

Brookline Together October 2022 Meeting Minutes

Attendees:

Board members

present: Blake Plavchak, , Mark Hopkinson, Melissa Kilmer, Lisa Wilson Caitlin McNulty, Samantha Melhorn

excused: Bill Kim, Ally Bove

Community members and residents: 18 additional folks present

Minutes:

- Meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m. by Caitlin McNulty
- BT Community Information
 - Board positions needed
 - Special election: Nominations Dara Salley and Annette Ferrieri
 - Up for election in the coming months: Business & Community events chair (Melissa Kilmer) and co-chair (Don Mudrick), Vice President (Blake Plavchak), Treasurer (Bill Kim), and Finance co-chair (Mark Hopkinson).
 - Committee Updates
 - Beautification (Lisa Wilson):
 - Folks are “adopting” landscaping plots on the Blvd to take care of them. Reach out to Lisa if you’re interested in adopting a plot!
 - Fall cleanup: Saturday, October 22
 - Holiday wreaths: Pole maintenance is ongoing. Another attempt is slated for October 16th, and wreath hanging will be coming up in November. We will be seeking lots of volunteers for wreath hanging day to help reduce the workload on each volunteer.
 - Fall/Winter Beautification Fundraising Drive is live! Go to our website www.brooklinetogether.org and click on “Beautification Fundraising Drive” to donate. (Note: it’ll automatically input the minimum \$5 donation; just change the “quantity” to donate in any \$5-increment you’d like.)
 - Business & Community Engagement (Melissa Kilmer)
 - Volunteers always needed! Please reach out to Melissa if you’re interested.
 - Halloween Parade – October 22nd 2pm on sidewalks only
 - Night up Night December 3rd – more details to follow
 - BT Members Holiday Party – Monday December 12th 6-9pm at Seton Center
 - Finance
 - Please get committee budgets to Bill ASAP
 - Other Announcements
 - City grant for projects up to \$4,999 will be announced sometime this month. All area non-profits will be invited to apply.
 - BT will apply for coverage of shed costs.
- Revised meeting structure

- Board will continue to meet on even numbered months virtually, all community meetings will follow a hybrid model. Meetings will take place in person at BTO, can be attended by members using the zoom link, and be streamed on Facebook Live.
 - The hope is that this will provide more engagement from the community and encourage participation.
 - The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m. (Motion: Caitlin McNulty, 2nd: Blake Plavchak)
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Notes for upcoming community meetings:

November Community Meeting Focus – Budgets, board position nominations, and snow removal

Mission: To promote a vibrant and livable community through collaborative initiatives that unify Brookline's business and residential interests.

Goals for 2022:

1. Increase community involvement
2. Increase tangible community impacts
3. Improve communications
4. Create generative funding streams