

# Meeting Minutes

## IHRA Board Meeting January 19, 2022

### 7:00pm EST (Virtual Meeting)

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

#### **I. Approval of November 2021 Minutes**

- Katie Sammon motioned to approve, Amber House seconded. Motion approved.

#### **II. Treasury update- Katie Sammon**

- Katie noted that only three member dues payments so far this year so transactions have been limited and reflect little change from the November update.
- Katie suggested a dues letter with important dates and a request for members to fill open positions for social media and newsletter. Katie will be retiring as treasurer next year and would like to find an understudy this year to replace her next year so she has time to train them on the role. Dues letters will go out in February.

#### **III. Committee updates**

##### **A. Activities- Amber House**

1. Update on dates –
  - Amber provided 2022 neighborhood event dates at the bottom of the agenda for the remainder of the year. These can be updated on the website and in the newsletter.
2. New committee design –
  - Julie Norris will be assisting with activities.
  - Amber does not plan to do food trucks this summer. Food trucks are now requiring a minimum purchase and the board would have to cover the difference so it is not an economical option. There may be an opportunity to host a food truck with a DJ (from the neighborhood) at a community garden event. The neighborhood picnic will continue to host food truck options.
3. Amber and Julie will meet to develop some new ideas.

##### **B. Crime watch- Ron Jordan**

- Ron Jordan shared that BRAGG hasn't posted any crime watch statistics from the previous quarter. No violent crime that he's aware of at this point.
- Ron shared the stolen pop-up camper story from Facebook. Ron will

follow up with the neighbor to confirm they filed a police report, as that data feeds into the crime statistics.

- Elizabeth shared that the North Shadeland Alliance received a \$5,000 grant toward crime prevention and they are deciding what to do with that funding.

### **C. Hospitality – Audra Boarman**

- Audra reported that she has the materials given to her by Kathy. Audra's husband is a realtor and can pull the real estate stats.
- She has communicated with Dee Ajayi and they will split the neighborhood outreach.
- Audra will be promoting the community garden as well.

### **D. Social Media – Tom Kashin**

- Tom has been fielding the Facebook account for now, mostly requests to join the group or take down posts that he noted were blatant sales posts and another post related to public education/public policy which violated Rule 2.
- Tom suggested adding a field to the Facebook group entry form "Do you know the name of the previous owner of your home?" to help make sure members are actual residents of the neighborhood. Amber suggested that we keep the question as is for now and if we have new members join the page and break the rules, we toughen entry restrictions or remove them.
- Tom suggested pinning our dues information at the top of the Facebook page. The group agreed that would be a good idea. Tom will move forward with adding that detail to the page.
- Amber noted that its helpful to be very transparent about the group rules and explain which rule was broken when closing comments or removing posts.

### **E. Newsletters/Dues Letters-**

- Amber will draft the first dues letter of the year, as noted in the treasury report. Mailing Station is the current printer used and was much less expensive than the previous vendor. Tom thought Scott was selling the Mailing Station business. Katie noted that Mailing Station is most effective when communication is very clear with the staff member working. Audra will include a community garden update in the newsletter. Katie will note open positions.

### **F. Street/Snow – No updates due to lack of measurable snow.**

## **G. Website/Data – Tom Kashin**

- Tom has updated minutes and agenda items on the site.
- Tom noted that he received an email that the Money Minder subscription renewal was due. Katie will check her email for the reminder. Payment is normally made in February or March.
- Tom has access to the Ivy Hills Gmail account. Katie has access to the Ivy Hills treasurer Gmail account.
- Emily suggested having a backup for access to the website and offered to assist with that and can post the meeting minutes after each meeting.

## **H. BRAGG – No update at this time.**

### **I. GACC – Elizabeth Murphy**

- Krispy Kreme Donuts will be opening soon.
- Elizabeth has concerns that the Castleton area building permits and zoning requests have slowed compared to where they previously were and that is worrisome in relation to the growth they've been working on through the Castleton Strategic Revitalization Plan.
- The Nickel Plate Trail did receive a large grant from Dormakaba (formerly Stanley Lock) It was an undisclosed amount but reportedly quite generous. While waiting on government funding the Friends of the Nickel Plate Trail group is doing private fundraising.
- Elizabeth noted that there has been some controversy over the new Spotlight Event Center (former antique store at the northwest corner of 62<sup>nd</sup> and Binford). Zoning complaints have been filed against the building related to parking and kitchen equipment (or lack of). They are billing themselves as an event/banquet center.

### **J. Community Garden Update- Audra Boarman**

- Audra shared that they will host three garden sessions including: seed starting (March), plot planning and planting (May), and summer maintenance (June) on Saturday mornings from 10 – 11:30.
- Audra has been communicating with those who want to rent the beds. Lisa Stocks will manage three of the beds for the church. Only one available bed is still open for rent. Audra is trying to make sure those with interest get at least one plot before other renters take over multiple plots.
- Katie asked if she should add the community garden as an area of interest on the dues letter. Audra agreed that would be good and colunteers could also help Lisa.

#### **IV. Old Business**

##### **A. Sound Wall -**

- Elizabeth updated the board on Clear Path 465 which will begin soon according to INDOT. GACC is supporting sound walls and the state is arguing that it may not be needed. GACC continues to meet with INDOT to push for the sound walls.

##### **B. Signage Updates –**

- Elizabeth had previously run into roadblocks with finding a signage vendor for the street signs but the board felt this would be a value add if a vendor could be found.

#### **V. New Business –**

- Ron suggested giving Greg McMullen a \$100 gift certificate to Bonefish Grill as a thank you for his five years of leadership as the association president. Board members in attendance agreed. Ron will take care of the gift card and submit to Katie for reimbursement.

The March board meeting will likely be virtual. Tom will send another meeting reminder.

Meeting adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

#### **Important Dates**

Meetings: Jan 19, Mar 16, May 18, July 20, Sep 21

Garage Sale July 30, Ivy Hills Picnic September 18, Annual Meeting Nov 16