

**Minutes of Meeting of Board of Directors**  
**of**  
**Fox Chase Boulevard Median Foundation, INC**  
**September 26th, 2018**

The board of directors of Fox Chase Boulevard Median Foundation, INC held an annual meeting on September 26th, 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

Todd Henning

Lynne Hepler (Nominated and Elected at meeting)

Chairpersons Present:

None

The following directors were absent:

None

Chairpersons absent:

None

**Governance**

**Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting**

The Minutes of the March 2018 board meeting were emailed to the board prior to the meeting. A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes as written. A vote was taken and the minutes were accepted as written.

**Filling of Vacancy – Vice President**

On May 19<sup>th</sup>, Chris Naese submitted his resignation from the Board. Chris accepted employment in Florida and was in the process of moving his family to Florida. The board accepted his resignation.

Chris was instrumental in creating the Median Foundation and invaluable in overseeing the landscaping over the last 8 years. His efforts will be missed but the Board wishes him well in his new endeavors.

Lynne Hepler was selected to replace Chris as Vice-President. Lynne has worked tirelessly in furthering the interests of the Foundation through her talents in crafting letters and a PR presence in the community. She will be an excellent addition to the Board.

Election of Vice President (to fill Vacancy): Lynne Hepler was nominated, seconded, no further nominations, vote called, elected unanimously.

### **Treasurer Report**

Todd presented a financial review and reports:

- Foundation cash is \$12061.90 at the date of the meeting. An \$820 increase from a year prior.
- No additional funds to Tree Grove fund. Gove fund reserve is \$6000.
- Currently on pace with expenditures compared to previous years. Foundation has some modest expenses yet to go for the year in mulch and trimming with Sitarz. No income from Contributions on the books yet this year as fundraising has just begun.
- Median continues in maintenance mode. Inflows cover maintenance while maintaining reserves for contingencies.

### **Ongoing Business**

#### **2018 Fundraising Status**

- So far in 2018, we have received \$2,730 from 66 donors, this includes a directed donation of \$325 we received in May and another donation of \$100 in February.
- Our goal is to exceed 200 donors this year and raise \$7,800 in donations (excluding Aintree Community Association contribution)
- 660 Letters sent
- Bob will send an email follow up to previous donors who have not contributed
- Bob will put out the signs in mid-October
- Not many comments from donors so far
  - One comment to add personal comments to letters, actual signatures
  - One nice Thank You from new resident
- Contacted Townes of Fox Chase separately
- Board discussed Aintree HOA participation issues

- Aintree Board has changed
- Board has not responded to numerous attempts at outreach
  - We are unsure if new Board is aware of the history of our close working relationship
- Aintree has generously provided contributions in past years of \$2000
- Bob will draft a letter to request a donation of \$1500 for current year

### **Landscaping Plans**

- Two trees at entrance to be replaced by City
  - Serviceberry or Dogwood are currently the multi-stem options
  - Will wait until spring to see if selection changes from city
  - Replace the trees in the same location
- Directed donation in May of \$325 for another tree
  - It was noted there is not much room left for trees in the median
  - One option is to add a smaller multi-stem near an existing grove at the entrance. Will confer with Sitarz for other ideas.
  - Another option is to use the funds to increase the size of the multi-stem trees that will be replaced by the city. Will need feedback from donor to see if that is ok.
- Move black-eyed susan perennials from Highgate/Southgate entrance island
  - Bob will ask Sitarz to move this fall
- Tree/large shrub trimming by Sitarz this fall
  - It was noted it has been a hard year for trees, wet then dry summer
  - Trimming will take out dead branches, trim back the pines at the front entrance, and open up some of the younger trees
- Mulch from city has been mostly completed

### **Brush Dumping update**

- Increased response from the city appears to be working
  - Letters and personal visits by City

### **Holiday Wreaths**


- Holiday wreaths will be ordered from Boy Scout Troop 13
  - 3 wreaths at Dunham Rd entrance provided by Median Foundation
  - Bob will coordinate order with Aintree Community Association, install wreaths on Nov 23 and remove first week of Jan

### **Fall 2018 Press Release**

- Foundation will send out a press release to remind residents of the work we do and the history of the median
  - Lynne is still waiting on confirmation of quote from Jeremy at the City
  - Will send to Daily Harold, Kane County Chronicle, Kane County Connects, St Charles Den, and perhaps others.

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

Dated: 2/26/19

  
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Signature

Todd Henning, Treasurer / Secretary