

Approved February 4, 2021

Admiral Heights Improvement Association Board's GoToMeeting hosted by Scott Gibson on Jan. 7, 2021

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

In attendance: Scott Gibson, Martha Thorn, John Leupold, Derek **Lotfi**, Maggie Rogers, Tonya **McGinnis**, Bo Conroy, Grant Garcia, Lizzie Coelho, Joe Flasher, Cindy Radulovich

Not in attendance: Jen Hall

Treasurer's Report – John

64 checks total in the mail, kayak checks in the mix (3). Some checks are for 2020 dues and some are for 2021 dues. John still has to sort them out. There were a couple of donations. One couple gave a donation of \$200 on top of their dues. Another couple paid \$50 and said to keep the change. People seemed to like the listing of people who've paid dues in the last newsletter. It's suggested that we do it again.

Approximate amounts in all accounts: more than 16K in checking, more than 5K in CD, and more than \$500 in dock account. Total in all accounts is more than \$22,000.

Scott proposed that AHIA's 2020 contribution (\$750) to the dock rebuilding fund be moved over now. The decision was unanimous. The AHIA is not sure whether the Boat Club has paid its \$750 or whether its contribution was used to pay for the "overage" when the dock was built.

Lizzie submitted receipts for the scarecrow making event. Many bills were lower this year: electric because of LEDs, mowing and insurance (premium is due next year). John will have final numbers in February

Lawn mowing contract needs to be renewed and the scope of work needs to be broadened. The contract should include more trimming by AH signs, more weeding and mulching in the Sampson-Porter Circle, and more attention to the trail and hedge at Halsey Park.

Martha asked if there had been any follow up to the complaint by Margaret Drake at the general membership meeting. An 85-year-old woman had to weed an overgrown bench in Halsey Park to

get to a hedge which she also weeded. There was also a concern about the path and steps leading down to the water. Scott and Bo will follow up.

Almost \$2,400 was spent on tree trimming. It's listed in the budget under Facilities Maintenance.

The treasurer's report was approved.

Newsletter – Scott

Three project ideas to include in the next newsletter: (1) Joe is looking into options for a playground at Halsey Park and is researching funding available as well as donations. (2) Scott and Tonya are looking into a redo of the Sampson-Porter Circle and (3) Lizzie is looking at a possible playground, landscaping or some other use for the grassy area at the entrance to Admiral Heights on Cedar Park Road. Proponents of these ideas will add a framework to them and determine about how much they will cost. These would be “one-time” projects.

In addition to these ideas, Grant proposes replacing the boards at Dewey Dock. He estimates that will cost a couple thousand dollars.

John says the association can comfortably spend \$5k.

Martha was concerned that AHIA might have to pay for a standpipe for the Williams Dock. This would take a considerable amount of money away from these projects. Scott said that the matter is still outstanding but that Fred Paone is still engaged in the process. Also, we could fundraise and seek volunteers to help with the work on these projects.

Short blurbs about these ideas should appear in the newsletter, so the membership can weigh the options.

Other newsletter articles

- 1) Martha – her usual event coverage & fillers
- 2) Scott/Joe – survey piece
- 3) Lizzie – picture of car damage
- 4) Maggie – looking out for your neighbor
- 5) Maggie and Derek - Welcome to the neighborhood page

- 6) Easter Egg Hunt event?
- 7) Thanks to Santa Claus - John Hammond with the county and Derek
- 8) Google form/election ballot – John & Tonya
- 9) Thanks to everyone who paid dues – John

Cindy will handle ads and distribution and Scott will handle the layout and design.

Newsletter deadline is the first week of February. Derek mentioned having 10 – 15 extra copies of newsletter available to give to new neighbors to encourage AHIA membership.

March meeting - Scott

Tonya to coordinate the March meeting webinar. She will also serve as the nominating chair, organizing the ballot for the election. Board members should email to let her know if they are still willing to serve on the board. Officers are automatically re-elected.

Joe and/or Scott will present survey results.

Other idea topics for March meeting? Fred Paone? Member of the General Assembly? Police Department? Annapolis mayor?

Maggie was concerned that elected officials might use the meeting as a campaign opportunity with the political stuff turning off attendees.

Scott and Martha said that a separate meeting is set up specifically for a panel of political candidates. In the past Admiral Heights has sometimes joined either West Annapolis or Germantown-Homewood in setting up a Candidates Forum.

Discussion regarding car damage on Cedar Park.

Other discussion

AHIA dues are due and residents can now autopay through PayPal. Do we want to remind people in the newsletter, at the meeting, via email, or postcard?

Can we increase our Facebook presence?

What is the status of development of the stadium property?

What do we know about an assisted living facility being planned for the WNAV property?

Would we be interested in sponsoring a decorating competition? Maybe the front and back of the neighborhood pitted against each other in decorating? Maybe we could reach out to Karma O'Neill to plan some events? AHIA would fund them, and she could organize them. Many of our events – the Easter egg hunt, Santa Run, John Hammond's drive through, Derek and crew bringing Santa through the neighborhood, this year's light competition – have originated outside the board.

Minutes

The Nov. 12, 2020 minutes were approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:56 p.m.

Submitted by Cindy Radulovich, Secretary