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Admiral Heights Improvement Association Board's Zoom meeting hosted by Shivaugn Ahern on August 5, 2021

Call to order: 8 p.m. by Shivaugn Ahern

In attendance: Board members: Joe Flasher, Shivaugn Ahern, John Leupold, Scott Gibson, Cindy Radulovich, Tonya McGinnis, Bo Conroy, Lizzie Coelho. Non-board member: Martha Thorn

Not in attendance: Maggie Rogers, Grant Garcia & Liz Uehlinger

Minutes: The July 8, 2021, minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report:

The treasurer's report is more up-to-date. Thanks to the new mail pick up schedule, there's no longer a backlog of mail. It is all caught up.

Status of Finances

- The Boat Club has made its payment to the dock repair fund
- The \$5k CD is designated as an emergency fund. Originally, it was more, but money was taken out of it to help rebuild the dock.
- Bill for mowing has not been received yet
- In March, \$7,500 was allocated to the Dewey Dock and Cedar Park entrance projects. \$1,200 was left over after the dock was fixed.

Profit and Loss – Income has increased by \$4k through advertising, boat racks and donations.

AHIA has a large cash balance in checking. Perhaps AHIA could put more in the Dock Rebuild Fund, increase the emergency fund, make more capital improvements, or invest more.

Investment in something other than CDs would depend on the risk tolerance of AHIA members. Staggering the expiration of some CDs was suggested. More discussion is needed. Scott, Joe, Shivaugn and John will come up with ideas to maximize returns.

Grounds:

Dead tree

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Grant got a message from a neighbor regarding a dead tree that needs to come down by Dewey Dock. He wrote back to the neighbor asking about whose property the tree is on.

Sampson-Porter Circle

After consulting with Homestead Garden and two or three other landscaping folks, Tonya came up with three options for improving the circle. They are:

1. Cheapest option is to just rearrange what is already there in an orderly fashion. Those plants over the 18-inch limit would be disposed of. Weed spray. Mulch. \$1,000*
2. Dispose of everything that is there. Plant 40 tiger lirioppe (or 20 regular) in two concentric outer circles. 11 boxwoods inside that. Spray. Mulch. \$2,600*
3. Leave what's there but fill in. Use the best of it at center inside and/or amongst the boxwood. \$2,800

*Note that the plants really won't be disposed of. They will be replanted elsewhere – either in Halsey Park, the pool area, or other Admiral Heights properties.

Options include cost of plants, mulch, disposal, spray, fertilizer, labor and initial watering. Plants will sustain once established but will need water to become established. Options don't guarantee plant survival because of dog pee, water, soil and elements out of the contractor's control.

Tonya recommended the second option, saying that the replacement plants would be low growing and easy to maintain.

Joe mentioned that in the survey conducted in the Fall there was a strong preference for beautification of the circle.

Shivaugn noted that the current situation, while lovely when in bloom, is not maintainable. She also noted that there's no such thing as maintenance free. There will always be maintenance, and the contractors will need clear guidance.

Lizzie asked if the boxwoods need to be maintained. According to Tonya, a low growing variety of boxwood will be selected.

Benches at Cedar Park entrance

Lizzie priced out a variety of materials for the benches, including polywood, metal and teak. She wasn't sure if we would want two or four benches or if we would want concrete pavers under the benches. Bolting down the benches or using cement to hold them in place was discussed.

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Concerns about moving forward with the pocket park: whether to wait on the temporary sidewalk, the impact of narrowing the street, and identifying a shady spot for the benches. Costs ranged from \$400 - \$1,000 per bench. The pocket park would show value upon entry to the neighborhood. Shivaugn will send out a scanned copy of a landscape architect's plan that was done in the past for the Cedar Park lot.

Scott made a motion to authorize Option 2 for \$2,600 for the Sampson-Porter Circle beautification and up to \$4k for the Cedar Park entrance.

John amended the motion to lower the amount to \$3k for the Cedar Park lot.

The motion was made and approved for Option 2 for \$2,600 for the Sampson-Porter Circle and \$3,000 for the Cedar Park lot.

The idea for a neighborhood bulletin board was tabled for future consideration.

Kayak Racks

Joe spoke of kayak rack spots being poached. It was suggested that pictures of the kayaks be posted on Facebook and sent out via email blasts so the owners can be found and asked to move the kayaks. If the owners can't be identified, a note can be left on the kayaks.

Newsletter:

Submission deadline needs to be provided by Cindy. Health of Weems Creek will be written up by Shivaugn. Martha currently has five stories.

Page 2 Martha raised the issue regarding board members and their personal phone numbers being listed in the Fall Issue. A change will not be made until the March newsletter.

The Fall General Membership meeting should be announced two weeks in advance

Board Member Candidates:

Derek Lotfi is stepping down as a member of the AHIA Board. Shivaugn will reach out to those who have expressed an interest in serving on the board – Cat Marucci, Lauren Heier and Mike Sostak

Community involvement:

AHIA usually pays the Severn River Association dues. The 9/11 Heroes Run typically asks for a letter of support from the Admiral Heights Board. They deliver leaflets to the residents that may be impacted by the run. Lynn Talbott Voss is the point of contact for

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the Food Truck Friday that the Germantown-Homewood Community Association held at Studio 39 in June.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:28 p.m.

Submitted by Cindy Radulovich, Secretary, and Martha Thorn, AHIA member