

# **GTNA Board Meeting Minutes**

## **December 2, 2024**

### **6:30pm – 7:45pm via Zoom**

**Attendees:** Jay Russell, Dana Russell, Helen Sheahan, Gary Kobs, Terrah Clark, Kathy Batha, Kathe Powers, Mayo Ewanowski, David Ewanowski, Alex Kocher, Trevor Olson

**Regrets:** Jane Sarafiny, Ruth Paulson, Serene Arena,

**Guests:** Jackie Woodruff, Bonnie Mitchell

**Meeting Minutes:** The November 2024 meeting minutes were approved.

**Holiday Lights Update:** Ms. Clark reported that we have 3 judges set and the website is ready. Mr. Olson will prepare instructions on how to vote to be posted on social media and the website. He will send a draft to Mr. Russell for review. A meeting of the judges will take place this week. Mr. Olson will set it up. Mr. Russell has the first-second-third place lights and will deliver to either Mr. Clark or Mr. Olson soon.

**Ash Tree Fund Options:** Ms. Sheahan reported that the Fund Balances are Norman Clayton Park has \$693.74, Sunridge Park \$155.84 for a total of \$849.58. She also found out that there are around 10,500 in the Ash Borer treatment program.

Because the City has taken over treating the ash trees, we can use these funds in some other way. For example:

- Trees are \$400 each
- Picnic table \$770.63
- Park Bench \$4000

It was brought to our attention that the Garden Club has also contributed funds to the ash tree treatments in the past. Ms. Mitchell and Ms. Woodruff, as meeting attendees and Garden Club members, were involved in the discussion about the funds. Ms. Mitchell is stepping down as Garden Club President. Co-Presidents Ms. Mary Vinje and Ms. Woodruff will take her place.

Mr. Russell said that as trees are part of the Parks department anyway, picnic tables will be more useful to park visitors. Ms. Sheahan will inquire if we can purchase a picnic table for Norman Clayton Park, then transfer the remaining funds to purchase a picnic table for Sunridge Park. She will also check to see if additional money can be added to the account to cover the shortfall in purchasing 2 picnic tables.

The Garden Club provides plantings in the islands around the neighborhood. Someone has dug up and removed their plantings. Ms. Sheehan or Ms. Woodruff will contact the City to find out why this is happening.

### **GTNA 2025 and Beyond Plan:**

1. Define Park Playdates – Mr. Russell suggested that we publish a regular date/time for this playdates in the three parks and possibly Anana School. He asked the Board members with young children for their opinion. We can table a decision on this to next spring. We should ask our neighbors with young children for their thoughts.
2. Gallop T-Shirt Design Plan Ms. Powers reported that the committee is now Ms. Powers, Ms. Russell, Mr. Russell, Ms. Sheehan. There will be a competition for the design of the 2025 Gallop T-shirts. The competition will be open to all ages. The committee will determine the rules for the competition (must include the GTNA logo, limit to 2 colors, etc.) Ms. Powers has put together a plan for the competition which will be reviewed by the committee in an upcoming meeting.

A further discussion included reaching out to the current sponsors and seeking more sponsors (Babes at Vitense, Kwik Trip, Madison Chocolate, Vintage Brewery, AmFam agent on Whitney Way, etc.)

3. Foodtruck events – this discussion was tabled until the February meeting. Mr. Kocher has done some preliminary checking and has a name of a contact who can provide answers for handling an event like this. He will do further research on this for the February meeting.

**Membership Update.** Ms. Ewanowski reported that we added 1 new member this month. We now have 248 households. We need to review and update the membership form, focusing on changes to directory information (a box to Opt Out), if a member wants a printed to electronic version of the directory, discount if paid before May 1, etc. Ms. Clark and Mr. Kocher volunteered to work with Ms. Ewanowski on changes to the form.

**Treasurer Report.** Mr. Ewanowski reported that our bank balance as of December 2 is \$2,486.27. We had no income from new memberships. The one new membership fee was received after Mr. Ewanowski submitted the report. We had expenses of \$110 in November for the Bonfire permit expenses.

Next meeting - Monday, February 3, 2025 at 6:30 pm via Zoom.

*Minutes respectfully submitted by Dana Russell*