

Minutes were approved May 9, 2017. Corrections are in bold.
Admiral Heights Improvement Association Board Meeting
April 4, 2017

Called to order: 7:35 p.m. by President Jim Burdick at Germantown Elementary School

AHIA board members in attendance:

Norm Crews, Martha Thorn, Burdick, Maria Lebow-Little, Mario Schiappacasse, John Leupold, Alison DeWalle, Rachael Breen, Scott Gibson, and Grant Garcia. Also in attendance was Admiral Heights resident Michael Green.

Not in attendance:

Melissa Tarawali and Ed Cherneski.

President's remarks:

Burdick welcomed new board members. He noted that the general membership meeting was well attended and many events were coming up in the spring.

Boat Club Commodore Jim Golden was slated to address the board but was unable to attend.

DeWalle will be moving so there'll be a vacancy on the board.

Minutes

The minutes were approved with one correction -- Burdick met the reporter in a face to face interview.

Treasurer's Report

Members paid more than \$2,000 in dues as a result of the blue form attached to the spring newsletter. This will cut down on mailing costs. Of course, it also cost to attach the extra sheet and make it blue. It was unclear whether the savings were more than this extra cost.

The money market account is closed.

The extra bill from Undercuts and the bill from Meet the Creek will be put on the next fiscal year.

The treasurer's report was approved.

Events

Yard Sale – Saturday, April 8, 9 a.m. - noon; Rain date, Sunday, April 9. Thorn has already paid for a Capital ad and posted on Facebook. Leupold has sent out one e-mail blast and will send out a reminder. Burdick will show Breen how to do the signs.

Easter egg hunt – A resident would like to do an Easter egg hunt at the entrance to Admiral Heights on Easter Sunday (April 16). Time to be announced. Burdick will let everyone know the details so we can send out an e-mail and post to Facebook.

GreenScape – Sunday, April 23, 2 - 4:30 p.m., Dewey Dock. It was suggested that broken racks be fixed during GreenScape and the broken and abandoned boats be removed.

Mosquito spraying – Need to get out op out forms soon.

Planting at the Sampson – Porter Circle – April 29 – time and rain date to be determined. A Capital Improvement of \$750 was approved to buy plants, mulch and potting soil for the circle. People with trucks are needed to pick up the plants on Thursday and/or Friday before the event.

Parking meeting – Tuesday, May 2, 7:30 p.m., Cafeteria at Germantown Elementary School. Invitations will be hand delivered with mosquito spraying information. They shouldn't be put in mailboxes. They can be rolled up and inserted between the doorknob and doorjamb as long as heavy paper is used.

The City of Annapolis has outsourced parking to SP+, which collects money out of the meters for parking, etc. This organization has met with Ward 1 residents and is now seeking input from residents in the Germantown, Homewood and Admiral Heights areas (Ward 2).

The City makes the policies. This organization does the work. The master plan for parking is on the City web site. This isn't our meeting, but we are advertising it.

One question to ask is what constitutes a stadium event. Also, if we want to restrict parking to residents, what will we be giving up? What would we have to pay? What would happen if we have visitors?

Board members can speak as residents, but not as board members. The board hasn't taken any official position on parking.

Murray Hill is a "special permit district." It works until visitors get tickets. Residents pay \$30 for special permits.

Meet the Creek – Saturday, May 6, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m., Dewey Dock. Boat costs \$500. Event is under attended. About 25 attended last year.

Board meeting – Tuesday, May 9, 7:30 p.m., Lebow-Little's house (This is a change from previously published information). Burdick will do the agenda.

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

Block party – Sept. 16 time to be determined. Board members discussed whether to discontinue the block party and/or tailgater. Meet the Creek, the block party and the tailgater were all under attended. The tailgater costs about \$780, the block party about \$1,000. This averages out to about \$40 a head for a burger and beer.

If we continue these events, we should try to get more people to attend them. We also need to determine the right balance between costs and attendance. Three voted to discontinue the block party. Seven voted to continue the event.

Tailgater – Suggested date is Oct. 21. Lebow-Little will e-mail Tom Phelps of the Naval Academy Athletic Association to see if this date will work. Navy is scheduled to play University of Central Florida.

Grounds Committee

We need to decide what kind of lighting we want: (1) a light that stays on all the time - probably the cheapest with negligible impact on aesthetics. (2) A light that has a timer – stays on at night, then turns off in the morning. (3) Motion sensor or photo cell – must consider upfront costs and costs of repairs. Burdick has received estimates for all three.

It was noted that AHIA had \$13,000 in the bank, but if a choice needed to be made, lights might be preferable to a party.

A motion was made to approve up to \$500 for two lights at Dewey Dock and to upgrade to timers and LEDs. The motion was unanimously approved. Additional signage was also proposed for Dewey Dock.

Neighborhood Watch – The next Neighborhood Safety Meeting is April 12 from 6:30 – 8 p.m. at Annapolis Police Headquarters located at 199 Taylor Ave. The topic will be a new neighborhood watch initiative called Annapolis Community Builders and current crime trends in the City. To attend, RSVP to Sergeant Nicole Vaden.

A Public Safety Expo will be held on April 22 from 1 – 4 p.m. It's one of many events planned to celebrate the 150th Anniversary of the Annapolis Police Department.

Thorn passed out rosters and calendars and asked that she be notified of any changes.

Weems Creek Matters

Cherneski was absent so no report.

DeWalle has filled out the form that allows for the yearly water testing in Weems Creek.

Boat Club

Burdick said the Boat Club's lease is up next May for the dock in Ackerman Park on Williams Drive. The Boat Club pays up to \$2,000 per year on repairs to the dock. Repairs are now needed that may cost up to \$3,000 - \$5,000 or more. Boat Club members will do most of the work. In the past, the Boat Club has fixed the path, cut the lawn, increased the number of racks four times, rebuilt lockers, and repaired the dock.

Burdick also talked about a Memo of Understanding between the City of Annapolis and Anne Arundel County that would result in the City taking over the enforcement of regulations on moored boats. This is interesting because the county doesn't charge for mooring, but the City may charge more than \$1,000 for mooring.

Traffic Calming and Public Safety

A motion was made to send a letter to the mayor. Nine voted in favor of the motion. One was opposed. Nothing was said about the content of the letter although policing, police patrols, trespassing and frequent checks were discussed.

Webmasters

Leupold said the Mom's Club would like to use our e-mail list to get out information about monthly walks, baby sitting swaps, etc.

Leupold said people can now e-mail info@admiralheights.org to learn about the neighborhood.

Election of officers

Burdick will continue as president. Schiappacasse will replace Lebow-Little as vice president. Lebow-Little will replace DeWalle as treasurer. Thorn will continue as secretary.

To do

Research five houses to see if they already belong to a community – Burdick

Bundle mosquito spraying op out forms and announcement of parking meeting by routes and let board members know they're ready for pick up – Burdick

Deliver spraying mosquito op out forms & invites to the parking meeting – All

Send pdf of approved February minutes to Leupold and Schiappacasse for posting on the web – Thorn

Post approved minutes to web - Leupold and Schiappacasse

Proceed with plans for Candidates Forum – Burdick

Send reminder for yard sale – Leupold

Put up signs for yard sale – Burdick & Breen

Do agenda for next meeting – Burdick

E-mail Tom Phelps of the Naval Academy Athletic Association about the date for the tailgater -
Lebow-Little

Add boat shows, more Commissioning Week events, and Bayhawk games to the calendar plus
other changes and updates – Thorn

Make changes and updates to the roster – Thorn

Let everyone know Easter egg hunt details so event can be publicized via e-mail & Facebook -
Burdick

Meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Submitted by

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Secretary