

Minutes from IHLNA Board Meeting April 20, 2021

Board members present: Ramona Abernathy-Paine, Marie-Claire Leman, Ashley Arrington, Edward Reid, Rhonda Cooper, Charity Myers, KC Smith, Doug Martin, and John Tomasino (who prepared the minutes)

Board Members Absent: None!

Other neighbors in attendance: None

Review of last meeting minutes, there was an item where John, Charity, Marie-Claire, and Ramona were to discuss what, exactly? Processes for when and how the Board should take action?

Discussion regarding how to take suggestions from neighbors and then what falls within the range of things the Board weighs in and supports versus things we just facilitate communication, etc.

How can neighbors bring ideas to the board. Very simple form on the website, until we get that up, use an email to the board email account. If it is an issue that needs neighborhood consensus, invite the person to bring the issue to the board's next meeting, and the board vets it, and if the board doesn't feel comfortable, give them more info. Board can decide whether to get behind something or not.

Voting on the mechanism on how to get info to us. Among the Board—discuss whether, at this juncture, the Board supports it or not. Charity summarized the lengthy discussion into five points, which KC later restated:

1. develop a mission statement;
2. advertise issues as needed;
3. develop a feedback mechanism (form/email);
4. develop a response mechanism; and
5. develop criteria for responding.

Ramona updated the Board on correspondence with City Parks & Rec on weed control and parking, Some folks have agreed to check in on the beds around the Club House when they are at the Park. As summer approaches, things might get worse, but right now, handling it informally (amongst a group of three who have agreed to keep it up). Thanks to Charity, Mary Beth McBride, and Claudia.

Ed had no updates from the website committee.

Vibrant Neighborhood Grant: John, Marie-Claire, and Marney are working on a plan to request a grant to plant fruit and nut trees in our greenspaces. Working with the Just Fruits folks who live in our neighborhood. The next steps include surveying the neighborhood to gauge interest and to see who might wish to adopt a tree and to contact the city to seek approval for planting on city easements and property.

South City Foundation: Marie-Claire provided an update. We discussed whether we could use PayPal for making the matching donations but after input from Rhonda and Ashley, it was decided to only accept checks.

Marie-Claire advised there was a second \$1000 dollars available in the grant. **Ramona motioned to accept that money and apply it toward the Hartsfield Parent resource center. KS provided the second and the motion passed unanimously.**

Adjourned at 8:30ish.

The next meeting will be on May 18th, at Ramona's house located at 2006 E. Indianhead Dr., 7 pm. It might not be possible to maintain 6' social distancing so meeting will also be via Zoom.