



FOREST HILL HOME OWNERS INC.

Month of August

August Reports, meeting cancelled.

Treasurers report

Tony reported that FHHO had more revenues YTD 2021 compared to 2020. He received \$13k insurance settlement money from the water leak at the Blue Cottage. After multiple quotes, the work will be: put in all electric Heat/AC (mini-splits) and remove the old boiler, pipes and radiators, fix the toilet, repair cracked walls and windows.

PK Wadsworth will do the HVAC and asbestos removal; Gordon Hay and Bryan Thomas from East Cleveland Parks Association will remove the old heating system materials; Tim Welsh will do window repair and Winston Electric will do the electrical work.

Membership

Membership Committee August, 2021 report

Sharon Leary, Ron Ramsey, Lee Barbee; Gretchen Mettler is chairing.

We have so far printed and mailed out 21 welcome letters for the 2021 buyers. The Jewish Federation paid for the mailing costs. In the envelopes is a summary copy of the Preservation Guidelines, a copy of "Welcome to Forest Hill", a contribution envelope, and if they bought in Cleveland Heights 2 pieces from Future Heights and 2 pieces from Cleveland Heights about their e-newsletters. The cost of the envelopes is \$58.00, part of my donation for this year.

We have distributed 14 Welcome bags so far. In the bags are a copy of Sharon Gregor's book, *Forest Hill: The Rockefeller Estate*. That book covers both the Rockefeller houses as well as the more "modern" part of Forest Hill. It will give every new owner a picture of the history of our neighborhood and our sense of place. So I began buying up used copies online, we now need to order from the publisher. In the gift bags in addition to the book, are old copies of newsletters, a CHUH Libraries magnet, and if they own a Rockefeller, some information about historic preservation of steel windows from the Department of Interior.

In the course of the first bag distribution, I met 2 very enthusiastic home owners: Jammie Artise at 15592 Henley and Carly Zelko at 3375 Seaton. Jammie expressed a lot of interest in being active with FHHO and the Parks Association. He is a graphics designer and has a deep interest in mid-century architecture. Carly is a 3rd grade teacher in Cleveland and would probably be a great Membership Committee member, as she loves meeting people.

Ron, Sharon and Gretchen are working on addressing letters to 2020, 2019 and some 2018 buyers. There are numerous problems to be overcome with making the Excel spreadsheet work with addressing

letters. Once the letters are printed, they will all be hand signed and sent out as the 2021 letters were with summary of Standards and other items.

Our goal is to give every new owner who gets a letter a copy of the book in a gift bag.

Preservation

Bob presented Home Repair Resource Center (HRRC) information. Bob and Sharon Leary went to HRRC and met the Executive Director. They receive federal funding from HUD. They have a Tool Library - 1000 pieces of equipment with a membership fee of \$25 a year. And they had lots of capability to serve more people. Bob proposed that FHHO can focus on two activity clusters HRRC works on: Grants and Education programs. We could work with them for them to educate FH residents

Gretchen asked if they have income caps for the grants and loans. Bob doesn't know. Gretchen also wondered if the education programs are limited to residents of participating suburbs.

Tom - this is a good tool for houses we find in deteriorating condition to give them resources

Gretchen the HRRC brochure should go in welcome letter and bag

Updating standards needs to begin.

Marketing and Communications

Ann is talking to Samantha, need to update donors; Learning website from Sam so she can take over web site management; Want to do video with a professional team about the neighborhood. Some signs are out to various parts of the neighborhood.

Last month Gretchen made sets of names to and addresses for board members to distribute signs. Jackie took a list. There have been three requests for signs after doing the thank you for our donation letter

Bob – Anyone can post on Nextdoor about how you love the neighborhood

Bylaws

No update

Social event committee

Mark reported on the Plant sale. They report a small amount of money was made. They need to Plan what to do with leftover plants when the sale is done because Gretchen had to deal with them, and she scolded NEXT time - pick up after themselves.

Plans are underway for new membership events. Gretchen suggested that they avoid Saturdays for Jackie's participation.

Litter pickup

Mark: proposed next time in two weeks; all agreed that was fine. Will schedule for a Sunday (August 1) to help include Jackie.

Other

Discussion of last night's CH historical guidelines meeting draft; lots of input from Ohio History Connection. Tony reports this is a very comprehensive document drafted so far.

Meeting adjourned at 8:43 p.m.

Mark Madland, Board Member