



# FOREST HILL HOME OWNERS INC.

Minutes of Board of Trustees Meeting

Date: May 11, 2023, 7 pm

Blue Cottage

President Aaron Haynes called the meeting to order at 7:14 p.m. Sarah Fuller, Brad Toth and Chris Hubbert were excused. Present: Jim Havach, Donna Kolb, Fran Mentch, Jan Milic, Dru Robertson, Tony Rupcic.

Minutes from the April meeting were approved with the addition of the sentence: Fran made a motion and the Board approved that we only obtain and use information directly from Metroparks staff.

**Blue Cottage Restoration Committee.** Chair Beryl Tishkoff provided a progress report that over \$12,000 has been raised through donations and pledges thus far. Beryl encouraged donations from all members of the Board who have not yet donated. (Later in the meeting Board members asked that the minutes note that solicitations are not mandatory.) A donor list will be published in the newsletter. Solicitations were sent to businesses; received little response. The committee has applied for a CLG grant through the Ohio History Connection and will apply for other grants. An article about the Blue Cottage and request for donations was recently published in Freshwater Cleveland-an online Cleveland magazine. A suggestion was made to contact Cool Cleveland and ask if they would also be interested in doing an article on the Blue Cottage.

**Tree Canopy.** Lee Roth is filing a grant application on behalf of Forest Hill to Cuyahoga County asking for funds offered by the County and by the Federal government. These funds would be used to plant and maintain trees. Lee has volunteered to do this for the past several years and has been successful in getting monies to plant trees in the FHHO neighborhood. She is asking for a letter of support to include in the application she is filing, and the Board voted to provide one and thanked Lee for her efforts. Aaron will sign the letter on behalf of FHHO and the Board of Trustees.

**Standards Committee.** Members of the Standards Committee attended the last Cleveland Heights Architectural Board of Review meeting re: 3330 Chelsea Drive slate roof removal. The hearing was continued until the May 16<sup>th</sup> meeting. ABR asked the contractor to bring samples of suggested roofing material to the May 16<sup>th</sup> meeting to get approval at that time, as the current asphalt roofing material was unacceptable.

A home on Chelsea contacted the Standards Committee re: window replacement and a home on Seaton applied for porch tear out as a first step to constructing a new, larger porch. Both applications were approved and will move on to the ABR.

The Standards Committee attended a joint ABR and Cleveland Landmarks Commission meeting in which a Cleveland Restoration Board member, Tom Truelson, who is the owner of a roofing company, mentioned that perhaps the Cleveland Heights ABR should use the approach used in Shaker Heights.

There the ABR requires a roofing permit application to include 3 estimates and 5 photos. The Cleveland Heights Building Department is considering this and other changes to the permitting process.

**Membership Committee.** Dru reported that the committee decided to try to make contact with a new resident three times; if not successful, on the third attempt they will leave a note. They will also leave a welcome bag if the home is occupied.

**Website.** Dave Henry has been updating the website. The Board voted to approve any update, does not have to approve changes on a piecemeal basis.

**Activities Committee.** Monster garage sale. Dru reported on the final plans for those participating households. The committee has a large number of homes participating, there has been a lot of publicity and the Noble neighborhood is holding a garage sale the same day; they expect that will bring more shoppers to our area, too.

**Newsletter.** Les Jones is the FHHO newsletter editor; send articles to him.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Submitted by Fran Mentch, Secretary.