

Ivy Hills Association Board Meeting

March 19, 2014 meeting was held at Cross & Crown

Board members in attendance were: Greg Geller, Greg McMullen, Amber House, Alison McConnell, Jonathan Eriksen, Scott Motter and Sherry Myers. Other Ivy Hills residents in attendance were Anne Campbell, Mark Ashworth and Rhonda Hughes. Guests from the Roland Hills neighborhood included R.T. (Barney) Ruggle, Rich Herbert and Mary Saubert.

Annie Kern, Outreach Director from the Marion County Prosecutor's Office came by to introduce herself to the group and spent a few minutes reviewing some of the programs offered to the community by the Prosecutor's Office.

Minutes: Minutes from the January 15, 2014 meeting were approved as submitted.

Treasurer's Report:

- Kim was absent; Greg Geller presented the financial report in her absence.

Activities:

- Amber is moving right along with plans for the picnic; she has booked Silly Safari, face painting, a rock climbing wall and has changed vendors for tables/tent as well as switching food vendor to G. T. South's. She offered up ideas for other activities such as a beer tour and offering Safe Sitter classes to neighborhood teens.

Communications

- Jonathan reported that a newsletter will be coming out in April; the newsletter will include the annual dues request.

Crime Watch

- No report-Steffanie was absent from meeting

Hospitality

- No report-Diana was absent from meeting

Streets/Snow Removal

- Scott reviewed the snow removal efforts for this season; he noted that things went fairly well with the exception of the one snowfall that turned out to be more significant than what had been forecast.

Website

- No report

BRAG

- Allison announced that the Binford Farmers' Market has lost its current location because of a new restaurant that will open at the site. BRAG is looking for a new site in the area, preferably on or near Binford. The next Business Alliance meeting will be April 10; the owner of "Ingredients" will be the speaker. The BRAG Directory will be wrapping up soon.

Cross & Crown:

- No report-Betsy was absent from meeting

GACC:

- No report-Don was absent from meeting

New Business:

- There was a brief discussion of adding a Business Directory of business owned by Ivy Hills residents which would be included in the regular directory. Kathy Marose has volunteered to coordinate this effort.
- The topic of having speed bumps installed on 79th/Camelback to slow down motorists speeding through neighborhood was brought up. Some residents recalled that we probably wouldn't be permitted to have them due to it impeding the city's snow plowing efforts. Another suggestion would be to petition for more stop signs.
- There was discussion of merging the Ivy Hills Residents Association with Roland Park's Association; much more information is needed and there will probably be a special meeting called to discuss the topic in more detail.

Old Business:

- Rhonda Hughes brought up the topic of the feral cat situation next door to her which has impacted her property for some time. The board was under the impression that the problem had been resolved, but it seems nothing has actually changed. The homeowner in question had his license temporarily revoked, but he was able to pay a fine and is back keeping cats. The board will look into the situation again.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00

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On April 15, 2014, a special board meeting held at the home of Sherry Myers to discuss the possibility of asking the residents of Roland Park to become members of the IHRA.

Board members in attendance were: Greg Geller, Greg McMullen, Amber House, Alison McConnell, Jonathan Eriksen, Scott Motter, Steffanie Rhinesmith and Sherry Myers.

The meeting began with a discussion to clarify what had prompted consideration of a merger of the two associations. Greg Geller and Scott Motter offered their thoughts including the idea of centralizing snow removal for both areas. Board members were given the chance to ask questions and voice their opinions regarding the idea. After much discussion, the board concluded that there needs to be more research to determine if the potential benefit of merging the two groups outweighs the additional costs/extra work of doing so.

The board agreed that we could test the water a bit by inviting Roland Park residents to participate in the annual garage sale and maybe include them in the picnic by having them pay for their meal. It was also recommended that a Roland Park representative be invited to future board meetings.

Any formal merger of the two associations will be tabled until a future time when more research has been done.

There were no regular committee reports.