



AGENDA

Ivy Hills Residents' Association

March 8, 2023

7:00 – 8:00 PM, EST

In attendance: Tom Kashin, Audra Boarman, Mary Gorrell, Jolynn Reigeluth, Elizabeth Murphy, Jack Stocks, Emily Berger, Danielle Worth, Dee Ajayi, Katie Sammon

Meeting began at 7:04 p.m.

I. Approval of January 2023 Minutes

Tom moved to approve the minutes as written. Second from Audra. Motion carried.

II. Treasury update - Mary Gorrell

Katie has cross-trained Mary on the accounting functions. Mary shared the annual accounting report. We have received \$2,059 (42 people/7% of the neighborhood) in dues income so far for the year. We have only had a handful of expenses so far this year. Our checking account balance is almost \$10,000. Our money market account as almost \$74,000.

Katie thanked the board for the generous thank you gift. Katie showed Mary how to roll over the budget annually. That would typically be approved at the November meeting but was not done in 2022. The current 2023 budget draft does not yet include any expenses for the signage installation- it will need to be edited and approved by the board at the next meeting.

Emily requested a copy of the 2022 year-end financials and the 2023 draft budget be included in any email to the board.

Audra requested that fees for garden expansion be added to the 2023 budget expenses as well.

Emily asked what the plan was to do with the money we have saved so far. We have most of the money in the money market account which isn't earning any interest currently. Katie suggested we investigate moving roughly \$50,000 into a higher yield savings account. We currently bank with Regions but could explore other options. Mary has communicated with the acting manager about CD rates at the bank currently.

Emily discussed if we could help invest in some new equipment or updates to the Cross and Crown Church playground with all the money we have in reserves since they so generously allow neighborhood children to use it and it seems to get heavy use outside of church hours. Katie suggested that a one-time investment would be more manageable than an ongoing fee we would pay to the church.

III. Committee updates

1. Activities-Amber was unable to attend.
 - a. Update on events – Amber was unable to attend.
 - b. Crime watch – Tom Kashin in Ron Jordan’s absence – Break-ins decreased in February. Tom shared the BRAG crimewatch report. Stats were down in every category.
 - c. Hospitality - Audra Boarman, Danielle Worth – Tom introduced Danielle, who is going to assist Audra with hospitality committee work. Dee Ajayi is also assisting in this area and has joined the call this evening.

Audra is reaching out to area businesses to include goodies in the bag.

2. Social Media – Jen Ruse indicated she might be interested in serving as the social media officer. Tom motioned to nominate Jen Ruse as social media chair if she confirms her interest. Mary seconded the motion. Motion carried.
3. Newsletters/Dues Letters

No updates for Amber at this time.

4. Streets - Jack Stocks

We have not had any snow plow expenses yet this year.

5. Website/Data - Tom Kashin

Tom has been making regular updates to the website, including meeting and event dates. Emily uploads minutes to the site once they are formally approved. Tom updated text related to the board meetings to invite any resident who wishes to attend the virtual meeting to participate by contacting him for the meeting credentials.

6. BRAGG - Ron Jordan was not present for the update.
7. GACC Elizabeth Murphy – Elizabeth shared that Jolynn attended the GACC meeting to discuss the sidewalk extension. Jolynn learned about the Safe Routes to School funding program and is investigating that further.

The STEPS program is an initiative to get our remaining neighbors off of septic. She asked that Amber include that in an upcoming postcard mailer.

There is an adult entertainment bill up in the general assembly aimed at limiting the addition of new store fronts as they are unable to shutter current existing stores

There are filings for alcohol permits for the old Main Event building.

Elizabeth asked that GACC discuss the two shootings that have already occurred at the Castleton mall this year.

Emily asked what we could do about mail being stolen or how we address the theft from the Little Free Libraries. Elizabeth shared that GACC covers more of the real estate/development front but she will email Ron about the Little Free Libraries and mail concerns related to crime watch.

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

Audra and Jesse will meet at the garden later this week to discuss plans for the year. As long as the weather stays nice they will start building the newer raised beds and extended planting area. The board approved a \$2,000 budget for the garden at the January meeting. Audra will be getting liability info out to all of the renters.

IV. New Business

1. Incorporating Roland Park into the IHRA – Audra Boarman

Audra had shared a photo of the postcard sent to all Roland Park residents late last year to get feedback from residents in that neighborhood on joining Ivy Hills Residents Association. This was sent by the existing Roland Park Neighborhood Association. Roland Park includes 81st Street and Skyridge.

Audra will reach out to Amy to see what the response was and find out how many houses are in their neighborhood.

We would need to see how much more snow plowing those streets would cost. Jack will reach out to the contractor to estimate it.

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

Jack is helping Jolynn come up with some estimates for expenses. Greg Geller has also spoken with Jolynn to discuss what issues may come up with sidewalks on different sides of the street. At this time, Jolynn feels she may need to go door-to-door to get 70-75% of residents affected by the potential build. She currently feels the south side of the street would be the most viable option. She highlighted the Safe Routes to School program and needing a contact with the school district.

Emily highlighted neighborhood connections to the Allisonville Elementary PTO and school district. There are several Ivy Hills residents that serve on the PTO board.

Jack discussed Indy Dreamways as a way to connect the new Nickelplate Trail to other walking areas – it would be categorized as a trail (8 foot minimum) rather than a sidewalk.

Tom suggested publicizing the next meeting opportunity to the neighborhood Facebook page to generate additional interest in participating.

3. Signage location and installation

Tom needs to estimate how much the installation of the sign posts would be in order to add that to the 2023 budget. Elizabeth is going to work on locations.

4. Dues/newsletter/postcard

- STEP septic system replacement details (contact Elizabeth for details)

5. AES Buried Power Lines Meeting and Next Steps

There was discussion of promoting the easement signing opportunities once a month at the church to try and get everyone to sign their paperwork.

Important 2023 Dates:

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

Garage Sale: July 29

Ivy Hills Picnic: September 17

Annual Meeting: November 8

Letters / Newsletters / Postcards: February (L); April (N); July (L); September (N)