

Approved Jan. 7, 2021

Admiral Heights Improvement Association Board's GoToMeeting hosted by Scott Gibson on Nov. 12, 2020

Called to order: 8 p.m. by President Scott Gibson

Attendees: Gibson, Joe Flasher, Tonya McGinnis, Lizzie Coelho, Martha Thorn, John Leupold & Bo Conroy

Absent: Jen Hall, Derek Lotfi, Cindy Radulovich, Maggie Rogers & Grant Garcia

Town hall: Senator Sarah Elfreth's office plans to conduct a town hall on Dec. 3, the same date as AHIA's next scheduled meeting. It was suggested that we cancel that board meeting. Details to come but it's expected that the meeting may be around 7 p.m.

Events: The Halloween scarecrow event was awesome. Turnout was good and included some new people. The board discussed a social committee & planning spring events before the next newsletter.

The Annapolis Police Department is accepting donations for Thanksgiving. The Santa Run is accepting donations on GoFundMe. Thorn will send info to Leupold for posting.

Asking the pool to team up with AHIA for a party or two was discussed.

Survey: Flasher said the survey was easy to pull together. We had 47 responses, which seems like a "fairly good showing" for a first-time survey. Everyone also seemed to be "broadly happy" with what AHIA is doing.

The primary concern was "upkeep and beautification of community properties." The interest in certain projects was fairly close with a slight ordering of "improve appearance of Sampson-Porter Circle" then "develop Halsey Park playground," and then "add neighborhood informational sign."

About half of the respondents wanted to eliminate or decrease the number of printed newsletters. About a third of the respondents were fine with printing one for everyone in the community (what we do now).

Gibson and McGinnis will explore the feasibility of beautifying the circle. Flasher and Gibson will look into the possibility of a park. Possible locations included the entrance to the community and Halsey Park. Gardens, benches, Little Free Libraries with bay and/or environmental science themes, and a slide were discussed.

Thorn was concerned about the cost as a standpipe has yet to be purchased. Paone is trying to "grandfather" it in and AHIA is "exhausting every option" to avoid this

expense. Also, AHIA doesn't have to commit to fully funding these improvements. We may use a fundraiser like we did for the dock or ask for donations.

Leupold will check to see if our insurance covers a playground.

Treasurers Report: Expenses include insurance, mowing & some tree work. A contractor will come next week to look at four trees at Williams Dock. The post office box needs to be checked. Conroy is expecting checks for the kayak rack rentals.

Sending out requests for RFPs for mowing, landscaping and maintenance was discussed. The present contract with Undercuts runs through 2021. In the new contract we should require maintenance for the circle and clarify the maintenance schedule.

The treasurer's report was approved.

Minutes: September and October general membership minutes were approved by the board.

The general membership minutes for March were approved by the general membership by "unanimous consent" at the October general membership meeting. Instead of AHIA's traditional voting method of handing out cards and taking a vote, those objecting to the adoption of the minutes were asked to insert a comment in the chat function and include their name and address so we could verify that they were eligible voters in the Admiral Heights Improvement Association. No objections were received.

Kayak racks: There may be two kayak racks to rent. If these vacancies materialize, Conroy will publicize them in the next newsletter.

To do:

Playground feasibility – Flasher/Gibson

Circle beautification feasibility – McGinnis/Gibson

Get pdfs of March, September and October minutes to John – Radulovich/Thorn

Post minutes to web – Leupold

Find out about insurance for playground - Leupold

Work with Elfreth's office to plan town hall – Gibson

Send Leupold info on Thanksgiving donations & Santa Run - Thorn

Post info about Annapolis Police Department Thanksgiving donations & Santa Run – Leupold

Status of sidewalk - Gibson will check.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:48 p.m.

Submitted by
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