

BOYLAN HEIGHTS NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION MEETING MINUTES

March 18, 2025, 7:00 Hartwell Raleigh

I. Welcome and Meet your Neighbors

Mike Motsinger (President), Corny Motsinger, Frank Haynes (Vice-president), Charles McComas, Diane Wubbenhorst, Lise Osvald, Jane Barabash (Secretary), Igor Barabash, Laura Brown (At large). Jill Furgurson, Kim DeCoste, Frank Sheets, Karen Polk, Mark Jolly, Lynn Senior, Sandro Gisla, Suzanne Botts, Sarah Dinger Online: Ruth Bromer, Susan Thompson, Lyman Collins, Don Davis Special Speaker: Satwana Hurdie

II. Approval of Agenda and February Minutes

The agenda was moved for approval and seconded. The February minutes were moved for approval and seconded.

III. Police Report - Officer DiCello

There were zero reportable calls this past month. This is the first time ever! There were 8 minor calls including about utility lines, parking violations, and abandoned cars. DiCello has a meeting at The Platform on Friday to discuss dog poop issues. The Dreamville Festival will be coming early April (4/5-4/6). This is the last Dreamville Festival scheduled for Raleigh. The Men's Shelter is gone and the building is in the process of demolition. Stop sign violations continue to be monitored. Let Officer DiCello know if you have concerns.

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IV. Community Emergency Response Teams (CERT) Presentation- Satwana Hurdie

Ms. Hurdie presented information on the CERT teams working in Wake County. These teams assist communities in taking care of themselves in the aftermath of major disasters including weather related events, epidemics, cyber attacks, chemical attacks, etc. She emphasized that in the event of a major emergency the first 3 days are sometimes handled by communities themselves and preparedness for a 72 hour period is important. During this period utility outages, communications, and supply chain disruptions are common. CERT teams, through the city of Raleigh, provide training to interested persons so that they can help neighbors in times of emergency. You can join a CERT team by attending a 2.5 day training. The next training is scheduled for April 4 - 5. For more information google: www.readync.gov
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V. BH Tree Canopy Development Plan - Karen Polk

Karen reported on her work with urban forester, Leigh Bragassa, to maintain the tree canopy in Boylan Heights. A lot of large trees have been cut down in the neighborhood. Bragassa identified 79 places that trees can be replanted, including 15 - 20 spots for large trees. (See map on the BH website). A list of acceptable trees for planting was shared. (See website). The city can provide trees and tools for planting on the right of way. Individual home owners would need to be committed to two years of watering, in times of drought, and caring for the trees. October 18, 2025 is scheduled for tree planting day. Volunteers will be needed!!! There were questions about identifying diseases in current trees and ways to prevent further loss. The group expressed interest in a speaker to address these concerns, maybe from Leaf and Limb or NC State. It was noted that adding trees to private property would help support the tree canopy. This would be up to individual households.

VI. Financial Report

There was little activity this past month.

VII. Continuing Business

BH Association By-laws Vote

During the last meeting amendments to the BH Association By-laws were approved in order that written By-laws be in alignment to current practice. The Association By-laws require that changes to by-laws be voted on twice. This was the date of the second vote. Don Davis made the motion: "I move that we revise

the Bylaws of the Boylan Heights Association to more clearly and accurately reflect the longstanding and accepted practices of this body, as proposed in the draft that has been made available to all voting members with prescribed time for consideration.” Frank Haynes seconded the motion. The floor was opened for discussion. No comments were offered. Charles McCamos made a motion to close the floor for discussion. This was seconded by Lise Osvald. A vote was taken. The revised Association By-laws were overwhelmingly approved by voice vote.

Art Support Ideas

There is \$2,000.00 available for an art project to benefit the neighborhood. Several art support ideas have been considered by the Board. One idea was rejected due to its installation being unauthorized. Motsinger suggested that an art workshop, open to adults and children in the neighborhood, organized by area artist Sarah Gleckman would be a possible use of funds. She will be showing her art during this weekend’s Boylan Arts District Studio Tour. An earlier art project suggestion was the development of artistic dog bag dispensers to be made and placed around the neighborhood. More suggestions for art projects are welcomed by the Board. There was some discussion about how and who will decide on an art project.

Development Beat

Z-54-22: rezoning A 30 story building is being proposed abutting the Glenwood Brooklyn neighborhood on the northside of Peace Street. On April 2nd there will be a meeting about the project. This large development in close proximity to a residential neighborhood could present a disturbing precedent.

VII. New Business

Best of Boylan - Sarah Dinger

Sarah thanked everyone who contributed items and talent for Best of Boylan as well as those who bided for those items. The project was a great success and exceeded the goal set. Over \$2093.00 was raised and will be used for the Association operational expenses and donations to charities that touch the neighborhood.

Progressive Dinner - Lynn Senior

The Progressive dinner is scheduled for April 26th. So far over 30 people have signed up. This event starts with appetizers served to the group at Sabrina’s house, moves to selected households for dinner, and ends with dessert served at Tammy Berry’s home. All are welcome. Contact Lynn for details.

Volunteer households are still needed for the dinner portion. Not much is required - sharing your home, organizing the potluck, and providing some drinks.

Announcements

Boylan Arts District Studio Tour

Boylan Heights Art District Tour is scheduled for March 22nd from 2:00 - 5:00. The Raleigh Trolley will be shuttling guests between artist locations, including The Crawlspace Press and Pocket Gallery, Hartwell, Satellite Space and Coalyard Arts, Boylan Art Studios, Birdland, Rebus Works and Antfarm Studios.

Food trucks will also be available. This event will be repeated in September.

Rocky Branch Clean-up Day

Volunteers are needed for the annual Rocky Branch Clean-up. It is scheduled for April 22nd from 10:00 - 12:00. The city will provide supplies. Children and adults are welcome. A waiver will need to be signed. Be sure to wear long pants and closed toe shoes.

Attachments:

[City of Raleigh CERT presentation](#)

[Boylan Heights Tree Canopy Development Plan](#)