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Ivy Hills Residents' Association
May 20, 2020 7:00 – 9:00 PM

The Ivy Hills Residents' Association Annual Board Meeting was held Virtually on
May 20, 2020 and started at 7:00 p.m.

Board members in attendance were Greg McMullen, Katie Sammon, Chris Sammon, Amber House,
Kathy Halleck, Elizabeth Murphy Zider, Alison McConnell, Ronald Jordan, and Julie Norris

I. Approval of January 15, 2020 Minutes – Julie Norris

Note: no meeting in March 2020 because of COVID-19 concerns and no one took notes of the January meeting in Julie's absence.

II. Treasury Update – Katie Sammon

- All checks and PayPal payments have been processed
- 253 households out of 660 have paid their dues (this is good at this point in the year)
- Since we really have had no bills for the year, we are extremely healthy financially
- Largest expenses (picnic, garage sale, snow removal) have not hit yet
- Just under \$80,000 cash on hand
- Have only made about \$80 in interest since moved money to a money market with the interest rate dropping. Noted better than making nothing
- Katie suggested next treasurer may want to investigate moving 30k or so to an online saving account to make more interest
- Katie noted that letter is only sent out to the ones that still owe their dues

III. 2020 Committee / Position Reports

A. Activities Amber House

1. Garage Sale Update and Discussion-Planned for July 25th. Discussion took place on if we should continue to

have the garage sale or cancel it. Consensus was to hold off making any decisions until after 4th of July. *Amber will put a poll on the Facebook page* to gauge the interest of the residents so we will have this information before making any final decisions.

2. Picnic Update and Discussion – Amber stated planning at this point has been exceedingly difficult due to the uncertainty of the Covid-19 restrictions. Vendors uncertain of what they will and will not be able to do at that time so not willing to commit. Amber did get a commitment from Nameless Catering for the Picnic date. No penalties at this point if we must cancel. Board agreed that we should table this until next board meeting to make a final decision on holding the annual picnic. *Amber stated she would move forward planning* as if it would be happening and would cancel vendors when needed. Amber also noted that the Church was having a board meeting tomorrow, May 21st, where they would be reevaluating if Ivy Hills could continue the food truck parking on Wednesdays and the Annual Picnic with the Covid-19 issues.

No Cook Wednesdays- Hoping to continue through end of summer if possible. *Amber will continue posting info but will reach out to Alison* if needs assistance during maternity leave.

B. Crimewatch Open – Ron Jordan attended a crime watch meeting. He asked if we should start up a crime watch in the neighborhood again. Greg felt that unless someone was passionate about it the efforts would be unsuccessful. No one on the board volunteered to take up this project. Ron noted that the crime watch director in Castleton Estates suggested placing no soliciting placards on mailbox to stop solicitation in neighborhood. *Alison will add a blurb in newsletter asking anyone who wanted placards for mailbox and door send Ron and email. Ron will order and distribute the placards.*

C. Hospitality-Kathy noted received info from Katie on new neighbors but has been on hold with the Covid-19 restrictions. She felt that residence might be uncomfortable with a stranger leaving a package on their porch. Majority felt that it would be fine to have a no contact porch drop off. *Kathy to put together hospitality baskets to deliver. Julie offered to help deliver if needed.*

Kathy suggested doing something for the Ivy Hills graduates. *Kathy to investigate pricing for a “Congrats”*

banner to hang on the bridge near Clark's home. Greg stated if under \$50 it is a yes. He asked Kathy to post what she finds on Board Facebook page for a vote.

E. **Newsletters** -With a baby soon to arrive, Amber has not had time to work on a newsletter. *Alison volunteered to put together a newsletter.* Greg noted he thought it was especially important to step up communication to our residents especially in these trying times. Suggestions to include in newsletter- directory, road status, zoning updates, no cook Wednesdays, real estate update, snacks needed for new satellite station, etc.

1. **Newsletter Status** – Newsletter to go out soon.

F. **Streets/ Snow Removal** -*Elizabeth to reach out to Ivy Hills neighborhood contact in major's office to get an official update on 79th street paving. She will also direct Gary Stover to this contact to get facts on project.*

G. **Website / Data** -Tom Kashin not in attendance for update

H. **BRAG Liaison**- Alison reported the Farmer's Market is back up and running. It is currently drive thru. You can order ahead of time online. Also, snacks are needed for the new satellite police station at 75th & Shadeland.

I. **GACC Liaison**- Elizabeth reported GACC has been standing strong against some new zoning issues. Old Chase building on Graham appears to have lost the developer, GACC is against the large sign that Bob Evans (96/ Keystone) wants to install, an oil changing business wanted to go in on the Rally's property on 82nd street but GACC was against it, Veterinarian Clinic at 61st & Allisonville wants to sell empty lot next to them to a dog training center. This would require a change in zoning from a D2 to C3. At this point GACC is on board with this but has requested more information on the project. *Katie will cut a check to GACC and BRAG in the next check run.*

IV. Old Business

A. Sound Wall – no updates from INDOT

B. Castleton Revitalization Plan – completed by City, next steps?

C. Nickel Plate Trail – no updates from City

D. Signage-With the surplus of funds it was suggested that we add additional neighborhood signs into this year's expenses. Elizabeth volunteered to be the project manager to make this happen. *Greg will share information he has*

gathered so far with Elizabeth. Elizabeth to price out project and present at next board meeting.

V. New Business

A. Neighborhood Construction Issues - *Elizabeth to reach out to Ivy Hills neighborhood contact in major's office to get an official update on 79th street paving.*

B. Use for former Swickheimer Residence *Elizabeth and Alison to investigate the feasibility of placing a pocket park on this property for all the neighbors to enjoy. Julie to forward Keep Indianapolis Beautiful contact info to Elizabeth and Alison.*

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 PM