

Brookline Together Board Meeting 03/13/23

Board members present: Caitlin McNulty, Blake Plavchak, Bill Kim, Lisa Wilson, Don Mudrick, Melissa Kilmer, Mark Hopkinson, Dara Barley

- **Approve February minutes**

- Motion: B. Kim
- Second: C. McNulty
- Vote: All in favor

- **Treasurer Report (B. Kim)**

- Current balance = \$26923
- 90% of the transfer to the new account is complete
- Form 990 filed last weekend
- The budget is not ready for review. It will be presented at the May meeting and distributed in the newsletter.

- **Membership (M. Kilmer)**

- 45 business memberships, 30 community memberships
- A lot of new businesses on the Blvd.

- **Events (M. Kilmer)**

- First Food Truck Tuesday tomorrow 3/14
- All events are on track
- Breezefest vendor spots are open. Early registration goes through April 1st.
- Farmer's Market vendor spots are open.
- Neighborhood Yard Sale registration open.
 - Early bird prices end in three weeks.
 - Early bird price = \$10, regular price = \$20.
 - June 3/4

- **Beautification (L. Wilson)**

- Planting cleanup event on 5/20 at 10 am.
- Plots still available for adoption.
- Christmas in July, wreath refurbishment planned.
- Question from C. McNulty: What is entailed in adopt-a-plot?
 - Answer: Cleaning, planting of perennials.
- Update about mural
 - Funding not available.

- Project is paused and will hopefully renew in the future.
- **Bylaw changes (C. McNulty)**
 - Shift board elections from January to November to avoid membership renewal confusion.
 - Splitting chair and co-chair position and have them elected in opposite years.
 - No questions or comments.
 - Motion: C. McNulty
 - Second: B. Kim
 - Motion passed.
- **Road to homeownership presentation**
 - Presented by John McGurk and Amy Vogel (Keller Williams)
 - Proposed educational program
 - Topics: gentrification, affordability, crime, increase community engagement, increase home ownership, accessibility, accountability (home ownership), sustainability (price increases).
 - Two evening presentations. Could be an annual presentation?
 - Question from C. McNulty: What support do you need from the Board and from membership?
 - Answer: Distribution of flyers, promotion on social media, promotion in newsletter, word-of-mouth
 - Question from B. Plavchak: Can you offer mortgage pre-approval?
 - Answer: It depends. The presentation will include a panel of experts that can provide information.
 - Question from B. Plavchak: Can you help sellers avoid selling to an LLC?
 - Answer: The seller may not know if they are selling to an LLC. We can encourage a dialog between sellers and buyers and encourage renters to make an offer to buy.
 - Question from C. McNulty: Are you willing to serve as a community contact for questions?
 - Answer: Yes.
 - Other members of the group include three members with insurance expertise and a financial planner.
 - Aim for an April/early May date for presentations.
- **Other announcements (B. Plavchak)**
 - E-waste collection Saturday April 29th 9 am - 1pm.
 - Contact 412-489-9299 or visit <https://prc.org/neighborhoodwaste/>
- **Next meeting Monday May 8th**
 - Presentation by Nick Cotter: Community Violence Prevention/Reduction
- **C. McNulty: Motion to adjourn**
 - B. Kim second