## FHIA Open Officers Meeting Minutes January 29, 2009

Those present included: Trevor Pinch, Drew Noden, Michael Bend, Jim Haldeman, Bruce Brittain, Doug Brittain, John Bowman and son George, Carolyn Arms, Bill Arms, and David Gross.

- 1. Treasurer's Report: Abe Stroock was unable to attend the meeting so there was no treasurer's report. Abe will send via e-mail an official detailed report.
- 2. Approval of minutes from last officers meeting: minutes were approved.
- 3. FHIA Calendar of upcoming events: calendar was distributed to all attendees. This calendar is also on the FHIA website.
- 4. Empty houses on FH: Some concerns were expressed regarding empty and empty looking homes in FH. Some discussion ensued and it was decided that the topic will be discussed at the October annual meeting. Street captains are to be identified and they are to collect information regarding empty homes in their respective neighborhood.
- 5. Alternative Transportation Working Group: The goal is to make things safer for bicyclists and pedestrians. Michael will prepare and send a letter to the town regarding snowplowing on Judd Falls Road. Although not mentioned at the meeting, sections of Forest Home Drive, at the bottom of Judd Falls Road, also need more attention in the winter. Abe is the point person for this group and there is an open call for any interested in getting involved.
- 6. Cornell "noise" Working Group: Need people to do some research, make recommendations that would go to Cornell. Trevor is the lead person for this group.
- 7. Updates to FHIA website: Appreciation for Wendy Petti's continued involvement in the website was noted. Updating the directory was noted as a priority. It was suggested that we pursue making a hard copy of the directory. It was also suggested that we check the usage of the website. Bruce Brittain indicated that he will be obtaining a piece regarding the history of Forest Home. This will be forwarded to Wendy for inclusion on the website. There should be dedicated pages for FHIA minutes. It was also suggested that there should be a link to the county; working your way through the county's website. Jim H. is the lead person for this group. Anyone interested in getting involved should contact Jim Haldeman.
- 8. University Neighborhoods Council: Jon Miller was the first representative for the FHIA. Drew will be the representative for the coming year.
- 9. Upstream Bridge Renovation: Bruce is our representative. A public meeting is scheduled for February 4th at 7:00 p.m. at the Forest Home Chapel.
- 10. Updates on funding for Phase 1 implementation of Traffic Calming Plan: The plan has been submitted for inclusion in the County's Federal Stimulus Package list.
- 11. How to survey community support for elements of Phase 1 Implementation of TC Plan: There was a lengthy discussion including an idea of having a community meeting to inform people of what is in the plan etc., followed by a survey. It was agreed that we need to have documentation for Phase 1. Such a meeting could begin with the announcement of the good news regarding funding for the speed tables and entrance features. However, concerns were expressed regarding the edge treatment. It was therefore suggested that a special meeting be held regarding the edge treatment in the context of the bend and bridge

renovation, to document community support. Following further discussion, it was suggested and agreed that Michael would prepare and send a letter to the FHIA community updating everyone on the status of funding for Phase 1. A survey form will be included with the letter to give FH residents an opportunity to express their interest, or lack thereof, of Phase 1 TCP.

12. Meeting adjourned.