

Approved by the Board Feb. 3, 2022

Admiral Heights Improvement Association Board's Zoom meeting hosted by Shivaugn Ahern Jan. 6, 2022

Call to order: 8:01 p.m. by Shivaugn Ahern

In attendance: Board members: Joe Flasher, Ahern, John Leupold, Cindy Radulovich, Tonya McGinnis, Liz Uehlinger, Cat Marucci, Maggie Rogers, Scott Gibson, Lauren Heier & Grant Garcia. Non-board member: Martha Thorn

Not in attendance: Bo Conroy

Minutes: The November 2021 minutes will be presented at the February meeting.

Treasurer's report: Report is not totally up-to-date because AHIA just received some more mail.

All the mowing bills have been paid.

AHIA should be making the 2022 payment to the Dock Replacement Fund. This money is tracked in the treasurer's report in Dock Rebuild checking account under assets. AHIA and the Boat Club make payments of \$750 each. The Boat Club's payment hasn't been received yet.

Grounds contract: The grounds maintenance contract needs to be redone. The last one was probably done in 2019. Garcia will email the last one he has (2017 – 2018) to board members. A request for new quotes from vendors is needed for 2022. It should make AHIA's expectations clear.

Questions: Would we want a fall leaf cleanup for the parks?

Past "add-ons" include mulching and weeding. Should these be permanently added to the contract?

Will this contractor do snow removal or do we need another contractor?

Should we have a spring clean-up around signs?

What do we want done in the circle?

In the past we've had a per mow quote with an estimate of how much mowing is needed. We've left the actual number up to the contractor. Do we need to change this?

Do we want to make provisions for cleaning the park gutters in the street and making sure there's drainage?

Do we want a one, two or three-year contract with a provision for an extension?

Community involvement: Some residents are unable to clean off their sidewalks. How can AHIA help them find someone either as a volunteer or for a fee? Maybe AHIA could consider paying for communal snow removal as a benefit to community? However, since two-thirds of the community don't have sidewalks, why should they pay for those who do? AHIA might also consider paying for communal leaf removal from the streets. That might be more equitable than snow removal or the boat dock (opponents argue that it only benefits a few residents). While board members would like to create value for AHIA, there are concerns about the complaints that might arise if the board tackled these communal activities.

Another idea was based on a Chicago neighborhood that had block captains who looked out for people on the block. A welcome committee to introduce newcomers to the community was discussed as well as a welcome brochure. Community get-togethers to help with snow shoveling was also discussed.

Gibson volunteered to create a Google form that could be posted on Facebook and the AHIA website, printed in the newsletter and disseminated through an email blast. It would include how to get in touch with residents willing to do odd jobs within the community, including leaf removal, sidewalk shoveling, and babysitting. There was some concern that the people most in need of some of the services are the least connected to social media. It's hoped that those who are social media savvy will share with their neighbors who don't use social media. The list would be similar to that compiled by the Moms Club for babysitting but would include more than babysitting and pet sitting.

Kayaks: Membership and kayak dues for 2022 are now being collected.

Benches: Ease of assembly, appearance, cost, design, durability and color of three bench options were discussed. Two navy-blue benches were selected. The \$2,000 left over from the re-decking will be used to pay for them. Garcia will pay for them and be reimbursed.

The benches will be located in the pocket park at the entrance to the community and on the busiest street in the neighborhood. Two benches were part of the design for this park which will serve as a meeting place, a place for adults to sit while their children are involved in activities such as scarecrow making, and a place to relax after a walk or run. Benches are considered a one-time expense that will last for about 20 years.

Upkeep and the possibility of benches in Halsey Park were also discussed.

Nominating Committee: Marucci will chair the Nominating Committee which will put together a slate of nominees for the March 1 membership meeting. Board members interested in continuing to serve on the board, please let her know. Officers automatically continue to serve on the board for another year.

To do: Input to new grounds maintenance contract - All

Send approved minutes to John. Check to see if he's missing any. – Cindy & Martha

Google form to generate list of residents willing to do odd jobs – Gibson

Make a list of nominees for the board - Marucci

Start thinking about newsletter, spring events & general membership meeting – All

Buy benches – Garcia

The meeting was adjourned at 8:58 p.m.

Next meeting: Thursday, Feb. 3, at 7:30 p.m. (Note new time)

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