# Minutes of Meeting of Board of Directors

of

# Fox Chase Boulevard Median Foundation, INC March 13, 2018

The board of directors of Fox Chase Boulevard Median Foundation, INC held an annual meeting on March 13, 2018, at 6:30PM 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 (via phone conference)

**Todd Henning** 

Chairpersons Present:

Lynne Hepler – Communications

The following directors were absent:

None

Chairpersons absent:

None

# **Treasurer Report**

Todd presented a financial review and reports:

- Foundation cash is \$15806.20 at the date of the meeting. A small increase from the cash a year prior.
- No additional funds to Tree Grove fund. Gove fund reserve is \$6000.
- More donors in 2017 than any other year. Total inflow slightly down from previous year.
- Median continues in maintenance mode. Inflows cover maintenance while maintaining reserves for contingencies.
- Budget adjustments from previous year include:
  - o 2018 will be a Mulch year. Allocate \$1500 for Mulch Labor. Anticipating free mulch from the City but may need upgraded mulch for Aintree Hill
  - o Aintree Contribution remains at \$1500
  - o Adjust Landscape Removal or Replacement from \$2000 to \$1500

o All other budget items remain the same as 2017

The 2018 budget was reviewed and approved by the board.

The Minutes of the September 2017 board meeting were reviewed and accepted as written.

# **Ongoing Business**

## Tree Grove Fund

- Discussed the idea of applying the tree fund to replace tree groves
- Foundation will wait for event that damages trees to trigger replacement of a grove

#### Aintree Coordination

- Chris mentioned that he is leaving the Aintree Board
- Aintree will be outsourcing management of the HOA
- Foundation realized it will be important to educate the new management team on the benefits of coordination between the two organizations
- Important to institutionalize the Aintree annual donation

## Outreach efforts

- Bob will do some research to track homeowners who are new to the area and the best way to reach them
- Bob will consider being more aggressive with follow on contact for prior year donors who have not year donated in the current year
- Lynne mentioned it may be beneficial to follow up on the success of the Foundation with local papers or The Den. The focus would be the close coordination with the City with an emphasis on the median before and after our efforts.
- Lynne recommended that Bob include one of our old articles in the next solicitation

#### **Donation Letter**

- Lynne to draft letter
- Will include old article but may need release to reprint from Kane County Chronical

- Topics in letter:
  - o 190 residences contributing to foundation (30 40 %)
  - o Foundation and Aintree role in holiday decorations
  - o Aintree work to refurbish the road signs

# Lighting and Horse statue

- Chris recently repaired the lights at the Dunham after breaker tripped due to flooding
- The upplight at the Horse statue is also broken and may be flooded. Chris will investigate
- A QR code has been placed at the horse statue with a link to internet information on statue. Unsightly addition to the statue area.

## **Landscaping Plans**

- No immediate plans
- Will see what emerges this Spring and evaluate
- Will follow up with Sitarz on plans to move grasses to enhance roadside visibility
- Spring is when grasses can be replanted
- Sitarz will fertilize and weed kill on north side of median again this year
- Sitarz will keep same rate this year

## Mulch

- Will be done in 2018 and added to budget
- Aintree Hill may need upgraded mulch that will not wash off in rains

## Tree Trimming

- Bob will get quote for professional services
- Maybe better rate in Winter

#### Governance

#### **Election of Officers**

Election of Vice President: Chris Naese nominated, seconded, no further nominations, vote called, elected unanimously.

Dated:

1/28/2017

Signature

Todd Henning, Treasurer / Secretary