

Approved Nov. 7, 2019

Admiral Heights Improvement Association Board Meeting

Sept. 5, 2019

Called to order: 8 p.m. by President Scott Gibson at house of Bo Conroy

AHIA board members in attendance: Conroy, Norm Crews, Martha Thorn, Gibson, Jim Burdick, John Leupold, Maggie Rogers, Cindy Radulovich, Derek Lotfi and Grant Garcia.

Not in attendance: Maria Lebow-Little and Tonya McGinnis.

Land swap: Town hall meetings are being held about the land swap between the old City of Annapolis Public Works Department on Spa Road and a property on Forest Drive. The City of Annapolis expects to gain \$2 million from the swap. The City plans to leverage the money into expanding Poplar Trail and making other improvements for pedestrians.

This is of interest to Admiral Heights because the land swap originally involved WNAV and the Spa Road property. That proposal would have created an access road through Admiral Heights.

We believe that the land swap will no longer impact Admiral Heights but we continue to monitor the situation. No traffic impact study has been done.

Naval Academy Athletic Association (NAAA): NAAA broached the idea of building an “indoor event facility” that could handle Bayhawks and ice hockey games, high school graduations, marching bands, conventions, and tailgaters, to name a few.

It would be located between the stadium and the courthouse. “Its design would be similar to the Wesley Brown Fieldhouse,” says one Naval Academy grad.

The concept was similar to the Visitor Center outside of Colonial Williamsburg.

Chet Gladchuk, director of Naval Academy Athletics, is open to community input. The new building would help meet NAAA needs, but he’s also willing to help meet community needs. A pedestrian crossing at Farragut and Ludlow was discussed.

This isn’t the first time this multipurpose facility has been discussed. A previous deal with the state fell through. However, now Gladchuk is proposing giving up about 400 parking spaces to make the idea viable. A community resident suggested parking underneath the facility.

Residents asked Gladchuk why a sign couldn't be put up on Rowe Boulevard with notices about academy events. Gladchuk said one was up there a long time ago. The state asked NAAA to take it down. It was replaced by the sign that lists community organizations like the Kiwanis.

A resident asked if the stadium events couldn't be on the website's home page or made easier to find. Gladchuk said they're trying to make the website more accessible.

Admiral Heights website had a link to the NAAA website until it wasn't updated (around last December through the beginning to mid-lacrosse season). Rather than connecting to old information, we took down the link. Now that the site has been updated, we will reconnect AHIA website to NAAA's website.

Minutes: Minutes for the June 2019 meeting were approved.

Treasurer's report: Not much has changed since June. We need to do a mailing for dues.

Leupold still needs receipts from the Fourth of July. He also hasn't received any mowing invoices. Garcia sent the contractor a note during the meeting.

The treasurer's report was approved.

Williams Dock: The state has approved the Williams Dock rebuild. We are now awaiting approval by the Army Corps of Engineers.

Events: The October general membership meeting will be held at a new location. The meeting will be held at 7:30 p.m. Oct. 1 at the Navy-Marine Corps Memorial Stadium's Daniel F. Akerson Tower. The change needs to be publicized. Lotfi will write a blurb for Facebook & email about the new location. A map in the newsletter will show the new location. Someone will be at the gate to direct residents.

Yard sale, Saturday, Oct. 12, 8 a.m. - noon, throughout the community. Rain date: Oct. 13.

Fall picnic (block party), Sunday, Oct. 20, 4 p.m., Halsey Park. Lebow-Little will rent the table and chairs. Grant and Lotfi will get pop up tents. Gibson will get a "tailgate grill."

Halloween party - Oct. 25. It was suggested that AHIA work with the Germantown-Homewood Community Association.

Grounds Committee: Five people haven't paid their kayak rental fees. Gibson will email them.

Sampson/Porter Circle: Is the circle meeting the needs of Admiral Heights? Should we reopen the tree discussion with the City of Annapolis and/or BGE? How about a sign and/or historical plaques? Maybe something about the admirals?

Volunteers haven't been able to keep up with the weeds. The budget will include circle weeding three or four times a year.

Traffic: Residents are complaining about speeding in the neighborhood. Admiral Heights is on the City's list for the next traffic study. About three years ago the traffic was studied in three Admiral Heights locations. The study concluded that 85 percent of the traffic was going at 23 mph which is below the speed limit. Public Works has some signs to discourage speeding.

Bylaws: A proposal was made to change AHIA's fiscal year to conform to the calendar year. The board would still be elected in March, but the budget would be presented in October for the following year. This would make it easier to know whether dues have been paid because the year on the check would be the year paid. The amendment to the Bylaws was approved by the Board to go before the general membership in October.

Agenda items: Agenda items for the general membership meeting include Mayor Gavin Buckley's land swap idea, NAAA's land development proposal, Bylaws amendment, crime, Williams Dock update, and events. People to invite include Buckley, Gladchuk, the new police chief, Jim Golden (commander of the Admiral Heights Boat Club) and Senator Sarah Elfreth.

Newsletter: Sept. 15 is the deadline for articles and photography. Burdick will send an email to about 60 advertisers. Newsletters should be ready for delivery around Sept. 21 or 22. Newsletters should be delivered seven to 10 days before the meeting. This is Burdick's last newsletter. We are going to advertise for a new editor.

Signs: Only one sign is working. We do have a banner which only has space for the event and the website.

To do: Poll board members for availability for November board meeting & determine location – Gibson

Check to see if Germantown-Homewood Community Association would be willing to take on the Halloween party - ?????

Send out mailing to remind members to pay their dues - Leupold

Send NAAA link to Leupold - Thorn

Connect NAAA & Admiral Heights's websites - Leupold

Write blurb for Facebook & email about general membership meeting's new location - Lotfi

Put up signs for upcoming events (general membership meeting, yard sale, Halloween, etc.) - Garcia

Track down mowing invoices – Garcia

Email people who haven't paid their kayak rental fees - Gibson

Check about signs to slow down speeders - Radulovich

Check about trees/signs for the circle - Rogers

Put a sign at Germantown, notifying everyone of new meeting location - ???

Be available at the stadium to point people to the new location - ????

Invite speakers to meeting - Gibson

The meeting was adjourned at 9:18 p.m.
Submitted by Martha Thorn, Secretary