

Minutes from IHLNA Board meeting Nov. 18, 2019

In attendance:

Mary Louise Bachman, hostess extraordinaire  
Grant Gelhardt, president  
Marney Richards, vice president  
Ashley Arrington, treasurer  
Doug Martin  
Joe Gabriel  
Edward Reid  
Ramona Abernathy-Paine

New board members Joe Gabriel and Doug Martin were introduced and welcomed to the board.

Lafayette Street Apartments. Ramona gave an update on HTG's project to build work force housing on Lafayette Street next to the Moon. The project was approved by the Design Review Committee (DRC) provided the developer meets 13 conditions that were outlined at the DRC meeting. The project was granted 3 variances: Closing vehicle access to the development from Magnolia Drive, placing garbage dumpsters between the buildings and the road, increasing the setback from Magnolia from code's 20 ft. in Multi-Modal Transportation District (MMTD) to 584 ft. Neighbors from Indianhead-Lehigh, Woodland Drives and Meyers Park have been meeting with Jake Zunamon, project manager with HTG, the developer. Grant and Doug raised concerns about possible archaeological treasures buried on the site. Grant will follow up with contacts at the local Historical Society. Ramona will bring the concerns to Jake's attention.

Alliance of Tallahassee Neighborhoods (ATN). Ramona reported success with the Environmental Review Board's denial of deviations requested by developer of Buckingham Gates, behind Bada Bean near Cross Creek. The developer wants to build 30+ dwellings in a ravine that has a drainage easement through it. IHLNA co-signed ATN's letter opposing the deviations.

Several variances have been granted in IHLN—one for a carport at a house on Chuli; one for reducing setback from property line on the corner of Chuli and Kolopakin; one to provide for replatting around a drainage culvert right-of-way on Atchena.

Holiday bike ride. Marie-Claire will be posting details on Facebook. Marney will follow up with Marie-Claire.

Membership drive. Ashley reported that the fall membership drive was successful, bringing in dues from many neighbors. The annual drive will be in January. Marney will follow up with Sandy Neidert to make sure Sandy will co-ordinate distribution of the fliers even though she has left the board. Ashley will post on Facebook and update the membership form. Joe offered to help with this.

Native Plant Exchange. Connie Bersok and Marney are working to get IHLN recognized as a Neighborhood Community Wildlife Habitat. Connie has posted on Facebook plans for a spring native plant exchange to encourage neighbors to plant native. Marney is moving us toward habitat that can be certified in this program. Edward continues to work with Connie and Judy Rainbrook on removal of invasive exotic plants. Marney will arrange for a slide show at the neighborhood annual meeting that

will be held in February, date to be determined; Ramona will contact City to reserve Optimist Park for the annual meeting. Joe is interested in working with the teams. Grant also suggested Geoff Brown and David Copps. The plan is to solicit project ideas from neighbors and approach neighbors who need help and guidance with their landscaping to achieve an attractive naturalistic presentation.

By-Laws. The need for updating and refining some issues was discussed. Ramona was voted in as Secretary. This leaves a spot on the board to be filled. As secretary, Ramona will get with Edward to learn how to post minutes on the neighborhood website which is built on a WordPress platform. Edward will continue maintaining the website with help from Marie-Claire. Marney will approach Marie-Claire about finding a high school student at Rickards who can help with the website, earning volunteer hours toward graduation requirements. There was discussion of approaching an FSU student for this work, of offering a stipend but the board decided to try the high school student and volunteer hours first.

Neighborhood Newsletter. KC had submitted ideas about the spring newsletter:

Nene Fest & 5K and Fun Run

Yard Sale

Development in the neighborhood

SIIC page(s)

Hartsfield page(s)

2019 treasurer's report

Updated board of directors' roster

Nene Fest run application

The report on pony rides and petting zoo was that 1 hour was sufficient for a successful event, well-attended.

Grant has submitted application for Neighborhood of the Year Award through the City program

Marney will submit Neighbor to Neighbor in the Nenes for a Project of the Year award.

Ramona offered to assist with wordsmithing on both applications.

Next board meeting will be Tuesday, Jan. 14 at Mary Louise's house. Grant will send out a notice about the meeting.