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Historic Brewers Hill Association (HBHA)
Minutes of the Annual Neighborhood Meeting
March 31, 2015

I. Call to Order

Mr. Jenkins called the meeting to order at 7:30PM.

II. Intro from President

Mr. Jenkins welcomed residents to the second neighborhood meeting of 2015. He introduced the Board of Directors (BOD) who were present, along with Officer Lori Lammers from MPD District 5.

III. Treasurer / Membership Update

Ms. Mambu-Rasch gave the treasurers report, stating the general account has \$3,963.98 and the fundraising account has \$15,787.96. As of March 28, the HBHA had a total of 50 members with 25 new members added during the month of March.

IV. Initiatives of Board of Directors

a. Membership Growth

Ms. Mambu-Rasch presented the benefits of what the HBHA can provide members, such as the association hosting a wide variety of social events and activities and acting as a voice for the neighborhood in relation to City and County matters. She encouraged everyone to reach out to neighbors and encourage them to join.

b. Committees

Ms. Mambu-Rasch distributed the 2015 HBHA Committees to the meeting attendees. She described the four committees - Partnerships, Economic Development, Neighborhood Awareness, and Safety - and the chairs and co-chairs of each committee. She invited those interested in volunteering for a committee to sign-up tonight, or contact her via email.

V. Updates

a. Gateway Signage

Ms. Nowak presented the status of the Gateway Signage Project, stating the Request for Proposals will go out to five firms on April 1st. As stated on the RFP, she provided the upcoming timeline for Phase I:

Request for Proposals: 4/1/2015, Wednesday
Questions Due: 4/10/2015, Friday
Submittal Deadline 4/24/2015, Friday (5:00 pm central standard)
Sign Committee Review/recommend – Week of 4/27
Special HBHA Meeting 5/7/2015, Special Board Meeting to follow – 5/7

Selection (Official Notice to successful bidder)	5/8/2015, Friday
Contract Award	5/25/2015, Monday
Neighborhood Mtg.	5/26/2015, Tuesday (Attendance & Presentation by the winning proposer may be required)
Groundbreaking	6/1/2015, Monday (tentative)

She also explained fundraising for Phase II & III will begin in the future, with the Sign Committee deciding to raise at least \$50,000.

b. Events/Calendar

Mr. Jenkins distributed the 2015 Calendar of Events. He reviewed the events as followed:

Membership Meetings

March 31st, May 26th, September 29th, November 24th

Social Events

Winter Bash, March 7th at The Brown Bottle

Easter Egg Hunt, March 28th

Neighborhood Spring Clean-Up, May 2nd

Urban Safari Tour, May 23rd

Brewers Game, June 13th or 14th / July 7th or 8th (tentative)

Patio Round Robin, August 8th

Neighborhood Block Party, September 12th

Doors Open, September 19th

Neighborhood Halloween Trick or Treat, October 31st

c. Website

Mr. Jenkins provided an update on the HBHA website. After examining several alternatives, the Board of Directors decided to pursue only a public-only page. Mr. Jenkins gave the web address, www.historicbrewershills.com, and encouraged neighbors to check it out.

d. John McGivern

Mr. Jenkins presented that Milwaukee Public Television's Around the Corner with John McGivern is featuring Historic Brewers Hill in 2016. The show is working with the HBHA for residents that live, work, and play in Historic Brewers Hill and the Beerline. He stated that more details will be forthcoming to the neighborhood in the coming months.

6. Street Calming Presentation, Ryan Shortridge

Mr. Shortridge, resident of Historic Brewers Hill, presented ideas for neighborhood street calming measures. He distributed a handout with a variety of options and a way to study these options comprehensively, throughout the neighborhood, is to enlist Community Design Solutions. Several members provided history of what street calming measures had been

previously implemented in the neighborhood. The overall response to Mr. Shortridge's presentation was positive and encouraged to send this idea to a committee for further review.

7. Victory Garden Initiative Presentation

Ms. Alysse Gear, Development and Administrator Coordinator, for Victory Garden Initiative (VGI) presented on behalf of Executive Director, Gretchen Mead. She explained the history and mission of VGI, and the activities the organizations sponsors including the Victory Garden Blitz, Fruitty Nutty Contest, Concordia Gardens Farmstand, and a variety of youth educational and programming activities. For more information on VGI, Ms. Gear referred to their website, www.VictoryGardenInitiative.org.

8. Adjourn

Ms. Mambu-Rasch concluded the meeting with a reminder of the May 2nd neighborhood spring cleanup. Ms. Janczak added the patio round robin will be in August and if anyone is interested in hosting to contact her. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Molly Booth
HBHA Secretary