

HILLTOP NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION- MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 05/09/2023

Board Member Attendees:

In Person: Sandi Berenbaum, Bill Bonebrake, Lon Breslow, Andrea Dikeou, Larry Donovan, Tom Hart, Graham Kaltenbach, Carol Kleiner, Mary Morissette, Steven Paletz, Joe Reece, Clay Sparks, and Andy Walvoord

Zoom: Not Available

Absent: Kelly Armento, Richard Ayres, Marisa Echaniz, Ann Hofmeister, Mike Hughes, Josie Ostrander, Steve Segal, Ann Spoor, and Melissa Thomas

Resident Guests: Mike Atkins

Meeting called to order at 6:04PM

- I. Intro by President
- II. Private Security- Discussion around association's involvement and whether the board support or stay neutral on the concept of private security. Thoughts shared around reasons to stay neutral, and thoughts shared around supporting private security for the neighborhood. Elizabeth Benson, organizer of researching the private security company, compiled a list asking the Association for support on the following and emailed it to Steven Paletz: 1. Supporting the logistics of setting up a separate legal entity. 2. Leveraging the association for communications around private security.
 - a. Regarding Elizabeth Benson's ask of supporting the logistics of setting up a separate legal entity, Steve Paletz moves that the board declines to A. create a separate legal entity to contract with a security company and B. declines to directly contract with a security company for the purpose of neighborhood patrol. Tom Hart Seconds. Motion carries unanimously.
 - b. Regarding the ask of leveraging the communications around private security, Lon Breslow moves that the board proposes to establish a limited purposed committee to meet with the group led by Elizabeth Benson to determine if and how we can constructively collaborate to improve safety in the neighborhood. Clay Sparks seconds. Thirteen votes "yes" and two votes "no". Motion is approved. The Board representatives in this limited purposed committee will be Andy Walvoord, Marisa Echaniz and Graham Kaltenbach and will work with Elizabeth Benson.
- III. Finance- Updates from Treasurer that certificate of deposit was created at US Bank. The change of bank allows interest to be earned without bank fees. Treasurer's report has been sent out to the Board.
- IV. Events- Update from committee member on movie night dates and times. What has typically been the Association's July picnic event has been changed to a concert on August 5th featuring the Denver Municipal Band. Estimating 500 people at the event. There is difficulty getting sponsors for movie nights due to cost. Suggestion was made to lower the amount to get more sponsorship and have the Association cover the rest. The board will have to approve the amount needed to cover the difference over a vote conducted via email.
- V. Zoning- Updates on 128 Eudora St (application with the BOA was approved), VA land, and ADU at 79 S. Albion St (the application for a rezoning will be heard at the Denver Planning board meeting on the 17th). Pending support from the neighbors, we would

support the application with the caveat that this support does not indicate our support to rezone the entire neighborhood. Amanda Sawyer's survey conducted in the Montclair Neighborhood resulted in not rezoning Montclair to allow for ADUs.

- VI. Communications- Due to a recent hack of website and social media platform, Jeremy Tilden, tech consultant helping us with the new website, suggested switching over to the new site. The skeleton of new site is created and all that is left is adding content. Carol Kleiner moves to switch over the website as soon as it is ready to do so. Andy Walvoord seconds. Unanimous approval.
- VII. Safety- Another neighborhood watch meeting will be planned for June or July. More details will be provided when date is set.
- VIII. Membership- A change in the website provider will require members to sign up or re-register on the new site. This includes those with auto renewal and with expiring memberships. Due to this ongoing, manual transfers of existing memberships, the membership drive will take place after the new website goes live.

Meeting adjourned at 8:07 PM.

Respectfully Submitted by Carol Kleiner