



FOREST HILL HOME OWNERS INC.

July 8, 2020

Zoom

Attendance: Officers: Gretchen Mettler, President, Sam Kohn, Secretary, Tom Winston, Chair of Standards, Tony Rupcic, Treasurer.

Members: Tess Givens, Mark Madland, Beryl Tishkoff, Bob Charlick, Chris Hubbert

Absent:

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 by Gretchen. No one offered corrections to the minutes. The minutes were adopted as submitted.

Eda Daniels' resignation from the board was accepted. Trustees are urged to personally thank her for her service. Gretchen mentioned she will find a card and circulate it.

Treasurer's Report

Tony reported that FHHO received \$9121.86 in contributions through the end of June and are \$9121.86. There were 81 total contributors this year. This brings FHHO half way to breaking even this year, with \$9033.50 still needed. Tony was optimistic about meeting the financial goal this year that with two more mailings scheduled for this year. He also suggested FHHO a targeted email to folks who haven't given yet this year but have given in the past. Currently, FHHO has about \$37,000 in its account.

Survey Committee

Sam reported on the work the survey committee has done so far and the principles informing what information we hope to collect from the residents.

The committee has multiple versions and thoughts about how to proceed, and is still in the process of drafting the final form. After much discussion with the board, the committee agreed to meet again, hopefully before Monday, July 13 to construct a form that is easy to use, and will also elicit opinions and generate useful information for FHHO for the final draft.

Bylaws:

Chris reported that additional language went out to the committee, but they both missed that email. Therefore their comments are delayed for technical reasons. The final portion of what they allocated time for this year is the voting process during the AGM. The committee hopes to address this issue after

working through some other logistics. Chris explained that these aren't exciting revisions, but they can effectively address the specific process of limitations of bylaws in the past.

Speaking on the current pandemic conditions, Chris anticipates allowing an electronic annual meeting. This can be allowed by the Ohio Revised Code because it is not specifically prohibited. Chris hopes to flesh out the FHHO bylaws in greater detail in order to clarify these specific issues rather than referring people to the ORC. A fuller report will be coming next month.

Fundraising

Beryl reported that 20 FHHO shirts have been sold so far, and with the sale of 3 more, FHHO will break even on the purchase of the original 50 shirts. She thinks that the newsletter played a significant role in selling the first 20 shirts and hoped that another blurb in next newsletter would be published to highlight FHHO's new merchandise. Beryl said that Paypal is easiest way to order the shirts, and she even offers same day delivery!

Social media

Tess reported that she still has not heard back from whoever has login information for FHHO's facebook page, so she has been delaying on establishing an Instagram page. She proposed transitioning to other social media platforms especially if the Facebook information is not retrievable. Chris responded by saying that the FHHO website is strong and perhaps a better integrated social media presence that connects users to the website could more effectively communicate with residents and prospective buyers while staying away from Nextdoor. Gretchen tasked Tess with establishing an Instagram presence and said she would work with Samantha Baxter to link it to the web page.

Preservation

Tom reported that the vineyard on Cleviden road is gone, but there is still a big deep hole in the property yard. Tom is contacting the city of East Cleveland to try to get an inspection. Tom continued by stating the vinyl siding on a Westover home looks fine and that an extensive expensive window job on Bolton was underway. Tony stated that a resident on Brewster wants to put up a metal roof but it has not yet been approved because the homeowner hasn't decided on the specific product.

Members discussed the sidewalk on Lee rd across from the swimming club which is piled high with yard refuse. There has been no action yet to clean up the mess, Sharon Leary is helping to address that because it is a city of Cleveland Heights issue. Cleveland Heights has been working with a skeleton crew so that could be a contributing factor on why the waste has not yet been collected. Gretchen reminded the board that the application "Access Cleveland Heights" is an effective tool to get city action. She added that the More residents complain about a specific issue, the more likely the city will address the issue.

Members also discussed a home on Burlington that has a lawn that is often unmowed. Those Homeowners are now hiring service for the future.

Tony concluded by saying the chimney on a Forest Hills Blvd house has been restored, and a house on

Hereford that been properly restored after the developer tried to put up faux stone siding was pending for \$215,000.

Other business

Mark reported that invites via evite were sent for the July 18 neighborhood clean-up. He has received 11 confirmations so far and is hopping to have enough participants to accomplish a reasonable amount of work.

Gretchen reported that she has not been able to find a structural engineer to assess the Blue Cottage yet, and continued by bringing up the topic of FHHO's 70th anniversary. Gretchen explained that this is currently a small sign hanging from the lamppost and the Blue Cottage. Beryl suggested The Board could look into getting more prominent signage to celebrate FHHO. Mark agreed stating that it could positively improve our sense of community. Chris added that Burlington Rd has a considerable amount of pass through traffic and some signage there would be visible as well. Gretchen appointed a small committee of Chris, Mark and Beryl to further investigate signage, hopefully before year's end.

Gretchen continued by explaining a unique pandemic-friendly social activity that was organized on Brewster for The Board to consider replicating throughout the neighborhood. Brewster residents organized a street stroll to meet neighbors and admire front yards. Residents stayed safely distanced while reconnecting or perhaps meeting for the first time. The Board agreed that this would be a great activity.

New Business

Gretchen announced that she had just thought of doing brief oral histories of long time FHHO residents. Tony recalled 50th anniversary newsletter had oral histories of long-time residents 20 years ago. Chris stated that new and old oral histories could be combined in an updated project and that some old oral histories may be housed at CSU.

On separate note, ECPA asked the community for help after a marimba in the park was vandalized. Mark confirmed It cost \$500 to replace the parts that were vandalized and that perhaps FHHO could contribute to help restore it. Mark proposed to reach out to ECPA and use FHHO monies to make up difference of what they still need to replace parts, up to \$500 dollars. The board agreed unanimously to move forward on that item.

Before concluding, Mark proposed we talk about history and race in next meeting that have been discussed via email.

Addendum, Tony remembered that FHHO had promised ECPA \$450 at the last annual meeting payable when they needed it. Tony will give that money to ECPA, and if they want, they can apply towards the repairs.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50

Sam Kohn, Secretary