

**HISTORIC BREWERS HILL ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MEETING AGENDA**

Date: Tuesday, April 21st, 2026
Time: 6:00PM

- **Call to Order 6:10pm**
 - **Present:** Aaron, Kristen, Rachel, Trevor, Evan, Laura, Tara, Tim, Allyn
 - **Guests Present:** Hanna Paul & Jackson Firer (HBHA Members)

The meeting opened at 6:10pm with two neighbors joining as guests to pitch a Summer Concert Series (Hanna) and to talk about traffic circle plantings (Jackson).

The Summer Concert Series is a casual, BYOB, backyard-and-front-porch type of affair designed to help fill the void left by last year's missed Skyline music series and give neighbors a low-key way to meet, unwind, and connect over a few hours of live music. The kickoff event is set for June 7th from 4-6pm at Brown & Hubbard.

Jackson offered up two spare planters — a sequel to the planters he installed at the Palmer & Reservoir traffic circle last year — for use in other neighborhood traffic circles. The board is in communication with DPW to ensure we are following any available guidelines.

After the guests left, the board voted unanimously (with one member abstaining due to her involvement in the series ideation) to help sponsor up to four concert series events this year at up to \$50 per event, plus promotional help, with plans to revisit the arrangement next year.

- **Treasurer's Report & Membership Update**
 - Current Balance:
 - i. Main Account: \$8,668.99
 - ii. Community Outreach: \$500.01
 - Current Membership:
 - i. Total Voting Members: 161
 - 1. Household (H): 66
 - 2. Individual (I): 29
 - ii. Total Non-Voting Members: 1
 - 1. Supporter (S): 1
 - iii. Total Business Members: 9
 - 1. Gold: 9
 - 2. Silver: 0

Member renewal follow-ups are coming soon. Business outreach continues with ThriveOn King and North Shore Bank being the newest interested members.

The board plans to pursue a non-matching CIP grant for short-term community beautification, brainstorming traffic circle plantings, paint, and ideas for vacant lots — benches, a dog waste station, and longer-term hopes for a community garden and tool shed.

In happy news, Dave and John at Shoeworks have generously offered to help with gateway signage landscaping this spring.

- **Secretary's Report**

- The board reviewed and unanimously approved both the Board of Directors minutes from March and the summary.

- **Vice President's Report**

The big upcoming event is the Beautify Brewers Hill Cleanup on Saturday, April 25, 9am-noon, launching from Crane Bay (ICAP's building at 1918 N Buffum St) — a new location chosen partly for the novelty factor in hopes of drawing in fresh volunteers. The board is also looking into using Safe & Sound grant funds for a dozen new litter pickers to welcome new Clean Up Club members and seed long-term beautification efforts. A post-cleanup happy hour will follow from 12-1pm at Lakefront Brewery, with a few baskets of free cheese curds on us. Boundaries are being coordinated with Lakefront and the Riverkeepers cleanup happening the same day.

- Looking further ahead, Tap Yard Trivia with Your Neighbors is tentatively on the calendar for May.
- In recap, the Easter Egg Hunt on April 4 at the Palmer & Reservoir lot was a success — mimosas were a notable hit and may feature even more prominently next year.
- A few community events worth sharing: the D5 Crime & Safety Meeting on Wednesday, May 6 from 5-6:30pm at ThriveOn King, Project Clean & Green from May 26 to June 1 (with collection on your regular garbage day), and a reminder that anyone participating in No Mow May needs to register before any complaints are filed on the property.

- **Development, Licenses & Permits**

- The Holton Street Bridge will be closed from April 13th through late July as part of the project's final phase, with all work expected to wrap up this summer.
 - i. Project Details: [Holton Street Bridge over the Milwaukee River | Engage MKE](#)
- The city-owned property at 1847 N 2nd St was on the Zoning, Neighborhoods & Development Committee's agenda on April 14th. A neighbor spoke on behalf of us.
- A new concern has surfaced at 116 W Brown St, where work appears to be underway without permits or a Certificates of Appropriateness (CoA). Neighbors have expressed concerns, and the board is following up with the City.
- Construction at 232/234 E Brown St has been pushed from March to a June completion, with the delay attributed to a City of Milwaukee sewer install that was supposed to be finished back in September.
- Finally, the two-block Hempel/ICAP Development site will be playing host to the **Beautify Brewers Hill Cleanup launch**.

- **New Business**

- On the community partnerships front, there's plenty stirring. The Alderperson's office has a new legislative assistant, and the board is coordinating a May community walk. Follow-ups are also in motion on traffic calming measures across Holton Street and parking street exemptions for Palmer St.
- Halyard Park is gearing up for a milestone September: a 50th anniversary celebration and the unveiling of a statue honoring Beechie O. Brooks. A board member sitting on Halyard's planning committee is helping to secure entertainment, while also working with their historic committee.

- Planning is underway with Versiti on King for a community blood drive.
- On the crime and safety side, the Neighborhood Block Watch Group opened up their happy hours to any interested neighbors and has planned a "cleanup" of its own, focused on addressing sidewalk overgrowth.
- Committee work hummed along across several fronts. The Community Outreach Committee continues to nurture the Cleanup Club, the Carver Academy relationship (Teacher Appreciation Lunch is coming up), and the much-anticipated custom Brewers Hill Brew. The Historic Preservation Committee is reviewing a new blog post on outdoor structures. The Tech & Marketing Committee is making steady progress on website enhancements, with new blog posts and a member portal as the current priorities, alongside refreshed Mailchimp email templates.
- Finally, last month, the board held a working session on neighborhood engagement initiatives, mapping out ideas on easel sheets and committing to follow up with next steps and owners — a promising sketch of what's to come.

- **Adjournment 8:38pm**