

Approved Jan. 9, 2018 with amendments which are bolded.

Admiral Heights Improvement Association Board Meeting

Dec. 5, 2017

Called to order: 7:39 p.m. by President Jim Burdick at Germantown Elementary School

AHIA board members in attendance:

Norm Crews, Martha Thorn, Burdick, Ed Cherneski, Mario Schiappacasse, Rachel Breen, and Grant Garcia. Also in attendance was Tom Baum of Bozzuto Homes.

Not in attendance:

Brandon Wright, Steve Fisher, Maria Lebow-Little, John Leupold and Scott Gibson.

Remarks by Tom Baum of Bozzuto Homes:

Baum is a Murray Hill resident whose company, Bozzuto Homes, is working on various “projects in and around town.”

He said he was sorry for the way the discussion about his proposed purchase of the WNAV property unfolded. It wasn’t his intent to be portrayed as an “invader” into Admiral Heights. Annapolis is his community too and his company values commonality. His company wants to be a “community builder, not detractor.” He said if the company can’t come to an agreement with surrounding communities over the development of the land, then it won’t develop it. However, he feels that the land will be developed and his company is the best one to do it because it’s willing to work with surrounding communities.

Due to the “outcry” from Admiral Heights residents, the company no longer plans to have a road “break into” Admiral Heights. Baum shared other ideas for the property. Many decisions have yet to be made and he wanted to get the reaction of board members on some of these decisions. However, he stressed that the project is still in the “study” period. The company is looking at whether the project is “doable” and whether it’s “feasible.” Then, it will have to go through a “planned development process” and a “public approval process.” **Two sentences were deleted.**

President’s remarks:

Burdick said Baum seemed like a good guy and Bozzuto seemed like a good company, one which was concerned about its brand.

Minutes

The November minutes were approved. Thorn noted that the minutes from the special meeting in September haven’t been approved yet.

Treasurer’s Report

No treasurer’s report. However, we did discuss the confusion about the reimbursement for the tree removal. It seems the Boat Club has filed a claim and been reimbursed. We haven’t been reimbursed, but the treasurer is filing a claim so that we will be.

Events

Santa Run – Sunday, Dec. 10, 4:45 p.m., Halsey Park. Santa will arrive at 5:15 p.m., rain or snow. It was decided to leave the time the same so children will have time to play and so there will be a little cushion in case Santa arrives early. Burdick will bring refreshments to Santa Run.

General membership meeting – March 6, 7:30 p.m., Germantown Elementary School

Grounds Committee

It looks like we may not have another event until the spring GreenScape. Garcia will talk to Nina Fisher about the date. He will also ask if we need to do anything to get the plants in the Sampson-Porter Circle ready for winter.

Neighborhood Watch

Thorn announced that residents are invited to the Holiday Open House at City Hall on Dec. 7 from 5:30 - 7 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers. Residents are asked to bring canned food to support local charities. She also reminded everyone of the Midnight Madness activities on Dec. 7, 14 and 21.

The next Neighborhood Safety Meeting is at 6:30 p.m. on Dec. 13 at the Annapolis Police Department at 199 Taylor Ave. This meeting will provide an overview of the training police officers receive at the police academy and during yearly in service training. The public's input on training is being requested.

Crews, who worked with the Annapolis police for 25 years, recommended that residents go through the 16-week Citizens Police Academy. He said he would find out the date. He said this would help the public understand the police training. He is impressed by the training the police receive on cybersecurity, mental health issues, and on using Narcan to save lives. He said our police force is among the best trained in the country on crisis intervention.

Weems Creek Matters

Cherneski said that there's no current website about water quality in the creeks. He said websites begin posting about the water quality from May to around Labor Day. Once they begin posting warnings, he will get us the website information. We usually pay someone to test the water in Weems Creek in May.

Annapolis Mayor Gavin Buckley says that Annapolis and Anne Arundel County will be a No Discharge Zone for boaters. Most people think Annapolis and Anne Arundel County are already a No Discharge Zone, but they haven't been until now. Now the zoning has been approved and the No Discharge Zone applies for the entire Severn River.

Residents were encouraged to go to Eastport and look at St. Luke's restoration project of Back Creek. About a million and a half dollars are being spent on this comprehensive watershed restoration initiative.

Traffic Calming and Public Safety

Speed cameras and signs are up on Farragut. The “20 mph school zone” refers to St. Paul’s Lutheran School & Childcare Center on Farragut. Some people hope this will arouse interest in pedestrian safety and in a sidewalk on Farragut.

Mom’s Club

Garcia hopes that more people will become more involved in events. This would help spread the load and make events easier and more fun.

Webmaster

No report.

Next agenda

Garcia proposed putting the rack rental agreement on the next agenda. It was tabled at a previous meeting.

To do

Get the minutes of the special meeting in September to Burdick – Thorn

Send pdf of November minutes to Leupold for posting on the web – Thorn

Post approved minutes to web – Leupold

Finalize lease agreement with Boat Club – Gibson, Breen and Schiappacasse

Get information on dock improvements on Williams Drive - Gibson

Provide list of those who haven’t paid for their racks and those who have paid – Gibson

Give Lebow-Little the wording for the rack invoice – Breen

Look at laptop – Leupold

Bring refreshments to Santa Run – Burdick

Look at options that will save on Internet domain and hosting Internet services – Leupold

Write article on “State of the Community” or “State of the Heights” – Burdick

Talk to Nina Fisher about winterizing plants and GreenScape date for spring – Garcia

Put Boat Club contract and rack rental agreement on agenda – Burdick

Get date of Citizens Police Academy - Crews

Meeting was adjourned at 9:13 p.m.

Submitted by Martha Thorn, Secretary