHO to increase visibility and communication. Bob believes this will help both organizations achieve their goals. He added that efforts to help residents improve and maintain their homes through the HRRC can help address the huge wealth gap in the community and country.

Tony reported on a property on Newbury. The bank that owns the building hired an out-of-town property management company to renovate the property. The company doing the repair is being pursued by the city, because there was never a point of sale inspection on the property and there are no permits for any work to be done on the property. The bank has authorized funds to reinstall the slate roof. The company should be seeking quotes to reinstall the slate roof, but apparently, they are not moving very quickly on this.

Marketing and Communications

Ann thanked Tom again for his suggestion to make lawn signs, they are being distributed to donors presently. Sam Baxter is continuing to post meeting minutes to the website, as well as other events throughout the summer. Bob encouraged Trustees to help promote the upcoming plant exchange on Saturday, June 19.

Membership

Ron reported that the committee was working together to compile lots of goodies for new members. Lee added that Barbara was in the process of writing a letter and including 'need to know' information.

Tony has a list of new residents which he will share with the committee to get these welcome packages out to new residents. Gretchen urged the committee to get out and distribute the letters and packages.

Triangle Plot

Sam reported on recent meeting with Gretchen and 2 Blackmore residents to create a master plan for the Traffic Triangle at Forest Hills Blvd and Northvale. The team hopes to create master plan and budget so that the beautification project can be completed in phases.

Meeting adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

Sam Kohn, Secretary