

**Minutes of Meeting of Board of Directors**  
**of**  
**Fox Chase Boulevard Median Foundation, INC**  
**September 14, 2015**

The board of directors of Fox Chase Boulevard Median Foundation, INC held an annual meeting on September 14th, 2015, at 7:00 PM at 2014 Bridle Court.

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 recognized (present):

Lynne Hepler – Communications

### **Election of Officers**

Connie Thullen retired from her position as President of the board.

Election of President: Robert 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.

### **Treasurer Report**

Todd presented a financial review and reports. Highlights:

- Foundation cash is \$15422.88
- \$2000 has been allocated to Tree Grove fund. This fund has been established for future expenditures to replace groupings of trees in the median.
- Donations from individuals similar to last year

- Donation from Aintree in the works per Chris
- Expenses trending lower than previous years

## **Fundraising Status**

Bob presented update on fundraising. Highlights:

- 163 Donors. \$7400.
- More donors than previous years but less per donor. Approximately 20 – 25% of the homeowners donating.
- Nothing from Townes of Fox Chase yet. Last year \$375.
- Chris mentioned the challenge of outreach to new homeowners who may not know history or have a routine of donating

## **Ongoing Business**

Replacements/Improvements at front entrance:

- Roses and Petunias need to be replaced
- Something low and colorful desired
- Chris will talk to Jeff for recommendations

Chris mentioned that sightline may be an issue at The Highgate entrance

Chris mentioned that Sitarz did a good job with the removal of branches on the crabapples

Bob mentioned that mulch will not be needed this year

Chris proposed establishing a budget for proper pruning of established trees:

- Previous pruning was not done properly. Not done in many years.
- In keeping with the foundation moving into more of a maintenance role for the median
- Considering McLoughlin Arboricultural Services (Jason) to do work. Both Chris and Todd independently had heard good things about the company.
- Will move on this in the Spring
- Bob will notify the city to get authorization to prune city trees

Christmas Wreaths:

- Homeowner feedback noticed no wreaths last year during holidays
- 3 needed for Dunham entrance. Get from Boy scout troop – Ann Hyler

- Chris will measure for correct size and coordinate to not duplicate wreath purchases with others

#### City Lighting at Dunham entrance:

- Homeowner previously mentioned the lack of light here makes median curb hard to see when driving and turning into subdivision
- Chris contacted city. City will probably not agree to additional lighting.
- Chris thinks that modifying the existing lighting may be sufficient to improve lighting as the fixture seems dimmer than surrounding lights
- Chris will investigate more and contact city

#### Discussions with City:

- No response from meeting earlier in the year on the topic of grove replacement
- City may not think proactive grove replacement is within its mandate to maintain the trees in the median. They will only remove / replace dead trees.
- Plan will be to continue to mention helping with the grove replacement project during meetings with the city. When time comes to implement grove replacement we will try and get assistance.
- Lynne mentioned the brush waste issue has gotten better lately. City has been more responsive to one time requests to remedy brush piles left after pickup times.

#### Promoting Foundation progress:

- Lynne mentioned that we should be taking pictures of some of the nicer areas of the median to promote what we have accomplished in the median
- It was proposed that we could do a before and after comparison
- This could be a way to drive awareness with new homeowners and increase donations
- Put pictures in Thank You letter

## **Governance**

As required in the Bylaws, a Conflict of Interest Statement was signed by all board members. This was required due to the new board member.

Bob requested from Todd digital copies of signed minutes and IL Secretary of State Report for use on the foundation website to ensure transparency to the community.

Review of the budget will be done in the Spring.

There being no further business, upon a motion made and carried, the meeting was adjourned.

Dated: 9/22/15

  
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Signature

Todd Henning, Treasurer / Secretary