

IHRA Board Meeting Minutes

September 21, 2022

7:00pm EST

Board Members in attendance: Tom Kashin, Amber House, Emily Berger, Audra Boarman, Katie Sammon, Jack Stocks, Ron Jordan, Elizabeth Murphy

Tom opened the meeting at 7:04 p.m. He thanked Amber for her work on the picnic.

I. Approval of July 2022 Minutes

Katie moved to approve the July 2022 minutes, Amber seconded. Motion carried.

II. Treasury update- Katie Sammon

1. Budget Update – 359 households have paid dues representing 54% of the neighborhood.
2. Picnic \$ Recap – Attendance included 82 households and 244 people representing the highest attendance since the board has been tracking it.
3. Introduce Mary Gorrell as 2023 treasurer
Tom noted that Mary was unable to join the meeting but will be taking over treasurer duties from Katie. She had been the administrator at Sullivan’s Hardware for many years prior to her retirement three years ago. Tom met with her for an hour earlier in the week to discuss the duties and responsibilities. Katie will train Mary after the annual meeting in November so she will be ready to take over all work at that time.

III. Committee updates

A. Activities-Amber House

a. Update on Annual Meeting

Amber has emailed Donuts and Dragons to see if they could host us again for the November meeting. She has also contacted Scoop Shack on Binford. The board also discussed contacting Roots Burger Bar as that’s a neighborhood owned restaurant option and providing dinner.

b. Recap on picnic and future picnic plans

Amber gave an update on the picnic. The taco truck showed up 45 minutes after the no-show truck. next year we will explore catering for the picnic vs. food trucks to help eliminate stress. Amber discussed reintroducing the desert sharing component of the picnic. She also suggested adding a harvest share table.

She does not anticipate renting a tent in the future. Katie noted the shady spot for the tables and Silly Safaris presentation was perfect. She will continue with 12 tables and the same number of chairs.

c. Overview on 2023 event dates

Katie suggested we add a July 4th celebration featuring a kids parade, donuts, coffee and juice and perhaps a fire truck or other festivities. Amber mentioned having a realtor sponsor the food.

The board discussed the need for increased and more frequent timely communication to the neighborhood to promote our events. Amber asked about sending postcards vs. the newsletter. Emily noted that a mailing of 577 postcards inclusive of postage through Vistaprint was \$429. The summer newsletter cost \$1,200 inclusive of printing and first class postage.

The picnic will take place September 17th and Amber has communicated with Cross and Crown about the date. Katie discussed hosting the picnic after the September board meeting. Amber was concerned about colder weather. Board meetings are typically the third Wednesday every two months. The board suggested moving board meetings to the second Wednesday of the month.

Tom asked whether the garage sale date in July was still the best fit for the neighborhood. Amber felt that the July date had strong participation versus the June and August dates we've also tried. The 2023 date is set for Saturday, July 29th.

The annual meeting will take place November 8th.

B. Crime watch- Ron Jordan

Ron sent the board several reports on July crime rates for various areas. Crime rates are stable with the exception of assaults. No homicides to date. Ivy Hills is relatively crime free except for a few break-ins on Brookview, Camelback and 79th Street near Graham Rd. There were two vehicle thefts in the area of the apartments.

C. BRAGG- Ron Jordan

There is an open house on the Nickel Plate Trail on 9/26 at the Epworth United Methodist Church. The trail is not scheduled for completion until 2024. Elizabeth will attend the meeting and give an update to the neighborhood/board.

D. Hospitality- Audra Boarman, Dee Ajayi

Audra brought items to the picnic. She is recruiting a neighbor (Daniel) across the street to help with welcome bags.

E. Community Garden- Audra Boarman

Audra noted she'll continue the tomato tasting next year. Tom mentioned it was a great event. Audra would like to add 6-8 more garden plots next year. She is working on event dates for 2023.

F. **Social Media- Open**

Tom and Amber have been declining many spammer requests to join the neighborhood. Tom would like to ask Ritu Singh to serve as our social media chair. Amber suggested adding an Ivy Hills Instagram account. Katie thought Ritu may not be active on Facebook but might be more interested in serving on hospitality.

G. Newsletters/Dues Letters- Elizabeth Murphy

Changes to the newsletter format were discussed in relation to the event calendar items.

H. GACC Elizabeth Murphy

Elizabeth shared that the Allisonville Rd. paving is just a strip and patch job rather than a full repaving. Elizabeth went to the meeting for the Dean Road roundabout, which will be happening. It will be constructed summer of 2024 within a 60-day window when the neighboring schools will be closed. There were 100 people in attendance at the meeting.

I. Streets/Snow - Jack Stocks – No Update

J. Website/Data- Tom Kashin –

Tom's only update related to the website was under new business regarding the posting of the paid dues members to the website.

IV. Old Business

A. Allisonville signage repair- Amber noted that Jason Boarman (Audra's husband) has submitted a quote to replace at \$705.40. Emily moved to approve the work on the Allisonville signage up to \$1,000, Katie seconded. Motion carried.

B. Plotting Ivy Hills branding street signs locations set install time line. There was not enough meeting time to discuss this line item. Amber will send updates.

V. New Business

A. Money Market account- Tom Kashin

The bank is encouraging us to make more money by investing our budget surplus in a money market account - \$20-\$25K in a 6-month investment vehicle. Amber suggested only keeping what we need for the next 6 months and depositing the rest in an investment vehicle. Katie suggested keeping \$30K liquid and investing the rest.

Katie noted we would have to pay tax on the interest we're receiving on the investment account. Katie asked to have a more formal plan to present at the annual meeting on where the investment would be made and what the interest rate would be. Tom will gather more particulars.

B. Publish paid dues list

Tom shared he can add a password protected list of paid members. Tom was worried about privacy considerations. Katie suggested listing dues by address instead of name.

Tom moved to put a list by address behind a password protected firewall on the website. Amber seconded. Motion carried.

C. Tax Accountant for 2022 Tax year – Tom asked for any suggestions on who could work on our taxes. He will put a callout on the neighborhood Facebook page.

Important Dates Annual Meeting Nov 16

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Emily Berger". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Emily Berger, Secretary