

# Residents of Historic Concord Monthly Meeting Minutes

## August 21, 2024 Meeting

Attendees: Kelley Cartrett-Phifer, Robin Dicka, Jamie Sanderbeck, April Simmons and Steven Bullock

Not Attending: Christine Schattner, Elena Leinweber, Michelle Ostwalt, and Chad VanKeuren

Meeting Location: 216 Union St S, Concord, NC 28025

### Agenda

**1. Welcome** – Kelley Cartrett-Phifer welcomed the group and started the meeting at 7:16pm.

**2. City of Concord Update** – April Clark was not able to attend but information was sent via email before the meeting to the board. No major topics or items to note.

**3. Treasurer's Report** – Kelley on behalf of Chad VanKeuren

- Report of Funds:
  - Fifth Third \$3,605.37
  - Edward Jones \$78,954.09

### 4. Committee Reports

- **Welcome Committee** - Elena Leinweber not in attendance. No updates
- **Small Grants** – Christine Schattner not in attendance. No updates
  - The board again discussed potentially making a donation to area charities. The method to designate a charity is unclear, and it was also pointed out that it is a good opportunity to re-engage the grant process so there is an established process for future years.
  - It was also discussed that the board could want to support specific projects. Some initial ideas included updated signage around the downtown area to replace faded signs, a community garden and little art galleries.
  - Additional conversations with the group as well as with the committee chair is required to finalize the process and approach.

#### *RHC Next Steps:*

- *Additional conversation in advance of or at next board meeting is needed to determine grant/donation process*
- **Social Committee** - Kelley Cartrett-Phifer
  - Three porch parties are coming up in August, September and October. Information is on the website and Steven Bullock distributed cards to remind people.
  - The printed materials are helpful to remind people of events. It is anticipated that an annual printed newsletter may be helpful to do again for 2025.

#### *RHC Next Steps:*

- *Board to work on printed newsletter/bulletin in early 2025 for events.*

- **Adopt-a-Street** Kelley Cartrett-Phifer for Chad VanKeuren
  - The board set Saturday Sept 21 as the quarterly Litter Sweep date, which will align with the City's contest window.
  - Jamie will include on the website as well as in an eNewsletter to be sent in September.

*RHC Next Steps:*

- *Jamie to add Litter Sweep to website and eNewsletter (Complete)*

## **6. New Business**

- **Homes Birthday Celebrations**
  - Steven Bullock would like to award celebration homes their flag in early 2025. He will be reaching out to home owners soon to understand the number of interested homes.
  - Also, it would be helpful to include a message on social media to invite people to participate.

*RHC Next Steps:*

- *Steve to coordinate the list of celebration homes for 2025.*
- *Christine to promote 2025 homes on social media (Complete).*

- **RHC 2024 Holiday Tour of Homes**
  - Due to construction downtown and limited homeowner availability, the Committee recommended to push the event to at least 2025.
  - This would also align event years so the Colorful Lights Tour would become the Holiday walking tour, making an event every other year (at least) vs every year.
  - The board in attendance, as well as those not able to attend, agreed with this decision.
  - Homeowners and other interested groups would be made aware via a release, word of mouth and update on the website.

*RHC Next Steps:*

- *Board to communicate the postponement of the Holiday tour to interested groups.*
- *Jamie to update the website regarding the postponement (Complete)*

## **7. Conclusion of Meeting**

- Meeting was adjourned at 8:33pm. Next meeting will be held Monday, Sept 9 at 7:00pm

Submitted by Jamie Sanderbeck, RHC Secretary, 9/8/2024. To be approved 9/9/2024