

Approved April 2, 2020
Admiral Heights Improvement Association Board of Directors Meeting
Jan. 9, 2020

Called to order: 8 p.m. by President Scott Gibson at home of Tonya McGinnis

Attendance: AHIA Board members -- Martha Thorn, Gibson, McGinnis, Maggie Rogers, Cindy Radulovich, John Leupold, and Grant Garcia attended.

Not in attendance: Jim Burdick, Derek Lotfi, Bo Conroy, Norm Crews & Maria Lebow-Little.

Minutes: Minutes for the December 2019 board meeting weren't approved. Gibson is going to clarify the first statement in the treasurer's report. We'll revisit the minutes at the next meeting.

Treasurer's report: There's only a few changes since last month. There's a little more income. The bike parade and block party bills have been paid. McGinnis donated the food for the Santa Run. Upcoming bills include the insurance, newsletter and electric bills. The treasurer's report was accepted.

Membership, mailing & publishing: An early online push for membership via email and Facebook was discussed as well as a mailing and mention in the newsletter. Residents should be reminded how easy it is to pay dues through PayPal, check or credit card.

A postcard could be used to save money. McGinnis will put the specs together. She and Leupold will get bids from HighStarr Copy & Print Services and Post Haste Mailing for printing 5 x 7, two color postcards. Talking points include, "Have a vote at our next meeting, three easy ways to pay, and save the meeting date." A QR Code was also discussed. Postcards should be mailed out ASAP.

Newsletter: At the last meeting it was voted to put the names of the people who have paid their dues in the newsletter. However, as of Jan. 1, no one had paid any dues. It was suggested that we publish the names of the first residents to pay their dues, thanking them for leading the way in making contributions.

Lauren Cashion is the newsletter's new editor. Gibson may write about the benefits of the special tax district; McGinnis may come up with a list of projects that we might want to pursue; Conroy will provide a dock update; Thorn will write about events we've sponsored; Radulovich will get advertisers; and the Mom's Club may submit a blurb.

It might be interesting to write stories about residents who have lived in the community 10, 20 and 30 years. It could be a “get to know your neighbor” type of article. They could provide insight into how AHIA has benefitted the community. Snippets could appear online.

Newsletter deadline was set for Feb. 1 (has since been extended to Feb. 10).

Special tax districts: It will affect all residents, not just association members.

Kayak racks: The possibility of building new kayak racks at Dewey was discussed. The problem is with space and the marshy ground. There’s also a need to replace and do maintenance on existing racks.

The kayak wait list was discussed. People are moving up on the list. The list is being kept updated. Most people have a contract with AHIA, but eight people don’t. People who haven’t paid are being contacted. If they haven’t paid by Feb. 1, their locks will be cut and the kayaks disposed of.

Hotel development: There’s talk of developing the land on Taylor Ave. into a hotel and making another roundabout near Admiral Cleaners. We’ve been asked to join other communities who are opposed to this. There’s also talk of extending Poplar Trail all the way downtown and all the way to the hospital.

Santa Run: The fire pit and the s’mores were a big hit. We might consider having hot dogs next time.

General membership meeting: Topics to discuss include the proposed special tax district, the proposed hotel development, dock update, rack discussion and election of new board members. Speakers to invite include someone from Bay Ridge to talk about residents’ experience with the special tax district; Annapolis Alderman Fred Paone and Lisa Rodvien from the Anne Arundel County Council; and Bo Conroy and/or Jim Golden about the dock progress.

To do: Postcards – McGinnis & Leupold

Newsletter - Cashion, Gibson, Thorn, McGinnis, Conroy, Radulovich & Mom’s Club.

General membership meeting preparations – Gibson & Garcia

Clarify portion of last month's minutes - Gibson

The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 p.m.
Submitted by Martha Thorn, Secretary