



AGENDA

Ivy Hills Residents' Association

January 11, 2023

7:00 – 8:00 PM, EST

Board Members in Attendance: Amber House, Tom Kashin, Mary Gorrell, Audra Boarman, Jack Stocks, Ron Jordan, Elizabeth Murphy, Emily Berger

Guest: Jolynn Reigeluth

Meeting called to order at 7:02 p.m.

I. Approval of November 2022 Minutes

Tom motioned to approve the minutes. Amber seconded. Motion approved.

II. Treasury update - Katie Sammon (Mary Gorrell)

1. Transition of position to Mary Gorrell

Katie will be handing off her duties to Mary soon. Katie is in Florida on vacation but will train Mary when she gets back. Tom suggested giving Katie a \$200 gift card as a thank you for her five years on the board, similar to what was given to Greg when he “retired” from the board after a long period of service. Tom moved to approve, Amber seconded. Motion approved. Emily will research a spa and/or Amazon gift card.

III. Committee updates

1. Activities-Amber House & Julie Norris

a. Update on events

Amber is investigating a pastry truck to visit Cross & Crown Church on the day of the garage sale. That would be at no cost to the IHRA but a nice feature to add on the day of the event when pedestrian and car traffic is heavy.

2. Crime watch - Ron Jordan

Ron reported fewer porch pirate incidents in December. There was a break-in on Buckskin on December 29th and another the week following nearby on Buckskin Court and Rough Cedar. IMPD has investigated but no arrests have been made.

3. Hospitality - Audra Boarman

Audra has been distributing welcome bags to 30+ new neighbors. She will be reaching out to some new businesses in the area to see if they want to offer a coupon or information in the bags. Danielle (Audra's neighbor) is interested in serving on the hospitality committee as well.

4. Social Media

The position is still open. Amber and Tom are continuing to manage in the meantime.

5. Newsletters/Dues Letters

Postcard will go out the first week of February. The board discussed how often to send the postcards out. The new format is much easier and quicker to put together. The cost is roughly \$600 per postcard. Emily suggested sending out a post-card out bi-monthly. Ron moved to approve the postcard. Amber seconded the motion.

Amber asked for help proofing the postcard.

The upcoming postcard will have information about the buried power lines. Marc Walters in the neighborhood will be putting together an FAQ about the project and ways to support it. Amber will post it on the website and promote on social media.

6. Streets - Jack Stocks

The late December snow didn't result in enough accumulation to call in the plows so we did not spend money for that service in December.

Jack noted a small increase in the hourly rate per the contract with the snow plow company.

7. Website/Data - Tom Kashin

Tom updated the website with 2023 dates and added the new Venmo payment option. Tom noted we could send a dues reminder letter to residents who haven't paid dues for the year.

8. BRAGG - Ron Jordan

No updates at this time.

9. GACC Elizabeth Murphy

The Huntington Bank at Binford and Graham is being turned into a Chipotle.

There is a lot of concern about the shootings at the Castleton Mall and the apartment complex at 75th and Shadeland.

Elizabeth would like to take the sidewalk funding info provided by Jolynn to GACC to find out how other neighborhoods have approached this and gauge GACC's interest in supporting the initiative.

GACC asked what Ivy Hills residents were concerned about and she noted speeding and heavy traffic on 79th, vandalism and traffic patterns.

10. Community Garden, additions and funding discussion - Audra Boarman

Audra and Jeff have big plans to expand the community garden in terms of additional garden beds and new plantings. Audra has shared these plans with the church for their approval.

Additions include:

- Add 5 5x10 foot beds. Building will take place towards Allisonville.
- Build up sloped area behind planting bench in order to build taller raised beds for perennials (rhubarb, asparagus, herbs, raspberry bushes, etc.)
- Plant sunflowers and other native wildflowers in the sloped "gulley."

Funding is needed for the lumber, hardware, materials, dirt and compost. The estimated cost is \$1,500 - \$2,000. Some money will come in from the rented beds.

Tom moved to approve expenses up to \$2,000. Amber seconded. Motion approved.

Audra will seek reimbursement from the board for the expenses.

There will be a seed starting event in March and a tomato tasting event in August. Amber will add the seed starting event to the upcoming postcard and Tom will add it to the website as soon as it's confirmed.

IV. New Business

1. Sidewalk campaign for Washington Twp. Side of neighborhood – Jolynn Reigeluth

Jolynna lives on 79th street. She highlighted grant prog/cost share program offered by the city. The city provides \$500,000 grants to fund neighborhood improvements. Jordan created a video to promote the project. She has also approached MSDWT. She would like to fund a grant that connects the sidewalk from Graham Road in Ivy Hills through the Allisonville intersection to Allisonville Elementary. There is some concern about that drainage ditch in front of Allisonville Elementary.

She would like to identify organizations that might contribute to the project.

This would ultimately provide even more connectivity to the forthcoming Nickel Plate trail.

Estimating the sidewalk would take \$600,000 and additional money would be needed to tackle the drainage. The school district has funded these types of projects in the past but doesn't currently want to go in on the request to the city because of the cost related to the drainage issues in front of the elementary school. She still needs to determine feasibility of which side of the street would be best in terms of cost, drainage, etc.

Jolynn has also reached out Dan Boots, City Councilor, but hasn't yet heard back.

Goal would be to apply for a grant in February 2024.

Emily shared her support for the project. Jack suggested limiting the scope of a sidewalk expansion to only east of Allisonville Road. Amber suggested reaching out to Greg Geller, former IHRA board member, who was instrumental in getting the neighborhood drainage issues addressed and funded.

The board suggested forming an ad hoc committee if Jolynn would be willing to chair. Additional neighbors could be invited to participate on the committee. Emily Berger and Audra Boarman expressed interest in also serving on the committee.

The board voted to add Jolynn as an at-large board member in order to move forward with the creation of the ad hoc committee to begin the process.

2. Signage location and installation

Amber is in possession of the street signage and poles. Where will we place these and how do we identify the easements?

Do we need to hire a licensed/bonded to install these?

There are 10 signs total. For initial locations, Elizabeth suggested:

- Camelback
- 79th Street
- 81st Street
- Kilmer

We can ask neighbors to come to the March meeting and perhaps volunteer their yard/easement to install the signs. Elizabeth offered to write a letter and Facebook post to promote and solicit volunteers willing to let the IHRA place the signs in their yards.

3. Meeting Format

The board prefers to meet virtually if possible. Amber did suggest having the board meeting in-person and hour before the full annual meeting to discuss board business and speaking roles for the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Emily Berger, IHRA Secretary, on January 11th, 2023 for approval by the board at the March 8th meeting.



Emily Berger

Important 2023 Dates:

Meetings: January 11, March 8, May 10, July 12, September 13

Garage Sale: July 29

Ivy Hills Picnic: September 17

Annual Meeting: November 8

Postcards mailed: February (L); April (N); July (L); September (N)