

Minutes were approved on Sept. 3, 2020.

Admiral Heights Improvement Association Board's GoToMeeting hosted by Scott Gibson **Aug. 6, 2020**

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

**Attendees:** Cindy Radulovich, Gibson, Joe Flasher, Jen Hall, Bo Conroy, Tonya McGinnis, Lizzie Coelho, Martha Thorn, **Alderman** Fred Paone, **Derek Lotfi & Grant Garcia**

**Absent:** John Leupold & Maggie Rogers

**Minutes:** May and June minutes were approved.

**Treasurers Report:** The report may look weird for three reasons: 1. Because the fiscal year was changed 2. Because AHIA's payment for the dock replacement is in the report. About \$13,000 was transferred from Dock Rebuild Contributions to the AHIA checking account so the contractor could be paid. 3. Because of event cancellations due to the pandemic, expenses were down for social events

#### **Grounds Committee:**

**Dewey Dock:** Conroy said that everyone renting kayak racks is paid up and current. He said that one spot that isn't assigned has a kayak in it. Garcia will set the kayak off to the side.

We thought an electrician had fixed the light at Dewey Dock, but we're still getting complaints. Flasher will check on the bulb after the meeting.

The mulch that was spread at Dewey Dock is "holding up great." Thanks go to Nina Fisher and Michael Green for their help in spreading the rest of the mulch.

Garcia and Flasher will set a date for building the kayak racks and will get the materials. Target date should be a few weeks out and before the October meeting. About a dozen people on the kayak waiting list may be willing to help.

**Roundabout:** The rotary is looking good thanks to volunteers.

Gibson has confirmed with the City that AHIA can have a sign in the rotary that doesn't exceed 12 square feet. The sign would be limited in size and height because of visibility issues. It would be a low-profile sign similar to those along the Naval Academy parade field.

Prior to the meeting Gibson emailed the other board members a bid from the company which did the two other signs in AH. The total project cost would be roughly \$3,500. Gibson asked the board to approve spending \$299 of this for a design, elevation drawings, and site survey. These would be used to raise funds and gain support for the project at the October general membership meeting.

Aspects of the project were discussed, including whether AHIA would get computer designs and/or sketches and whether a permit was needed. Pros included improving the appearance of the circle and the entrance to the community, making the circle easier to maintain, and generating community interest and involvement.

Cons included the project cost, whether AHIA really needed another sign in such close proximity to the existing Admiral Heights sign, whether the money could be better spent on other things such as a new events sign, saving for replacing Dewey Dock, a standpipe, and/or community events.

Gibson said he would be willing to pay the \$299 and some other AH residents might be willing to donate toward the cost of the sign.

The conversation was tabled with no decision being made.

**Williams Dock:** AHIA has raised enough money to cover everything but the standpipe. The “fire code is not an appealable issue.” Paone will look into introducing a bill to the City Council to exempt Williams Dock from the requirement. He will also look into whether the City's Sprinkler Fund can help cover the cost.

A motion was made to authorize Leupold to pay AHIA's portion of the dock bill (\$13,090). It was passed unanimously.

**Crime in the neighborhood:** Paone said the July shooting on Cedar Park Road was a revenge shooting. He said the shooters just happened to pass the other car in Admiral Heights. He said it could have happened anywhere. No one was hurt, but when 10 or 12 shots are fired, there's always a possibility that they could have killed innocent people. Two brothers, ages 24 and 14, were arrested for two separate shootings – the one on Cedar Park and the other elsewhere in Annapolis.

The police have increased patrols, and the neighborhood is in no great danger.

The police agreed to a town hall on public safety, but it was canceled by Acting Mayor Rhonda Pindell-Charles. He hopes the town hall will be rescheduled next week.

Robberies are going down; shootings are going up. Some people blame the coronavirus for this, but Paone believes it could also be gangs involved in a turf war.

**October membership meeting:** Planning for the October membership meeting needs to take place during the September board meeting. The meeting most likely will not be held in person. We need to decide how AHIA will handle adopting a new budget. Gibson recommends a paper ballot. The question will be addressed at the September meeting. The newsletter will also be discussed then.

**Meeting Adjourned at 9 p.m.**

Submitted by Cindy Radulovich, Secretary, & Martha Thorn, Backup Secretary