

## ASSOCIATION UPDATE

Hi Folks,

I hope you are surviving the HOT, HOT July here in Raleigh. Last week set an all-time record, which I don't count as an accomplishment! That said, things are heating up this summer. This July's newsletter will include a "retro" paper distribution. We hope you act on the article inviting you to join our Boylan Heights social media community. It's the best way to keep up with what's going on in the 'hood.

Be sure to cheer on our artist, Jonathan Massullo, as he braves the heat while creating our beautiful Boylan Bridge mural. He has, so far, resisted the offer of a cold beverage, but I may wear him down eventually.

We conducted elections at our June meeting. You've placed your confidence in me to lead the association for another year— I'll try to serve you well. Vice President will be Frank Haynes, a long-time resident who cares lots about BH. Secretary will be Jane Barabash, moving from an at-large post last year. Joining the board as Treasurer will be John Lunsford, a recently retired CPA with oodles of non-profit experience. Continuing at-large members include past President Don Davis and Laura Brown. Give these members a hug (with their permission, of course) for their dedication to BH. We thank Margaret McEndarfer and Amy Marschall who served for 2 years as Treasurer and Secretary. Their contributions were invaluable. First order of business for the new Board was to enthusiastically invite Michelle Robinson and Noe Roark onto the board as at-large members. They have graciously accepted and will bring diversity of experience and youthful age back to the Board. We will not have a July association meeting, as is tradition.

Our August association meeting will be moved up to the second Tuesday— August 13, 7:00 pm— at the request of District D City Counselor Jane Harrison. She will be our featured guest and would like to get our input on the South St. closure that has been proposed in conjunction with the relocation of Red Hat Amphitheater.

Join us for the National Night Out celebration on August 6, and be safe in your summer activities!

Mike Motsinger - President

## ACORN AVENGERS

Do you keep bird feeders? Cleaning your bird feeder at least every 2 weeks keeps your backyard birds healthy. The process is easy— first, disassemble all parts. With a bottle brush, clean all parts thoroughly with a hot dish soap solution. Soak all parts in a 9:1 water/bleach solution for 10 minutes. Rinse and let dry. Reassemble and feed those birdies!

## CONNECT TO BOYLAN HEIGHTS

Welcome to Boylan Heights, a vibrant and active community! Stay up to date through our social media outlets:

1. We have two neighborhood listservs:

-Boylan Announce— [https://groups.google.com/g/boylan\\_announce](https://groups.google.com/g/boylan_announce)— no politics, besides when and where to vote; mostly used for houses/items for sale, service recommendations, rentals, matters of concern, announcements, etc.

-Boylan Discuss— for political discussions and follow-up to Boylan Announce. [https://groups.google.com/g/boylan\\_discuss](https://groups.google.com/g/boylan_discuss)— You can find instructions on signing up here: [groups.google.com/g/boylan\\_announce/about?pli=1](https://groups.google.com/g/boylan_announce/about?pli=1)

2. We also have a neighborhood website, [boylanheights.org](http://boylanheights.org) containing basic information about the neighborhood.

3. There is a neighborhood Facebook page which is moderated (no politics); you have to request to be a member. [www.facebook.com/groups/BoylanHeightsNeighborhood](http://www.facebook.com/groups/BoylanHeightsNeighborhood). The BH Facebook group is hidden, meaning only members can see it. The easiest way to join is to become friends with a neighbor who can invite you. It is most useful for things of immediate concern, but it gets a full range of postings.

4. There is a neighborhood newsletter which is normally delivered electronically, so you need to be on the listserv or Facebook to get it. It comes out the week before the monthly neighborhood association meeting.

5. A general monthly association meeting open to all residents is held on the third Tuesday of the month at 7 pm, typically at RebusWorks. It is also offered via Zoom. The zoom link comes via the neighborhood listserv and Facebook page.

## NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

Our neighborhood will join thousands of communities across the nation on **Tuesday, August 6**, to promote police-community partnerships and neighborhood unity with the annual **National Night Out**. We invite you to a **neighborhood walk and ice cream social** to meet and greet neighbors. The walk will begin at 6:30pm and will wind through BH, gathering up residents as we pass your house. (Details will be on the website). We will arrive at Project Enlightenment playground and have **free ice cream** from 7:15 to 8:00pm. Continuing our theme of "Ruff Night Out" we are inviting our doggy family members to join us (but remain outside the playground). **Doggie ice cream** will be provided. To promote neighborhood safety, we encourage you to purchase a Neighborhood Watch sign to display on your house. During July, we are offering a special of \$12 per sign, plus FREE installation. Each house displaying the sign as of Sunday, August 4th will be entered into a drawing for a stunning prize to be awarded at the NNO ice cream social. **Come out and join in the fun!** For further information contact Mike Motsinger, [Michael.Motsinger@gmail.com](mailto:Michael.Motsinger@gmail.com).

# BOYLAN HEIGHTS NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

## BOYLAN HEIGHTS ASSOCIATION MEETING

June 18, 2024, 7:00 pm at RebusWorks

**I. Welcome and Meet your Neighbors:** In attendance: Mike Motsinger (President), Jane Barabash (At-Large Board Member), Corny Motsinger, Jay Spain, Anna Kirkland Smith, Igor Barabash, Frank Haynes, John Lunsford, Beth Lunsford, Lyman Collins, Don Davis, Michelle Robinson, Charles McCamus, Rob Allen, Will Hooker, Patrick Carroll, Ethan Hyman, Sandro Gisler, Brendan Schachle, Hannah Schachle, By zoom: Margaret McEnderfer (Treasurer), Laura Brown (At-Large Board member), Craig Brown, Officer Blake DiCello

**II. Approval of Agenda and Minutes:** Mike moved to postpone the budget review to the next meeting so that ArtWalk data can be included. Mike also moved to add a CAC update to the agenda. Lyman proposed that a bridge art update be added to the agenda. Lyman moved to approve the amended agenda. Mike proposed an amendment to the meeting's minutes to read: Planned Red Hat Amphitheater to expand from 6,000 to 7,000 seats (not doubling in size) with extra space for trucks, vendors, and performer access. Revised minutes were moved for approval and seconded.

**III. Police Report – Officer DiCello:** Over the last 60 days there have been 5 car break-ins in the neighborhood. Four out of 5 occurred at night. Officer DiCello stressed the importance of locking car doors and not leaving anything visible in the car. A vehicle in BH was stopped and the driver had a concealed weapon without a permit. Michelle noted increased dog walking without a leash and uncooperative owners when reminded of Raleigh leash laws. She contacted the management at The Platform and The L. Both places advertise BH as a great dog walking destination. Officer DiCello said he would reinforce information on leash laws with management at these locations. He noted that the National Night Out is August 6th. Remember to call 911 for active or current safety concerns. Call or text for non-emergency reports.

**IV. Financial Report – Margaret McEnderfer:** Margaret reported an expenditure of \$264.00 for BH website renewal. No income was reported for the month.

### V. Continuing Business:

Red Hat Amphitheater relocation– Plans were presented to the City Council last week for the Convention Center and Red Hat expansion and move, including a proposed permanent closing of South Street for 1 block between McDowell and Dawson. These plans have been in the works for some time but have largely gone under the radar. A vote on the proposal by the City Council was scheduled for July 1<sup>st</sup>. Concerns regarding closing South Street included lack of a traffic impact study to guide the process, neighborhoods being cut off (Boylan Heights, Walnut

Terrace, Shaw), lack of stakeholders' input, and increased traffic through Boylan Heights. The process is moving fast and until very recently had not been reported in the press. Jay presented background information as well as where some council members currently stand on the issue. He reported that the Conservancy is in favor of a temporary relocation of a smaller amphitheater downtown, as long as South Street is not closed. These concerns about the closing of South Street were raised at the June 15th District D monthly meeting with Jane Harrison, which was well attended by neighbors from Boylan Heights. Jane supported those concerns. She noted she is only one of 8 council members and encouraged people to write to council members before July 1<sup>st</sup> if they wanted their opinions heard regarding the closure of South Street.

City Council terms update– The City Council had voted to change term limits from 2 to 4 years and to add new district seats. A petition was circulated to get these changes on the ballot as a referendum. 5,000 signatures were needed, but only 2,800 were collected. Subsequently, the City Council has voted to change their term limits from 2 years to a staggered 4 years.

CAC update– CACs (citizen advisory committees) have been reactivated by the city. This was a point of discussion at the District D meeting with Jane Harrison. There's frustration regarding the apparent lack of power of the CACs. Jane will bring concerns to the city council. Jay reported the Southwest CAC has invited Boylan Heights to join. The Hillsborough/Wade CAC may also be open to BH joining. Mike will follow up.

Boylan Bridge Mural– Lyman noted it's happening! Jonathan Masullo (artist) is out there working hard in the sun.

### VI. New Business

BH Association Officer elections– Before the elections, Mike expressed a huge THANK YOU to Amy Marschall and Margaret McEnderfer for 2 years of excellent service on the board! Lyman ran the election for new officers. The role of each office was described, as well as eligibility to vote, as stated in the bylaws. The election proceeded. Don nominated Mike as president. He was elected by voice vote. Margaret nominated Frank and Michelle nominated herself for vice-president. Frank was chosen based on written ballots. Laura nominated John as treasurer. He was elected by voice vote. Corny nominated Jane as secretary. She was elected by voice vote.

City Council candidate visits– Janet Cowell has already presented at a BH Neighborhood meeting. Other candidates running for office will be invited to speak at future BH meetings. If there are multiple candidates interested in coming, a forum format may be used with questions and answers.

There will be no BH Neighborhood Meeting in July.