Sanford Historic Trust

Board of Directors Meeting

Minutes – January 16, 2024

Present: Dino Ferri, Tania King, Denny Gibbs, Steve Snipes, Virginia Vlassick, Charlie Hull, Brady Cannon, Gene Kruckemyer, Hank Dieckhaus

Call to order: 6:00pm

1. Reviewed 2023 Financials
	1. **CTA: everyone to review numbers and we will propose 2024 budget at the next meeting**
2. Discussed things to focus on this year:
	1. Hank suggests repairing light posts and adding new lights. We will evaluate and discuss this further.
		1. If increasing focus here, we need to add to the lamppost budget for 2024
		2. Discussed needing a visual map for where all of the lampposts are. Charlie and Steve believe we already have a map. We will review the resources provided from the past lamppost committee to find it.
	2. Hank suggests the Trust should get more into lobbying for/against topics in the interest of the mission of the Trust
		1. We would need to be careful not to politicize
		2. Ideas:
			1. Speak to the city about doing something about graffiti around town on historic buildings
			2. Write a letter to the city regarding s-code violations that are not being addressed/not being addressed fast enough
			3. If community members want to bring something to the HPB but don’t know how, we can offer assistance
3. Discussed committees that need increased focus this year:
	1. Membership committee –
		1. Lead: Gene Kruckemeyer(most efforts will get started after Love Your Shorts when he has more bandwidth)
		2. Possible efforts discussed:
			1. Walking meet and greet through the historic district
			2. Partnerships with local realtors
				1. Free one-year membership for new people in the district
			3. Reach out to people that used to be members and no longer are
	2. Finance committee –
		1. **CTA: Hank will see if we can get a CPA to do this and review our financials. If not, we will need non-board members to lead this committee**
	3. Lampposts committee –
		1. Hank suggested exploring if the City can help us with the maintenance of the lampposts
			1. Speak with commissioner and new economic development director
	4. Meeting & events planning committee -
		1. Ideas for meetings:
			1. Speaker: Brady Lessard – next membership meeting
			2. Speaker: Home Insurance

Next meeting dates:

* Board:
	+ Second Tuesday, February 13
* Membership:
	+ Third Tuesday, March 19

Adjourn: 6:55 PM