

ASSOCIATION UPDATE

Neighbors,

It has been a busy month in the neighborhood. As you may know, there was a break-in at Antfarm (the art studios in the old factory on DuPont Circle) plus there was an arrest for someone shooting off a gun.

Also, many neighbors attended the meeting for the 20-story zoning change being requested for the northwest corner of Boylan and Hargett. It was a very lively meeting.

These issues will be on the agenda for our next Association meeting on Tuesday Feb 21st.

Officer Blake DiCello will be at the meeting with information on the two incidents we've experienced this past month.

We have asked Hannah Reckhow from the city's planning department to attend and explain the zoning change process. One of the main concerns that arose at the zoning change meeting was trying to understand how the zoning can be for 7 stories with a later guidance saying 12 stories would be acceptable suddenly change into 20 stories. We have also asked Hannah to address the process of adding conditions to zoning changes. And if we have time maybe a few other zoning related questions.

Hope to see you Tuesday.

Don Davis — BHNA President

BH SUMMER CAMP

Carlie Huberman is helping to organize the 2 day FREE neighborhood summer camp over a weekend this summer. The camp will be from 10:30am - 2:30pm on a Saturday and Sunday!

In order to pull this off again there will need to be A LOT of help from the parents and other neighbors who want to get involved!

Carlie has sent out a doodle poll to pick which dates work best. If you are interested in helping out please contact Carlie Huberman at Carlie@huberman.org.

Please be involved!

CALLING ALL JOURNALISTS

Was "All The President's Men" an early influence on your life? Did "The Front Page" or maybe "His Gal Friday" instill in you the romance of journalism? Then we have an opportunity for you: we are in need of a new editor for this very newsletter. It takes just an hour or so a month. You can edit from home, and you don't have to write any articles unless you want. You just have to fit it all together to send to the neighborhood. This would be a great service to Boylan Heights. If you are interested let me or Susan Thompson know. donaldmdavis@bellsouth.net or susanethompson@gmail.com

COME JOIN THE BOYLAN HEIGHTS ARCHIVES COMMITTEE

Are you interested in the history of Boylan Heights neighborhood? If so, we have an opportunity for you. Come join the Boylan Heights Archives Committee. Our mission is to learn and document the history of Boylan Heights. If you wish to know more, please contact Sabrina Percher, sabrina.percher@gmail.com.

BIKE BROKEN?

You know you want to get on that old bike and tool around the neighborhood and beyond! Flat tires, gears don't shift, brakes need adjustment, wheel bent... need a tune-up? You pay for parts, labor is no cost.

Contact Dan Dunbar
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HISTORY HEIGHTS

Mike Motsinger, Lyman Collins, and I had the pleasure of meeting with two former residents of BH. George Hall lived in the neighborhood from his birth in 1939 through the early sixties. Rachel Gulley Stroud and her family moved to W. South St in 1937 and lived there through the early sixties. Her family lived in Mike's house during that time. Rachel and George told us many stories, but I thought this one was fun: There was a young guy who lived at 617 S Boylan who liked to lift weights in the front yard. The women who rented rooms next door were apparently very interested in weightlifting too. At least that was the supposition from how intently they watched him working out.

BOYLAN HEIGHTS NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

Tuesday, January 17 · 7:00 – 8:00pm

I. Welcome and Meet Your Neighbors: Don Davis (President), Mike Motsinger (Vice President), Margaret McEndarfer (Treasurer), Amy Marschall (Secretary), Melissa Bailey (Past President), Lyman Collins, Peter Gabor (Bloomsbury), Carol Gabor (Bloomsbury), Corny Motsinger, Frank Haynes, Daniel Baum, Rob Allen, Chad Wilkins, Anna Smith, Jay Spain, Carlie Huberman, Ethan Hyman, Elizabeth Hofelt (Bloomsbury), Sally Causey Bloom

II. Approval of Agenda and Minutes: Both approved, with a change in the order of topics on the agenda to accommodate the visitors from Bloomsbury.

III. Police Report: Officer Blake DiCillo (RPD) was not at the meeting, but he reported to Mike Motsinger. Crime remains low in BH. There has been one burglary, but he didn't provide details. He is following up on traffic concerns. He would like input from us: are there particular intersections or parts of the day that need to be monitored? If you have comments, please let him know. Cell: 919-306-3465. Email: blake.dicello@raleighnc.gov. Thursday, March 30 - Sunday, April 2 are the dates for Dreamville, 2023. These dates include one for set up and one for tear down. The event is April 1-2. Parking might be challenging for neighbors, but many expressed positive memories of the event. Mike suggests that the biggest concern is that driveways will be blocked and we can help by blocking our own. That would leave more spots, too.

IV. Financial Report: Margaret gives the financial report. There are more expenses from Art Walk that will show up later. We have not had a fundraiser, as we have in the past, in order to give to local charities. We'll be reducing support this year because we don't have the income for it. Margaret is soliciting ideas for events that could generate income. Mike asked about miscellaneous expenses; Lyman explains that they are advertising costs.

V. Rezoning: 120 S. Boylan. Changes are coming to Hargett St. The NE corner of Boylan and Hargett has been rezoned for 20 stories. A current rezoning application requests 20 stories for the entire block from Hargett to St. Mary's (on the north side of Hargett). This will affect aesthetics and traffic. There will be a second public meeting on January 31, 2023 at 5:30 at the Pullen Community Center, CC Classroom 112A, 408 Ashe Ave, Raleigh, NC 27606 (<https://raleighnc.gov/parks/pullen-park-community-center>). It goes to the planning commission on Feb. 28 and to the City Council in March.

Peter Gabor gives the background. The original zoning request was for seven stories but has been revised to 20. Peter explains why: administrative site review between first rezoning and groundbreaking added the parking deck down the hill on Hargett, and the builders, seeing a neighbor at seven stories, decided to build 20.

Don notes that attending the meeting matters. The city keeps track of the numbers that attend and the questions that are asked.

Boylan bridge beautification: Carol Gabor and Friends of the Boylan Bridge are interested in improving the appearance of the bridge, which is a destination. If the bridge is more pedestrian- and bicycle-focused, it might help with traffic as the population around us increases. Lyman is working with the city to create an art project on the utility boxes at the intersection of Boylan and Mountford (the Heights House). Let Don know if you want to help with either beautification project. The traffic impact will be immense—the planning commission tends to look at the impact of each development individually and not the impact of all of them collectively.

VI. Committee Updates: ArtWalk: Lyman Collins - Don encourages us to read the newsletter. **BRT:** the City is looking for volunteers; some positions are paid.

VII. New Business: Don calls for ideas for fundraisers to support summer camp and other charitable giving as well as community-building events: Best of Boylan: John Bush ran it. Carlie Huberman offers to take it on. Labor Day and Memorial Day gatherings have been our traditional community-building events along with the graduation party. A new neighbor party was suggested.

Boylan Heights Neighborhood Association Meeting
Tuesday, February 21 · 7:00 – 8:00pm

Google Meet info: <https://meet.google.com/hpt-jqob-abp>

Agenda

I. Welcome and Meet Your Neighbors

II. Approval of Agenda and Minutes

III. Police Report

IV. Financial Report

V. Hannah Reckhow, Raleigh Planning and Development

VI. Old Business

VII. New Business – Passing the ArtWalk torch