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| **HTBA Quarterly Meeting** *Q2 2024* | **05/02/2024****7:00PM****Zoom & 48 Hamilton Terrace** |

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| **Meeting called by:** | President Matthew Davies Miller | **Type of meeting:** | Quarterly Meeting |
| **Facilitator:** | Liz Wolfe |  |  |
| **Board Members Present:** | **President:** Matthew Davies Miller **Vice President:** Josh Dunn  **Treasurer:** Liz Wolfe **Secretary:** Brandon Marshall  **Member-at-large:** Marisol Montoya | | |

# ***Report of Officers***

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| **President’s Report** | **Presenter:** | Matt Davies Miller |  |

A big thank you was given to Mary, Chelsea, and Quinn with the assistance in the transition to the new Board Members.

Matt gave a reminder to keep up with his “Hi Neighbor” challenge with encouraging everyone to continue to give a quick hello when they see neighbors on and around the block.

He gave a recap of our most recent trash pickup, it went well and a few of us hung out at Liz’s house afterwards. The board is aiming to have these happen more regularly, around once a month.

There was also a recap of our Spring Event, board members Josh and Brandon chimed and talked about the fun day.

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| **Treasurer’s Report** | **Presenter:** | Liz Wolfe |

The balance in the account is around $8,000. The rat control service is now bi-monthly instead of monthly, so that will save on some budget expenses. Other expenses still include our email server (talk) and website fees.

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| **New Business** | **Presenter:** | Matt Davies Miller |

#### We are trying to target specific rat heavy areas on the block, and also are noticing that some of our traps that we set up with pest control haven’t been touched at all. That being said, Matt proposed that we discontinue the service on parts of the block that don’t seem to need it so that there isn’t as much of a draw on our budget.

There are some city-run rat control services that we also will look into.

It was brought up that composting has been made very accessible in our neighborhood, and we encourage all neighbors to compost when possible to eliminate food waste going out to the curb on our block.

Matt reinforced the idea of a Slack Server to connect the members of the block alongside the “Talk” email listing. We have reinstated a slack server that a past secretary set up for the block and we will see if we can get more members of the block interested than before.

Hi Neighbor Day is approaching!! We are aiming for a date in September or October. The Board will be in touch with the official date and time shortly along with sign-up sheets for volunteers.

We would like to start a community newsletter, so the Board will be reaching out to try and get any fun neighbor news to include in a monthly feature.

We prosed the idea of different styles of community events being hosted by the block, such as a seniors event or more children-centric events to get all members of our community from all ages involved with fun activities.

The last big talking point was about continuing to build a relationship with Children’s Art Carnival.

Lately they have been hosting an event every Friday night, and we encourage all block residents to attend!

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| **Community Forum** | **Presenter:** | William Geddes |

#### **Discussion:**

Neighbors discussed the price points and the efficacy of our current rat control program.

As of now, our service is $103 per visit and they check in every other month.

In an attempt to reduce the pull on the budget, neighbors proposed that the block takes over to run

pest control internally. The idea of a committee chair of a “Rat Czar” or “Rat Liaison of the block” was

proposed.

Neighbors talked over the budget for Hi Neighbor day.

The bulk of our costs has been the performers. Other money has gone to HTBA branded cups and

general tablecloths and utensils.

Some neighbors were interested in having a portion of the food and drink provided be by way of a

potluck, pending on if we can secure donations from local businesses again.

An idea was proposed that we host open mic/karaoke style acts so that we can emphasize the talent

that is on the block.