



BOARD MEETING June 20, 2017 – Venue: Meridian Place

Board Members, Committee Members, and Advisors in attendance: Kathy Hill, Ben Hutchins, Marc Seelinger, Matt Long, LaJuan Pringle, Paul DiPirro, James Scanlon, Jack Miller, Ari Rodriguez, Sherrie McLamb, Rex Jones

Board Members Away: Richard Darlington, Dean Brodhag, Matt Chambers, Rachel Moyer, John Lincoln

Guests in attendance: Carol Sawyer, candidate for District 4 CMS school board, Steve Abbott from the New Stonehaven neighborhood

Welcome, Introductions, Organizational Procedures	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chair Kathy Hill called the meeting to order at 6:00PM. With 12 board members in attendance, a quorum was reached. • Carol Sawyer, candidate for District 4 CMS school board, met with the group. She discussed her candidacy and how she felt it was important for citizens to know what was going on in schools. • Ben Hutchins was welcomed back to the Board. • Thanks to everyone for attending the MoRA bash. It was an overwhelming success! • Kathy and Rex attended the Oakhurst Vision Community meeting. (See Government committee notes below) • Paul DiPirro gave the Treasurer’s Report. MoRA’s accounts stand as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Checking: \$161.81 ○ Savings: \$3,112.14 ○ Art Project Savings: \$10,848.09 ○ Our accounts look good. But when all board members gave their annual board contributions of \$100, our finances will look even better. Checks should be payable to MoRA and mailed c/o Paul DiPirro, treasurer, 6633 Morganford Rd 28211

Government Committee	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jack Miller reported that the Government table at the MoRA bash got a lot of queries regarding the Selwyn Group rezoning. • A couple of surveys were pushed out to the neighborhoods to obtain contact information for the leaders of the various neighborhood groups in the area. The form has gathered 6 respondents representing 5 neighborhoods. Another survey was crafted for residents to determine what kinds of businesses they would like to see in the MoRA corridor. No responses for this survey so far. We may try to send out this survey on social media as a boosted post. • Matt, Kathy, and Jack attended a community meeting regarding the Downtown

	<p>Matthews proposed “superstreet” widening of John Street out to I-485 and through downtown Matthews’ business district.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The consensus among meeting attendees is that this is a bad idea. • The Superstreet format has been abandoned but the plan is still to widen John Street to 4 lanes through downtown and out to 485. No one in the audience supported widening either. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jack will speak at the Charlotte Regional Transportation Planning Commission meeting on June 21st on MoRA’s behalf to express reservations about the proposed street widening and its impact on MoRA and inconsistency with other improvement plans and City of Charlotte policies along the Monroe Road corridor. • At the Oakhurst Vision Committee meeting, there is talk of making the Monroe Rd corridor between Sharon Amity and Briar Creek very similar to East Blvd in Dilworth. A much more walkable, urban corridor. The concepts between the John St widening and the Oakhurst Monroe Rd vision are very inconsistent. • Sustain Charlotte is teaming up with MoRA to hold a walking tour of the Monroe Road corridor between McAlpine Creek Park and Sardis Rd. North, which is the stretch where a lot of public safety focus has been in comments on NextDoor, etc. due to the ongoing safety concerns as well as the fatal wreck last month. The idea is to gain perspective as a pedestrian. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kathy mentioned that this activity is slightly off the beaten path of our mission. As a reminder, she shared our Vision statement: <p style="margin-left: 40px;">OUR MISSION Bringing together residents, businesses, and community institutions to forge a more vital and vibrant community.</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Our strategic initiatives:</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Promote and support the social, educational, cultural, artistic, and economic vitality of this diverse, welcoming area of Charlotte.</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Provide a forum for sharing information, viewpoints, and ideas.</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Identify common needs and ambitions for discussion and advocacy.</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">She brought this up to ask if we were okay with going in the direction that we were headed with this activity. The group overwhelmingly agreed that the walking tour could very well fit under all three of our strategic initiatives. Improving the quality of life for our residents should be a priority.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nothing new on the rezoning petitions.
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<p>Arts, Culture, & Education Committee</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From Sherrie – the workshops are going great. We’re at around 1000 tiles. We have three more workshops to go. We’ll have some really good personal pieces to meet our standards of a collaborative community art piece. Board members should have their
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	<p>full names on a tile. These tiles will be a part of the leaf that will be featured prominently on the art piece. The underlying structure is being fabricated. We may see it here by July. The goal is to have the piece finished by October.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We are \$4000 shy of the 20,800 we have asked the community to raise for the sculpture. Matt Chambers is setting up a GoFundMe campaign to raise money. There will be fees associated with the campaign. We're going to ask for an additional \$10,000 to include unexpected fees as well as make up for the additional fees for the structure in conjunction with Leslie's sudden passing. • The tiles created from the first set of workshops will be used for another project that will live indoors. This is very preliminary. This could possibly live in a new MoRA library. But in the short term, the pieces could be divided and be temporarily housed in separate business throughout MoRA (Hawthorne's, Common Market, etc.) • It's time to start organizing the Holiday Party. There's a checklist to go by, but it will still be a big undertaking. Co-chairs are recommended. • If the sculpture is complete in October, we'll want to have a dedication party in October and preliminary planning is under way. • In September, instead of having a town hall, perhaps make this a government/envisioning meeting for MoRA?
Communications Committee	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Matt has heard from a volunteer who is interested in writing for MoRA.

Announcements	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None

Next meeting	
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Adjournment	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The meeting adjourned at 7:30p.

Minutes by: LaJuan Pringle