

Corrected minutes – minutes approved with corrections – 3 May 2016

Admiral Heights Improvement Association General Membership Meeting
April 5, 2016

Called to order: 7:40 p.m. by President Melissa Tarawali at Germantown Elementary School

AHIA Board Members in Attendance:

Tarawali, Norm Crews, Martha Thorn, Alison DeWalle, Maria Lebow-Little, John Leupold, Mario Schiappacasse and Grant Garcia.

Not in attendance:

Kara Blouin, Kemp Hanafourde, Ed Cherneski and Jim Burdick.

Introductions

Tarawali has served on the board five years. She will be stepping down from the president's position.

Lebow-Little has served as treasurer for four years and will be stepping down from that position.

DeWalle has served on the board three years. She's in charge of signs and debt collection for the racks.

Leupold is a new member who lives on Halsey.

Schiappacasse is a new member who lives on Dewey.

Garcia is a new member.

Crews has been on the current board five years. He's also a past president of the organization. He's currently on the Traffic and Safety Calming Committee, works with the county police department, and plays Santa on the Santa Run.

Thorn has served as secretary for a year.

Minutes

February 2016 minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report

A balance sheet was distributed. It was basically the same as what was reported at the general membership meeting in March. The only difference was that the CD had accrued a little more interest.

The membership mailing, which will include the mosquito spraying information, will go out the end of April.

AHIA membership is voluntary. Dues are \$30 per year. Boat rack rental is \$35 per year. Residents can't rent a boat rack unless they are AHIA members.

In the fall the treasurer will send out a second mailing as a reminder to residents who haven't paid their dues.

Crews said dues shouldn't be lowered because the association needs to have money on hand in case of emergencies.

Events

GreenScape – Saturday, April 23, 9 a.m., Dewey Dock. Nina Dekornfeld (goes by Nina Fisher) is organizing.

Yard Sale – Saturday, April 30, 9 a.m. - noon; Rain date: Sunday, May 1. Thorn will take care of Capital ad and social media. DeWalle will put up signs.

Meet the Creek – Saturday, May 7, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m., Dewey Dock. Tarawali has requested the same captain as last year. Cost for the boat is \$550. Half is paid before the event, half afterward. Dekornfeld (Fisher) will talk about runoff. Garcia will take over the event. Tarawali will send him a blurb for the e-mail blast.

Fourth of July Bike Parade - Monday, July 4, 10 a.m., Sampson Place. Mom's Club does this event.

Block Party – Aug. 14, 3 p.m., Halsey Park. Tables, chairs and grill are rented for this event. Event coordinator buys burgers, soda, etc., and submits receipts to treasurer. A new grill master is needed. Schiappacasse is coordinating this event.

Grounds Committee

Burdick was absent so there was no formal report. However, Tarawali said the agreement between City and AHIA for the Porter-Sampson-Cedar Park circle has been signed. Undercuts is submitting a plan for the circle to the City engineer.

Sean O'Neill has been talking with the mayor about what can be done about the Verizon cable that keeps falling across Cedar Park Road.

Neighborhood Watch

The Neighborhood Safety Meeting will be held 6:30 – 8 p.m. April 12 at Annapolis Police Headquarters, 199 Taylor Avenue. Miguel Dennis, director of Professional Standards for the police department, will speak about the complaint process, how complaints are investigated, and resolved. We will also be going over the current crime trends for Annapolis.

Thorn passed around Mast routes and the roster so she could update both.

Crews suggested Thorn write up a reminder for residents to lock their doors for the e-mail blast. As warm weather approaches, people tend to leave their doors and windows open, resulting in an increase in breaking and entering.

Weems Creek Matters

Cherneski was absent so there was no formal report. However, DeWalle said water testing is being done on Weems Creek as part of the county-wide water testing program. They post the bacterial levels on the web within 48 hours of the testing. The Health Department disseminates information about health concerns about the bacterial levels.

Traffic Calming and Public Safety

Crews said he has received no complaints.

Mom's Club

No report was given, but Blouin is our new liaison with the club.

Election of new officers

Thorn agreed to serve as secretary if elected. DeWalle agreed to serve as treasurer if elected. Burdick was absent but he had talked with Tarawali before the meeting and agreed to serve as vice president if elected.

No one stepped forward to serve as president, but all agreed that Burdick would be a good choice. Board members discussed how they might take over some responsibilities to make the job less onerous. Garcia said he could chair the Grounds Committee. Schiappacasse said he could do the advertising for the newsletter.

The new members said that they would feel uncomfortable as president as they haven't yet become familiar with the board. However, they did discuss the possibility of co-chairing the board and agreed to give some thought to the job.

Secretary and treasurer were elected. The election for vice president and president was tabled until the next meeting.

The responsibilities of some of the positions was also discussed. The treasurer pays the bills such as BGE and insurance. The president collects the bills and mail from the post office box (DeWalle said she could do this). Treasurer does data entry.

President meets with city, county and state leaders, listens to residents' complaints and advises residents on safety issues. The president posts notices on Facebook, puts together an agenda, makes copies of minutes and other handouts, and talks at meetings.

New web masters are Leupold and Schiappacasse.

Cherneski remains chair of Weems Creek Matters. Mom's Club organizes Halloween and Fourth of July events.

Hanafourde is moving so we will soon have another vacancy on the board.

To do:

Think about and discuss electing new president and vice president – All

Ask around to see if anyone is willing to step into the vacancy on the board - All

Send approved February minutes to Kemp, Leupold, and Schiappacasse for posting on the web –
Thorn

Post February minutes on the web – Kemp, Leupold and Schiappacasse

Send plan for the Circle to City engineer - Undercuts

Continue to update roster – Martha

Update new Mast routes – Martha

Send out membership mailings once we have the mosquito information – DeWalle

Write up tips for crime prevention for e-mail blast – Martha

Next meeting is the first Tuesday of the month -- Tuesday, May 3

Meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Submitted by

Martha Thorn

Secretary