

Ivy Hills Residents' Association
March 23, 2022 Meeting Minutes

Board Members In Attendance: Tom Kashin, Emily Berger, Audra Boarman, Jack Stocks, Amber House, Ron Jordan

Meeting called to order at 7:07 p.m.

II. Business Meeting

1. Approval of January 2022 Minutes- Emily Berger

Motion to approve by Ron Jordan, second by Amber House. Motion carried.

2. Activities – Amber House/Julie Norris

Amber discussed that the activities committee hasn't met yet, but she's exploring a brewery tour that includes renting a bus and visiting three breweries for a beer tasting. In 2015, the last time the event occurred, the bus sold out (26 seats). Amber is thinking pricing would be in the range of \$35 with the possibility of using an open air trolley. Amber will work on pricing and plans to present at the May meeting.

The garage sale will take place at the end of the July. The activities committee posts the newspaper ad(s) for the sale using the approved budget. The Annual Picnic is already scheduled for September. Amber is thinking about Roots Burger Bar as the location for the November Annual Meeting but won't start planning that until later this year.

3. Treasury Report – Katie Sammon

Tom shared the treasury report in Katie's absence including the PayPal balance accounting for \$875 reflecting February membership payments. The current bank balance is \$82,602. The dues letter was just received at households last week and we expect dues payments to start coming in to the mailbox and through the online payment option.

4. Streets/Snow Removal – Jack Stocks

The first and only snow plow of the season was February 3rd. Tom will talk to Katie about checking the mailbox for incoming dues payments and the plowing invoice. Our contract notes invoicing will be done monthly for any service provided in the month prior. Jack received a few complaints for neighbors regarding the plowing but they were relatively minor and he shared them with the plow service.

5. Website/Data – Tom Kashin

Tom has been making updates to keep the website current. Emily has also been giving credentials to help update the site as a backup to Tom.

6. BRAG Liaison – Ron Jordan

There have been no updates on the grant funding for the Nickel Plate Trail yet. The city is surprised that the decision hasn't been made regarding the pending grant request. There has been discussion about designating hubs along the trail. The trailhead will be at 82nd street with parking and restrooms (where Rally's used to be). The 2nd hub will be at 71st street with benches and a few parking spots and possibly an art installation. The 3rd hub is planned at 65th Street and will be dubbed the Binford Village hub.

The Binford Farmers Market will be open May – September at Northview Church.

7. Crime Watch – Ron Jordan

Crime in all areas has gone down with the exception of reported assaults which went up in February (for the entire BRAG area).

Two incidents were reported in Ivy Hills on Knue Road -theft of a vehicle and breaking and entering. Two break-ins with thefts took place on Brookview Lane and Rucker Circle (houses that backed up each other) that didn't appear on the BRAG map.

8. GACC Liaison – Elizabeth Murphy Zider

Elizabeth was unable to attend the meeting.

9. Hospitality Committee – Audra Boarman

Dee Ajayi is also serving on the committee. Audra will provide Tom with the list of houses she visits. There have only been a handful of new homeowners in the neighborhood and she plans to make some package deliveries in the coming week.

10. Community Garden – Audra Boarman

The first garden session was a few weeks ago on a very chilly Saturday with attendance of about 6-7 people, mostly garden renters. Audra is collecting waivers but no one has planted yet as far as she knows.

11. Neighborhood Signage – Amber House

Amber discussed the neighborhood signage considerations that were reviewed at the last meeting. She has found a few online vendors to provide options – signage would say “Welcome to Ivy Hills,” “No Solicitation” etc. similar to what can be found in the various Devonshire neighborhoods. The vendor sends the signs and posts and the board would have to hire or have a volunteer install them. The signage is similar in size and material scope to a stop sign. Audra asked if we would have to ask specific residents to put signage in their yard. Amber discussed that signage would be put in the easement on public property. Each sign, inclusive of post would be roughly \$100 each for between 5-9 signs.

Ron noted that we have plenty of savings in our account to pursue this expense and various board members agreed that the signage would be a nice addition to the neighborhood.

Ron Jordan motioned to have Amber provide formal quotes for signage to be approved as a budgeted expense for 10 signs at the May board meeting. Second by Audra Boarman. Motion carried.

III. New Business

1. Discussion about sending a letter to the management of the apartment complex about crime.

The board discussed options to communicate with the property management company of the apartment complex at 75th and Binford related to a recent uptick in crim and if that would be fruitful. The board will ask Julie to provide an additional update and/or draft a letter for the board to review before sending via the Facebook board page.

Meeting adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Emily Berger, IHRA Secretary on 3.23.22 for formal approval at the upcoming May board meeting.



Signature

Reminder of 2022 Dates:

Board Meetings: May 18; July 20; September 21

Ivy Hills Garage Sale: July 30, 2022

Ivy Hills Annual Picnic: September 18, 2022

Ivy Hills Annual Meeting: November 16, 2022

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