

BOYLAN HEIGHTS

NEWSLETTER FOR BOYLAN HEIGHTS NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

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ASSOCIATION UPDATE

Happy New Year! (OK, I'm done with HNY for 2025.) I hope you are off to a great start and killin' it on your resolutions. I resolved to have more fun and am on schedule so far.

We look back to celebrate a wonderful ArtWalk. Thanks to Susan, Emily, and Sabrina for heading up this signature event and to the more than 100 neighbors and friends who helped make it a big success. Thanks also to everyone who came out for holiday caroling to share joy around the neighborhood and admire the festive decorations.

We look forward to the many events and activities planned for 2025 to make Boylan Heights the best of all neighborhoods. Watch for the details of these exciting plans as they are formed.

January's meeting features a financial wrap-up of Association business for 2024 and a look-ahead for 2025. I appreciate the considerable work of the Board to keep our Association healthy and active. Their only pay is your praise and thanks. Please be generous.

See you at Hartwell on Tuesday, January 21, at 7:00, or on Zoom.

Mike Motsinger - President

BOYLAN HEIGHTS NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION MEETING AGENDA

January 21, 2025 • 7:00 pm • Hartwell

Zoom Meeting ID: 880 2842 3068 Passcode: 095536

- I. Welcome and Meet Your Neighbors
- II. Approval of Agenda and minutes (see BH website)
- III. Police Report - Officer DiCello
- IV. Financial Report - John Lunsford
 - December update
 - FY 2024 Recap
 - FY 2025 Budget
- V. Continuing Business
 - Development beat
 - Charitable giving awards
 - Arts support project ideas
- VI. New Business
 - Association By-laws updates

BOYLAN HEIGHTS WELCOME COMMITTEE

The Boylan Heights Welcome Committee has created door tags for new neighbors in order to let them know about our association and activities. See the design below, created by Bob Hamilton with input from several others. If anyone moves in near you, please contact Kris Troost (Kristina Troost <kktroost@me.com>) or Amy Marschall (amymarschall7@gmail.com). We have the tags and are happy to deliver them to the newcomers or to you so that you can welcome them yourselves. Thanks to the many people who have offered input!

WELCOME TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD!



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- Bylaws
- Agenda and minutes for neighborhood meetings
- ArtWalk
- Archives Committee
- Acorn Avengers
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Email groups:

- Boylan Announcements (no politics) groups.google.com/g/Boylan_Announce
- To sign up: groups.google.com/g/Boylan_Announce/About

Facebook page:

facebook.com/groups/BoylanHeightsNeighborhood
(Moderated and hidden. Friend a neighbor who can invite you.)

Social Activities:

- Memorial Day & Labor Day picnics
- Women's Monthly Potlucks: BHWomensPotluck@gmail.com
- Progressive Dinner



We thank Hartwell for providing space for our Boylan Heights Association meeting.

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BOYLAN HEIGHTS ASSOCIATION MEETING MINUTES

November 19, 2024, 7:00, Rebus Works

I. Welcome / Meet your Neighbors Present: Mike Motsinger (President), Corny Motsinger, Terri Conyers, Frank Haynes (Vice President), Emily Romblad, Lise Osvold, Anna Kirkland Smith (visitor), Jay Spain, Kim DeLoach, Charles McComas, Daniel Talley, Mark Senior, Sabrina Percher, Aram Amassian, John Lunsford (Treasurer), Donna Wooster, Ethan Hyman, Jill Furgurson, Carly Demler, Karen Polk, Mark Jolly, Matt Daniels, Jack Ratterree, Rob Allen, Jade Brennan, Riane Wubbenhorst, Sandro Gisler, Jane Barabash (Secretary), Igor Barabash. By Zoom: Officer Blake Dicello, Patrick Carroll, Ruth Bromer, Laura Brown (At-large), Amy Marshall, Elizabeth Lunsford. Special Guests: Janet Cowell (Mayor-elect), Jane Harrison (City Council District D).

II. Approval of Agenda and Minutes Agenda moved for approval and seconded. October minutes moved for approval and seconded.

III. Police Report - Officer DiCello Thirty-day BH crime trend is down. Six traffic stops reported at Cabarrus/Boylan. BH Assault Investigation: Doorbell camera footage was insufficient to ID the offender. Officers actively working the case. Cabarrus Men's Shelter: Lease ended Dec 31; no extension request planned. Building to be demolished in March. Assault: Incident on Walnut Creek greenway near Peach Road Community Center: female jogger punched; perpetrator in custody w/in 24 hours. Officer Dicello monitors the neighborhood and greenway daily; reach him at Blake.DiCello@raleighnc.gov, 919-306-3465.

IV. Special Guests Mayor Janet Cowell: Cowell won with 60% of the vote—a strong mandate. Her priority is getting to know and work with City Council members. She also prioritizes affordable housing, pipeline projects, and public safety, including a 10% raise for safety officers. She views environmental issues, including protection of trees and creeks and development of green infrastructure, as well as stormwater management and improved environmental resilience, as key for Raleigh. She spoke with Gov. Stein on whether state and government land can be used to address housing needs.

City Council Member: Jane Harrison: Harrison prioritizes community engagement, affordable housing, and the environment. She's meeting with neighborhood groups and hopes to see more CACs (Citizen Advisory Councils) with support from the city council. She noted Raleigh

Police is one of the nation's best-trained PDs, with intensive training in calming techniques. Coordinating with programs like CARES (Crisis Alternative Response for Empathy and Support) and having social workers on the 911 support team helps address mental health needs. Development of a traffic command unit to respond to minor accidents frees police to address more pressing needs. Nationwide shortage of police includes vacancies in Raleigh. Current 24-hour Raleigh firefighter shifts being looked at re: family-friendliness. Multiple approaches in the works to address homelessness (e.g., the Pilot Program, based on a Houston program, is helping unhoused persons into stable housing). No one model meets all needs. As Raleigh grows we need sustained commitment to clean air and water, e.g. The Tree Canopy Plan that grows large trees on public land.

Questions: Cowell and Harrison took questions re: future of BRT (Bus Rapid Transit) system, noting all officials in the recent election support BRT. No contractor yet for the two proposed lines. Though federal dollars have been committed to a fast train to Richmond, it is unclear how support will play out in the new (Trump) administration. Working across the aisle will be important.

VI. New Business Karen Polk spoke on loss of tree canopy; many large BH trees have been removed and more will be. She met with Raleigh Urban Forestry to inventory and see where/what kind of trees could be replanted. A tree planting event is slated for October—we will need help! The City will provide trees, tools, and knowhow. Meanwhile, consider planting a large-growth tree on private property.

V. Continuing Business Hargett Closure Traffic Impact Study: M. Motsinger updated re: traffic impact study with the Hargett Street closure. NC DOT is leading the project, but plans must be furthered before Raleigh can investigate traffic impact. RCC Expansion Proposal: Three proposed renderings of Convention Center expansion are shown at www.raleighconvention.com. Charitable Giving: Two applications came in, from the Fellowship Home and Wiley Elementary. The board will review them and make awards.

V. Financial Report BHA finances are in good shape. Balances in the ArtWalk and General account are above year-ago amounts. The board proposes 2025 discretionary spending on an art-related project or activity for the neighborhood. Have an art project idea? Please share it with the board!