



FOREST HILL HOME OWNERS INC.

Minutes of Board of Trustees Meeting

Date: July 13, 2023, 7 pm

Forest Hill, Presbyterian.

President Aaron Haynes called the meeting to order at 7:11 p.m. Brad Toth, Sarah Fuller were excused. Donna Kolb and Chris Hubbert attended by phone. Present: Jim Havach, Tracey Kirksey, Fran Mentch, Jan Milic, Dru Robertson, Tony Rupcic. Les Jones and Ron Devito also attended.

Minutes from the June meeting were corrected and approved.

New Business.

- 1. Newsletter.** Les Jones spoke about the newsletter, presented a production timeline (please see attached) for the September newsletter, including suggested articles (about donors, Monster Garage Sale, roof replacements, home improvement update) to be included in the newsletter. All content due August 15th. Send content to Les Jones. Efforts will be made to send out future newsletters via email to save FHHO money. However, people who have stopped sending donations will be sent a paper version. Goal is to pare down the address list and send as many newsletters as possible via email in time for the election newsletter.
- 2. Ron DeVito.** He thanked FHHO for approving his new roof. He lives on Chelsea and Forest Hill Blvd and is very concerned about speeding along Forest Hill Blvd between Chelsea and Mayfield. A discussion ensued about this, about people's erroneous perception that Forest Hill Blvd is a 4-lane road, about littering, noise, long grass on Forest Hill Blvd and the camper at Monticello and Forest Hill Blvd. Ron also reported that a neighbor had the window broken out on his Hyundai. The suggestion was made that we attend the Meet the Police Night and bring up these issues. Suggestion was also made that we attend City Council meetings en masse to bring up some of these issues. A suggestion was also made to put an article in the September FHHO newsletter.
- 3. Senior Services.** Jan Milic agreed to be a point person for seniors in Forest Hill to help them meet their needs and be able to stay in their homes. She states that Village on the Heights is one such program she is knowledgeable about.

Old Business.

- 4. Blue Cottage.** Aaron stated we need to decide what we want to use the Blue Cottage for. More information about the plans for the Cottage may increase interest and support for the building and understanding of its historic importance. We have to work on this and get the community engaged with each other. Branding and marketing are needed, including an events calendar. Years ago a potluck was held there very successfully; we should try this again. It has also been

used for a Halloween carving contest. Maybe use it for a photo with Santa fundraiser? Blue Cottage Restoration Committee also plans to hold another garage sale event.

5. **Forest Hill Metropark.** There will be a Family Fun Day activity with Metroparks on July 23 and August 19th from 12-4 pm.
6. **Landmark Commission.** Chris provided an update on the process to landmark our neighborhoods. At this point Chris is gathering the data required for the application.
7. **Sidewalk Repair.** Motion was made and carried that Howard Maier is the point person for FHHO to speak with contractors about pricing repairs on the sidewalks in the neighborhood. There are various methods of correcting violations and Howard will speak with various contractors. Jim is going to work with the city of Cleveland Heights to get a list of homes in FHHO that have been cited for sidewalk violations. Howard can use that list to present to contractors.
8. **Sandstone sidewalk at Blue Cottage** A new gas line was put in along Lee Rd, and some of the Blue Cottage sandstone sidewalk blocks were removed and replaced with concrete. Jim has been working on this and was told the project was a Dominion Gas Project. He was also told that the sandstone was all already cracked. We checked on Google Earth and determined that was not the case. Jim will follow up.
9. **Marketing.** Facebook and Instagram are now connected to our website. Aaron will follow up with Brad about sending out announcements about the Metroparks Free and Fun Family Days. We should check on coordinating with the Park.
10. **Standards.** The letter from Jeff Dross, president of the Forest Hill Historic Preservation Organization, to the City of Cleveland Heights was signed by Aaron on behalf of FHHO. It supports our efforts to preserve the historic roofs. There was a request for fencing at 2240 Newbury. The zoning issue involving the "Sober House" at the corner of Forest Hill and Seaton is ongoing. Fran contacted the city about the "form" needed to file a complaint about a zoning violation. No response yet.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Submitted by Fran Mentch, Secretary.