



BOARD MEMBERS:

Kashif Zahoor, President
 Lisa Soboslai, Vice President
 Ben Armlin, Secretary
 Phil Nored, Treasurer
 Zach Hall

Albert Wang*
**Attending virtually*

NOT ATTENDING:

Alisa Taggert

STAFF:

Michele McFarland, Controller
 Lindsey Pinkston, Executive Director
 Maddie Coats, Communications Manager

GUESTS:

Jeremy Fallt, HFN General Manager
 Sarah Hoey, IHCA Executive Director
 Xia Li, Manchester Court Resident
 Chelsea Musick, Central Park Resident

<p>Call to Order – Kashif - 12:00pm</p>
<p>Public Comment <i>Maximum five minutes per person. Board may ask clarifying questions but will not respond to comments during the meeting.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Xia Li shared concerns about rental noise at Blakely Hall. Lindsey to meet with neighbors about their concerns.
<p>Consent Agenda – Kashif</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minutes –10/15/2024 Motion to approve the meeting minutes from October 15, 2024, as submitted: Lisa Second: Ben Result: All in favor, no one opposed. Motion passed.
<p>Open Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Blakely Hall resiliency <ul style="list-style-type: none"> We learned from the recent storm that resilience hubs were widely used, however Blakely Hall was unable to open due to lack of a resilient power source. Discussion on what role should Highlands Council play in community resiliency, resulting in the formation of a new Task Force (Subsidiary of Emergency Committee) to plan and recommend measures/next steps for the Blakely Hall resilience hub, including all three community organizations. Looking for potential board members to represent multi-family and commercial stakeholders <i>Branding MOU/Rebranding (No update – still working on trademarks)</i>

Committee Reports

- Communications Committee – Albert/Maddie – First draft of new Community Connect magazine is expected Friday – In homes the first week of January!
- Equity Committee – Alisa/Lindsey – Brief meeting in November focused on supporting community during difficult political climate.
- Safety Committee – Zach/Lindsey – Continue stop the bleed trainings, CERT basics starts in Q1. Power outage cancelled last meeting. Working now with Alex Helms, the new community resource officer for IPD.
- Finance Committee – Phil/Michele – Financials are accurate and trending to budget

Management Report

- Issaquah Arts Commission grants is the only funding we are currently eligible to apply for. May partner with Issaquah Arts to open additional opportunities only available to 401(c)(3)s. Applied to arts commission for a grant for maintenance on our Blakely Hall gallery equipment and artist receptions. Applying for GGG Grant as well.
- 2025 Outlook – Several events coming up – New neighbor Social, speed neighboring. Launching SWAPS (Quarterly). Summer – 1 GGG. Summer Picnic (hotdogs and ice cream). Summer movie in the park.

Stakeholder Updates

- City Council – Zach reported that city council passed the new city budget, with unfortunately lots of cuts across the board. Check out the city’s website to report property damage due to wind storm. Victoria Hunt’s council position needs to be filled. The City Council was looking at school speed enforcement – IVE will get a camera. Grand Ridge Elementary is going back to the committee.
- Grand Ridge Plaza – Good Lazy Donuts waiting on permitting. Expected Q1 opening.

Partner Organization Updates

- HFN – Jeremy – Upgrade project should be finished Q2 2025. New speeds will be announced in first edition of Community Connect magazine.
- IHCA – Sarah – New construction for Shelter Holdings. Last house on Harrison will be done this month.

Adjourn – Kashif – 1:41pm