

Minutes

Baxter Neighborhood Association

Agenda

Board Meeting

Location: (Due to COVID-19 meeting will be conducted Virtually until further notice)

Google Meet joining info

Video call link: <https://meet.google.com/xzz-ybiq-xks>

Date: January 9, 2023

Mission Statement:

BAXTER NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION (BNA) IS A NON- PROFIT ORGANIZATION ITS' PURPOSES ARE TO ADVOCATE, EDUCATE, AND EMPOWER RESIDENTS/STAKEHOLDERS, FOCUSING ON PREVENTION, AND NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION, TO IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF LIFE WITHIN THE BAXTER COMMUNITY.

Agenda:

a. Read mission statement: Read by Chad

Present: **Isaac Brown, Chad Patton, Barbara Davis, Jason Kuipers, Arlan Palmer. ,Ireatha Smith ,Martin Uchendu, Augustin (Gus) Bilodeau, Marian B.**

Absent: **Ted Jauw**

Excused: **Sharon Martin, Martin Uchendu, Albert (AJ) Williams**

Guest: **Michael Curtis, Kylia Dantzler-Morgan**

b. Roll call

1. Welcome and Introductions

2. Public Comment:

Kylia Dantzler-Morgan- is a Community Advocate. She is a long time friend for Ireatha and has been in conversations with Marian. She wants to be more involved in the community.

3. Executive Board Reports

a. President

b. VP report: Chad announced that next week Monday January 16 that there will be a Bylaws meeting. He has already sent out the invite for this meeting and it will be virtual. He also stated that all future

meetings will be scheduled on the second Monday of each month. He will be working on an agenda for the meeting and will email it to all board members. Anyone who is interested is welcome to attend.

c. **Secretary's report:** Arlan realized that he sent out the wrong board minutes document. He shared his screen and read key parts of the minutes. Motion to receive the minutes 1. Susie 2. Barb Discussion: . He received feedback from board members and made the appropriate corrections. Kyla asked if she could have a copy of email addresses or a way to contact board members individually? Marian stated that once minutes have been approved, they will be posted to our website for the public to review. Arlan added that we are looking at the possibility of adding some of our board members information to the website in the future. Marian Kyla if she would send us some minutes from the school board meeting to keep us updated. Chad stated that the minutes are public information: Kyla said that she would also send us some minutes of the meeting. Chad said that there is a possibility for us to add sections to our website for information like our minutes and current board member list ect. But he stated that we need to have a lead person for our communications committee. Isaac said that there is some incorrect information on our website. Marian talked to Michael and that he is working on helping us update our Website with the exception of the crime alerts that go out. Isaac brought us back to the motion on the floor.

Motion approved after corrections were made.

d. **Treasurer's Report: Susie reports the CBD account we have \$10,851.62 dollars. We in the unrestricted account, we have \$5,548. These numbers are up to date.**

3. Executive Director's Reports

Marian received an email on January 6 from the city that states they accepted our notice of intent, and they gave us the go ahead to apply for funding for 2024. She also contacted our contract Administrator Mary Van who gave us direction on the documents we need uploaded. Marian reports that everything is uploaded but the budget and a few other items. The city asking us to focus on equity and inclusion and how we plan to reach out more in our community.

She does have more partners that working with us including Grand, Rapids Junior College's criminal justice department. She worked with several student In November and did a training. She believes she trained eight or nine students at the office. And we're working on some things with SEPTAD which is crime prevention through environmental designing them.

They're going to send me interns for the neighborhoods and possibly someone that she could mentor so that when she retires there may be someone to take her place. So that's in the works with and I'm working with Nickey Banks who is over the criminal justice department at GRCC. She also trains the interns for the police department.

Master Plan: The is starting up talks regarding the New Master Plan. Marian will send out information to the secretary and he will send it out to board members.

They're having a lot of B&E's (Breaking and Entering) crimes the neighborhood. Which was stated earlier in the meeting. Marian hopes to put out a crime alert on our website about the B&Es, probably tomorrow, She received the information today and its translated in Spanish in English. If anybody knows

anything about who's doing this or whatever? You can download 774-2345 which is silent observer or call Terry Dixon with the police depart who is the southeast captain 456-4489. This will be on our website also.

We had a site visit. We did it done via zoom; everything went well. Some things that we must still do because of COVID we did not sign our conflict-of-interest statements. Michael is working on turning it into a PDF. We will be able to sign it electronical and return it to Marian asap then we'll have all that done. But she needs to get it in as soon as possible. If there is anything else Mary Van said she'll send it to Marian.

Marian asked that we give approval for she and Susie to work on next year's budget and work on a new grant. Our request will not be as much as last year. There is not as much money that is available. She is planning to collaborate with MLK neighborhood association for public safety on the southside because our boarders run together. She is planning on having interns for the summer to work on community engagement and work on the master plan.

She also plans to talk to Andrew from Habitat for Humanity. They have initiated the Baxter United initiative which has been promoting Baxter United T-shirts. Last fall on Halloween Baxter partnered with Grand Rapids Police department which provided a table for safety materials. There was also a Halloween party on the 1100 Block of Prince. She is also working with victim advocates for those who have been victims of crime and giving them resources. She is working on a power point for the DICE program. Some things have improved a little bit. Our crime has dropped. But be careful and alert there is crime happening in the neighborhood. We are the only association that people can contact 24hours a day. We hope to connect more this summer and connect more with people in the neighborhood.

Motion: Marian and Susie to accept and work on our Regular Grant for funding 1. Iretha 2. Chad
Motion passed without objection.

4. Old Business

a. **Bylaws:** See VP's report.

b. **Baxter Newsletter**

c. BNA office Relocation: tabled

d. **Board Retreat: Discussion:** Marian suggested that the city come in and do a board member training. They can do their part in about 1 hour 30 minutes. Marian can get food donated. Arlan aske Isaac about possible dates for the retreat. Chad's schedule is similar to Isaac . We waited for Isaac to return with his schedule. Jason raised a question about how we plan filling Ted Jauws spot on the board. But this will be addressed in new business. Question from Iretha is it ok to do a retreat in May to cover everything we need to do. Marian said it was ok. **Motion:** Board retreat to be on Saturday May 6 from 10am-1pm 1. Susie 2. Chad **Discussion:** We had a lot of discussion about location, food and time. The 6th is not good for Jason but he said he could work it out. Marian will look into a location for us.

Motion carried unanimously.

e. Sub Committees: tabled.

F. Executive Director to become Salaried Employee: Motion: Make Marian Barreah Young's position as Executive Director a salaried position: Marian and Susie talked to the city and they said it was ok. She still needs to submit a time sheet. 1. Susie 2. Iretha No Discussion: Motion carried unanimously.

G. **Support Letter for Larlen Communications:** tabled again.

H. **Working together on Charitable Donations:** There is a way to raise funds and it does not take a lot of effort to. Raising funds will help our community. We might be able to partner with the Lodge. Marian would like to add that in the grant as our equity and inclusion. Isaac will bring it up at the Lodges next meeting. We will talk about some more at our next meeting.

I. **Board Meeting Attendance follow:** Ted Jauw has resigned, and we need to fill his position. We are shy one board member.

5. New Business

a. Added agenda items: Appointing new board members.

Michael made this clarification about this issue in our current bylaws. Just it was thought of about how you can be appointed according to your current bylaws article five section four. The board of directors may appoint individuals to build vacancies arising from resignations as indicated in section three above, but when you shall serve the remaining term of Of the director being replaced, so it's done through the board of directors and not just the president or one person alone. Arlan asked a clarifying question, Anyone can nominate a person but the whole board has to vote on the person. Michael said yes that is correct. Arlan suggest that we find a board member who speaks Spanish.

b. **Meeting adjourned:** Motion to adjourn at 7:05pm 1.Susie 2. Arlan Motion carried unanimously.

6. Next meeting

February 6 @ 6:00pm on Google Meets