

Approved April 3, 2018  
Admiral Heights Improvement Association Board Meeting  
Feb. 6, 2018

Called to order: 7:39 p.m. by President Jim Burdick at Germantown Elementary School

**AHIA board members in attendance:**

Norm Crews, Martha Thorn, Burdick, Maria Lebow-Little, Scott Gibson, John Leupold, Rachel Breen and Grant Garcia.

**Not in attendance:**

Brandon Wright, Steve Fisher, Ed Cherneski and Mario Schiappacasse.

**Bumper stickers**

Jean Tullier, an AHIA member and real estate agent, talked to the board about printing bumper stickers to give out at the general membership meeting. The bumper stickers are to provide an incentive to join the association. She was told that 300 people paid their dues this year. The average number of people who pay dues is about 240. A motion was made to accept her offer to print bumper stickers to hand out at the March 6 meeting. The motion was passed.

She will also connect with Burdick about running an ad in the newsletter.

**President's remarks:**

Tom Baum from Bozzuto Homes will address the general membership meeting. Other big issues include the dock lease and repairs, the proposed dues and rack rental increase, reviewing the budget, the nominations for officers, and community security.

**Events**

General Membership Meeting – Tuesday, March 6, 7:30 p.m., Germantown Elementary School;  
snow date Tuesday, April 3

Easter egg hunt - TBD

Yard Sale – Saturday, April 14, 9 a.m. - noon; Rain date, Sunday, April 15

GreenScape – Saturday, April 21, 9 a.m. - noon, Dewey Dock. Bring trowels, shovels, gloves and rakes.

Meet the Creek – Saturday, May 5, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m., Dewey Dock

Fourth of July Bike Parade - Wednesday, July 4, 10 a.m., Sampson Place

Block Party – Sunday, Sept. 9, 4 p.m., Halsey Park

We need to ask at the meeting if we can get some volunteers to help organize these events. We can also ask our neighbors.

## **Minutes**

The January minutes were approved as amended. Question: “Why can’t Halsey Park be like Murray Hill?” The answer was, “Because the City owns Murray Hill. Halsey Park is privately owned.

## **Treasurer’s Report**

Two more estimates have come in for the dock on Williams Drive. Both are more than the original estimate. Gibson will get in touch with Jim Golden, Commodore of the Boat Club, to discuss the estimates. The new lease calls for the Boat Club to continue to pay \$25 rent. Their “donation” will be 70 percent of the new dock. AHIA will pay the entire cost but will be reimbursed the 70 percent by the Boat Club, so AHIA will actually only pay 30 percent.

AHIA pays the entire amount because it owns the property and wants a warranty for the work. The amount for the work is still unknown as Gibson and Golden need to get together to review the estimates.

The treasurer proposed one budget based on an increase in dues from \$35 to \$40 and a decrease in membership from 300 to 250. The cost of the rack rentals would also increase to \$45. Big expenditures are expected to be the dock, mowing and insurance.

Motions were made to recommend to the membership that the dues and cost of rack rentals be raised to \$40 and \$45 respectively. They were passed unanimously. The new budget would take effect in April.

Lebow-Little volunteered to call and/or e-mail those who haven’t paid their rack rental.

## **Grounds Committee**

If improvements to the grounds are made, we’ll have to pass a hat or figure out how to pay for them.

Nina Fisher is attending the GreenScape meeting tonight.

We will get a quote for gravel in the spring.

Two items for discussion: Do people want a playground? What do people want to do about the circle?

## **Neighborhood Watch**

The next Neighborhood Safety meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, Feb. 14, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at Annapolis Police Headquarters, [199 Taylor Avenue](#). This is Valentine’s Day and Ash Wednesday.

In response to incidents in the Admiral Heights area (breaking in doors, attempted bike thefts, vehicle theft), Thorn was asked to get a representative from the Annapolis Police Department to address community security.

The Citizen Police Academy and the Citizen Advisory Board were discussed. Application deadline for both is Feb. 21. The eight-week Citizen Police Academy starts March 7. The academy educates residents about the police department, giving them a better understanding of law enforcement, how officers work in the community, and programs offered by the police department. The Citizen Advisory Board is a new initiative to increase communication between the department and the community. The 10-member board will be a diverse group who will have attended the Citizen Police Academy and will meet monthly with Annapolis Police Chief Scott Baker.

### **Weems Creek Matters**

No report, but the Weems Creek construction is still going on.

### **Traffic Calming and Public Safety**

Complaints about the speed trap on Farragut Road are still coming in.

Events such as lacrosse, soccer and NHL ice hockey will soon be held at the stadium. Does anyone know if NAAA has posted stadium events on its web site? No one knew.

### **Mom's Club**

Keren Lotfi consolidated the Admiral Heights Mom's Club with the Germantown-Homewood Mom's Club. The new, consolidated group, has a new Facebook page. Leupold said he would talk with Lotfi to see if she plans on doing an Easter egg hunt this year.

### **Webmaster**

Leupold paid the \$200 per year renewal of our domain name and hosting with Go Daddy. He plans to explore the possibility of getting the services cheaper. He needs to give Lebow-Little his receipt.

### **Newsletter**

Deadline is Feb. 17 (change from last meeting).

### **Nomination**

Unless we hear otherwise, the current board members will be on the ballot as nominees for this year's election. Nominees will also be accepted from the floor.

### **Lease update**

The lease hasn't been finalized.

### **To do**

Send pdf of amended January minutes to Leupold for posting on the web – Thorn

Post approved minutes to web – Leupold

Finalize lease agreement with Boat Club – Gibson, Breen and Schiappacasse

Get information on dock improvements on Williams Drive - Gibson

Look at laptop – Leupold

Look at options that will save on Internet domain and hosting Internet services – Leupold

Write article on “State of the Community” or “State of the Heights” – Burdick

See if there will be an Easter egg hunt this year – Leupold

Hand out bumper stickers at general membership meeting - Tullier

Invite representative from the Annapolis Police Department to address the membership – Thorn

Ask for help in organizing events – Burdick

Contact those who haven't paid their rack rental - Lebow-Little

Find out if NAAA has posted stadium events on its web site

Give Lebow-Little web site receipt – Leupold

E-mail board members about nomination plan - Burdick

Meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Submitted by Martha Thorn, Secretary