

Crestline NA minutes
February 27, 2025
6pm Fellowship Hall
Hope Community Church

Call to order by President Todd Russell.
Roll Call- please sign in on sheet at back.
34 Members were present.

Todd clarified that the January Agenda was amended during the meeting. He asked for a motion to accept the amended minutes of the January meeting. The motion was made by Don Ferguson and seconded by Alice McConnell. All were in favor.

Todd made a motion to accept the amended Agenda for this meeting. All were in favor.

Todd Russell provided clarification about previous meetings regarding the FiveStone Group development project:

On April 16, 2024, CNA officers met privately with FiveStone Group. FiveStone shared their plans for the Cumberland Church property but asked officers not to share this information with Crestline residents.

During our May 23, 2024 meeting, minutes incorrectly stated we first learned about a 14-unit development at a CAB meeting. In fact, our officers already knew about this development from their April meeting with FiveStone.

On August 7, 2024, the Executive Committee had another private meeting with FiveStone. At this meeting, FiveStone revealed they had changed their plans to a 55-unit development requiring rezoning. Again, they requested this information be kept from residents.

At our August 22, 2024 meeting, the Executive Committee did not disclose either their August meeting with FiveStone or the new 55-unit proposal. Only mentioned was that FiveStone was the developer, not mentioned was unit count or zoning change request.

On September 20, 2024, the former -President posted a public flyer about the development, immediately after receiving it.

This timeline fills gaps of critical information withheld from residents until just days before FiveStone's September 26 presentation, where they ultimately withdrew their proposal after facing significant opposition from approximately 220 attendees.

Todd told everyone that he is not going to meet with the Fivestone Group privately. He will not keep anything he has learned undisclosed. He said he told the Fivestone Group that he will meet with them here at Hope Community Church, and that the information from them will be disclosed to the Crestline Neighborhood members present. He has not heard back from them about this.

President Russell provided an update on the city directive to postpone neighborhood elections. He explained that this directive violates several provisions of the Birmingham Citizen Participation Plan (CPP), including Section II which mandates regular biennial elections and requires vacancies to be filled through proper election procedures. The directive also contradicts Section I's Statement of Intent regarding citizen representation and Section V.A on the city's communication responsibilities. President Russell noted that the CPP can only be modified through its formal biennial review process, not by administrative directive. While we must currently comply, we plan to address this issue through the Citizens Advisory Board at their next meeting. Members interested in participating should contact President Russell directly.

City Council:

India Bailey spoke about the storm water issue on Hagood St. She said that Councilor Hunter Williams has advocated and found \$250,000+ for the project to completely alleviate the standing water from storms on Hagood St. She said the repair work will start at the corner of

Hagood and Dunston. and go along Dunston all the way to Kingsbury. She said that the work is scheduled to start in March.

India was questioned about some of the concerns and problems we are facing regarding the election of officers and developer issues. She stated that the City Council is completely separate from the business of the Community Resource Department.

Todd stated that he plans to have regular meetings with our Community Resource Representative, Flora Johnson to keep her informed about our concerns and needs.

There being no further business, Todd Russell asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Apryl Marie Fogel made the motion. It was seconded by Barbara White. All were in favor. The meeting was adjourned by President Todd Russell at 6:22 pm.

Edited by Barbara White

Submitted by Marion Barnett, Crestline NA Secretary