



# FORT WAYNE BHAJAN SOCIETY Inc.

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Minutes of Meeting  
Board of Directors Meeting  
2:00PM - 4:00PM, Sunday Sep 29, 2024  
Unitarian Universalist Church  
5310 Old Mill Rd, Fort Wayne, IN 46807

## Attendees:

Hitesh Patel	Ajay Gupta
Shanmugasundaram Subramanian	Neerja Singh
Vasant Mapara	Abhijit Shukla
Krishnan Ramani	Vikram Gupta

## Attendance by Proxy:

Harish Ardeshta (Proxy to Ajay Gupta)

## Absentees:

Harish Shah	Pallavi Merchant
Jyothi Venkatakrishta	Ramesh Narang

- The President called the meeting in session, and the meeting started at 2:10 PM.
- Ajay motioned to approve the meeting minutes of Jul 28<sup>th</sup> board meeting, which was seconded by Abhijit Shukla. All were in favor, and the motion to approve the meeting minutes was carried out.
- There was a discussion about performing Lakshmi Pooja and celebrating Deepavali on November 3<sup>rd</sup>. Abhinit Shukla motioned and was seconded by Hitesh Patel. All were in favor and the motion was carried out.
- Hitesh Patel provided the following updates on Community Center development:
  - Walked through the engineering layout of the outside design of the center;
  - Entrance from Till road into the center complex would be in the NE corner of the site;
  - Location of the building
    - About 520 ft from the street;
    - Design allows future expansion opportunities;
  - Shallow retention pond that would require very minimal maintenance and low capital cost to develop;



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- Gravity flow without any drainages;
  - To be located in the front only
  - Two segments of parking lots - first with 99 spaces and the second with 104 spaces;
  - The retention pond is sized for both portions of parking lots and potential future building expansions;
  - Plan to submit the plans to city / county / state for approval and hope to get a decision by Oct end or mid-November;
  - Additional informal discussion centered around any potential opportunities in utilizing the available land such as trails and play courts;
  - Hitesh Patel motioned to approve the exterior layout, which was seconded by Abhijit Shukla. The motion was carried out by all.
  - Hitesh Patel presented to the board on the feasibility of including windows in the front elevation of the building:
    - The cost to have a window is about \$6,000;
    - Hitesh Patel motioned to approve this design change, which was seconded by Krishnan Ramani. The motion was carried out by all;
    - There was a discussion on adding any additional windows. The general opinion was to have this an option based on the availability of funds.
  - There was a general discussion on reaching out other communities; Ajay Gupta to explore in reaching out to Nepali Hindu community for potential contributions.
  - Vikram Gupta informed the board that the website for FWBS is up and active, and the address is <https://fortwaynebhajansociety.org/>.
  - There was a general and informal discussion on catering for the last event; there were varied opinions, but it was decided to table the topic for a future meeting.
  - The meeting was adjourned by the President at 3:20PM.