## Minutes of Meeting of Board of Directors

of

# Fox Chase Boulevard Median Foundation, INC February 18, 2017

The board of directors of Fox Chase Boulevard Median Foundation, INC held an annual meeting on February 18, 2017, at 10:00AM at the home of Bob Walters.

The following directors, constituting a quorum of the full board, were present at the meeting:

Robert Walters

Chris Naese

**Todd Henning** 

The following directors were absent:

None

Chairpersons absent:

Lynne Hepler – Communications

## **Treasurer Report**

Todd presented a financial review and reports:

- Foundation cash is \$14596.48 at the date of the meeting. A small increase from the value a year prior of \$14246.79.
- \$2000 will be allocated to Tree Grove fund again for the year 2017. This will bring the fund to \$6000.
- Final 2016 year-end donations from individuals was \$8321. 2015 year-end total was nearly identical at \$8385.
- One directed donation in 2016 of \$300.
- Median in maintenance mode. Donation level adequate to cover normal median maintenance. Enough reserves are available to cover increases in funding for watering, removal or other contingencies.
- Budget adjustments from previous year include:
  - o Mulch is removed for 2017. Needed every other year.
  - o Aintree contribution reduced to \$1500
  - o Tree pruning increased to \$1500
  - o All other budget items similar to 2016 expenses. Sitarz quote for 2017 was exactly the same as 2016 for maintenance.

## **Ongoing Business**

The 2017 budget was reviewed and approved by the board.

The Minutes of the September 2016 board meeting were reviewed and accepted as written.

### Tree Pruning:

- Hawthorns and larger trees need better pruning (especially up high) than the city can do.
- Bob will contact the city to get approval
- Bob will get quotes from Kramer Tree and McLaughlin Arboricultural

## Replacements this year:

• None Planned

#### **Directed Donation Status:**

- Moving forward with Tree Planting
- 3" Oak was selected and City has approved
- Paid extra to get a larger tree
- Will be planted in Spring

#### Planting East of Entry Gate (Dunham)

- Plantings need to be higher quality
- This area maintained by City so foundation will explore playing a role in planning
- Coordinated effort by City, Foundation and Aintree
- Funds expended to improve if necessary

#### Brush dumping:

- Using a more aggressive approach to increase awareness
- Contacting the City with each event
- Noting repeat offenders
- Not engaging homeowners directly
- Foundation feels we are making progress at lowing the frequency of dumping violation

#### Meeting with city:

- Bob will set up to keep a dialog going on foundation issues
- Interface with new city managers

#### **Donation Letter:**

- Will ask Lynne to draft letter, last year's letter was very good
- Topics in letter:
  - o Median in Maintenance mode
  - o Will ask for \$25 again this year
  - o Progress with Brush violations
  - o Tree pruning this year
  - o Holiday Wreaths
  - o Front entrance improvements
  - o Foundation responsive to Directed Donations

#### Governance

#### **Election of Officers**

Election of President: Bob Walters nominated, seconded, no further nominations, vote called, elected unanimously.

Election of Secretary / Treasurer: Todd Henning nominated, seconded, no further nominations, vote called, elected unanimously.

Dated: Sept 9, 2017

Signature

Todd Henning, Treasurer / Secretary