



FOREST HILL HOME OWNERS INC.

Minutes of Board Meeting

Date: January 11, 2023, 7 pm

Blue Cottage

Present: Ko Carten, Sarah Fuller, Jim Havach, Lisa Henry, Fred Knuckles, Fran Mentch, Jan Milic, Druscilla Roberts, Tony Rupcic, Beryl Tishkoff, Tracey Kirksey.

Excused: Brad Toth, Chris Hubbert

The meeting was called to order at about 7:05 pm by Jim Havach, Senior VP, there being a quorum present.

1. Approval of December 15, 2022 Board Meeting Minutes. Minutes were approved with minor corrections submitted by Jan.
2. Treasurer's Report for 2022. Final Report has been submitted. It is essentially the same as that submitted at Annual Meeting but includes December numbers. One of the CDs is up for renewal. Tony will investigate to find best interest rate for this CD.
3. Membership-Jan has been working with others on a one-page 2023 calendar card to send out to all residents thanking them for donating, asking them to donate this year, encouraging them to be a contact person for their street and to submit items for the newsletter.
4. Blue Cottage Restoration Committee report –Beryl. Thus far there are 43 donors who have pledged or sent in \$10,990. The publicity from the Sun Press article helped. Social media and grants will be used to bring in donations. If you participate in social media, please use it to help get the word out about the Blue Cottage and encourage people to donate. Not everyone in Forest Hill is aware of the campaign, so everyone please spread the word to friends and neighbors. Links to the FHHO website and the Sun Press article (it is available on the Cleveland.com site) can be used to explain what the campaign is all about. Beryl is talking with the Forest Hill Historic Preservation Society about their helping with the campaign, as it is a 501(c)(3) organization.
5. Preservation/Standards Committee Report – Tony gave updates on two homes on Westover that have ruts and damage to the yards due to cars being driven off the driveway and some

incidents of parking cars in the yard. This is a city violation and the residents have been ticketed by the police. There is a current issue with a roof replacement on a home on Rutherford and a longstanding open violation of standards on a home on Monticello that is owned by someone who lives out of state. The standards committee will follow-up with these and other applications.

Tony reported that Margaret Lann from the Cleveland Restoration Society is working on getting all of the tile and slate roofs in Cleveland Heights to get a landmark designation.

Nicole Blunk is a City Planner and the contact person for the Cleveland Heights Architectural Board of Review. It seems that East Cleveland does not currently have an Architectural Board of Review.

Fran reported that she asked Eric Zamft, the Planning Director for Cleveland Heights if he and other members of the Cleveland Heights staff would meet with FHHO trustees to talk about the vacant homes in Forest Hill, and how the City and FHHO could work cooperatively in maintaining standards that are both City code and FHHO standards. He informed Fran that Mayor Kahlil Seren refused to permit this meeting. Fran wrote to Mayor Seren to confirm this and received no reply from the Mayor.

6. There was discussion concerning board members serving one year or two-year terms. It was decided that the eight new trustees would all serve two-year terms; the remaining 9 trustees are serving one-year terms.
7. Election of officers for 2023 were held with the following results: Fred Knuckles is the President; Jan Milic is the Chairman of the Board; Jim Havach is Senior Vice President, Druscilla Roberts is the Vice President of Membership, Tony Rupcic is the Treasurer, Fran Mentch is the Secretary. Jan had created a list of duties of these officers and committee chairs and that list was accepted with minor changes.
8. The following are the Committee assignments:
Standards Committee Tony, Fran, Lisa, Jim, Jan. Tony is the chair. Suggestion was made to create some new informational materials for residents about standards and resources to help with home repairs.

Marketing Committee-Sarah Fuller is chair and willing to work on a new resident packet.

Save the Blue Cottage Committee. Beryl is chair. Gretchen Mettler, Tracy Kersey, Fran Mentch are members.

Garage Sale-Lisa Henry is chair. Sarah, Dru, Tracey, and Jan are on the committee.

By-Laws- Chris Hubbert is chair. Jim Havach and Gretchen Mettler are on the committee.

Newsletter Committee-We need volunteers for this committee as Sharon Leary is no longer writing the newsletter

Community Social Events-Volunteers are needed for this committee.

Brad Toth was unable to attend the meeting, so he is not assigned at this point, but he has expressed a willingness to serve on committee/committees.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:45 pm, with the next meeting being scheduled for February 9 and planned to be held at Forest Hill Church, Presbyterian.

Submitted,

Fran Mentch, Secretary.