

Minutes from IHLNA Board Meeting October 7, 2021

Board members present: Marie-Claire Leman, Ashley Arrington, KC Smith, Charlotte Stuart-Tilley, Jason Khan-Hohensee, Charity Myers, Ceci Michelotti, Melissa Farley, Katie Clark, Edward Reid, and John Tomasino (who prepared the minutes)

Board Members Absent: Doug Martin (happy wedding anniversary!)

Other neighbors in attendance: David July and Betsy Tabac

The meeting, held via Zoom, began shortly after 7:00 pm. **The minutes from September 2nd were approved** and no one had any comments nor concerns.

Treasurer's report: Melissa presented the Treasurer's Report. Melissa reported that all newsletter ads have been paid, they wrote a check to Gandy Printing, and wrote the check of \$843.00 to Neighbor to Neighbor in the Nenes, for the donations received and earmarked for N3 in the last membership drive.

No new items brought by neighbors.

Trash along Jim Lee Road: John introduced the idea of registering Jim Lee and Magnolia as Adopt-a-Street streets for the association to maintain. Perhaps the Board could spearhead finding neighbor volunteers to pick up the trash. The agreement with the program is to clean up the streets at least four times per year but we can do it more if we desire. KC, on the forum, cautioned that the Magnolia section is a difficult walk so the cleaners would need to be very careful. Jason was in general agreement but was concerned on where we draw the lines. Jason volunteered to do some research on what is currently covered and report back at the next meeting.

Basketball courts: John updated the Board on a productive phone conversation with Ashley Edwards. They spoke by phone the day after the last meeting. John wanted to make sure Ashley understood the Board's original request, which was for the addition of a small pad, maybe 10' x 10', and not a half-sized court. Ashley was receptive to the Board taking the lead to fully investigate the neighborhood's interest in both adding a new, lowered basket for children to use plus gauging the neighborhood interest in raising the existing basket. We discussed the history of the lowering of the basket and how there are some strong opinions on both sides of this issue. She stressed that we needed to be thorough in our investigation on this, making sure this isn't being driven by one or two folks and not welcomed by the overall neighborhood. Ashley was supportive of the idea of doing a survey and welcoming neighbors to speak on this issue at a future meeting. John suggested putting a short paragraph in the newsletter advising the

neighborhood that the Board is exploring these two ideas. Charity raised her concern about adding additional impervious surfaces to the park. Marie-Claire suggested that Board members meet out at the park to scout for potential spots for the new basket and pad. Group agreed to meet on Sunday, October 10, at 1:00 pm. Jason added that, based on feedback from the last meeting, this might be a good time to gauge the interest of the neighborhood for other enhancements to the park.

Maintenance around the neighborhood entrance signs: John spoke with John Doherty and learned that the city does minimal maintenance on the signs and it is pretty much up to us to maintain those areas. Charity suggested possibly reaching out to a local landscaper, Sage, on whether he would be interested in doing this for us. Another issue is keeping the signs clean. Charity agreed to reach out to Sage.

Halloween update: Charity provided the update. Doug has volunteered to help with the games. Ashley suggested having the snow cone vendor (Kona Ice) at the event. They will come out for two hours (from 5 to 7) and can serve up to 200 free cones. The cost would be \$375. There will also be candy, the band, and the costume contest with hand made prizes. The MC will be Mark Dickson. Charity still needs some judges for the costume contest. The event will be October 30th, from 4:30 to 7:30. Marie-Claire will also send out information about the Halloween Party to the email list. Next Marie-Claire discussed Trick or Treating on the 31st. Last year, a map was created showing the houses committing to be Covid safe. Marie-Claire would like us to circulate the guide on how to be Covid safe with another map. Marie-Claire would like to include the association name of the map and guide and the Board agreed. Marie-Claire showed the Covid safe flyer. **Ashley motioned to give Charity an additional \$175 for the Halloween Party. Marie-Claire seconded, and the motion unanimously passed.**

Hurricane preparedness update: John provided the update. John Doherty talked about this program at the last meeting. John reviewed the materials the city has available on the web and step one would be to see if there are other neighbors who wish to get involved, ideally to spearhead the first module, which is establishing block captains. Marie-Claire suggested we include this item on the general meeting agenda to gauge interest.

South City Foundation update: Marie-Claire provided the update. Marie-Claire attends the meetings. At the most recent meeting, the plans for the new park on the South-West corner of Orange and Meridian were unveiled. Marie-Claire shared several mock-ups of what is planned for this new park. These include an area which is dedicated for adult exercise equipment. It's similar to weightlifting, but without weight. The equipment helps you do the exercises correctly. There are no weights.

Marie-Claire is excited because once the city adds this to the new park, this might become available for other neighborhoods, too.

Board positions and responsibilities: Marie-Claire led off the discussion with the list of potential positions she shared on the discussion Board. We could have a person who chairs the meetings. Responding and recording secretary has been working well. And then we could have additional positions, which don't have to be in our by-laws, that organize and provide input on various projects, like the Halloween Party and Nene Fest. The Board had a productive discussion about the benefits of spreading out the duties. Discussed which positions are core and which could only be held if there was a volunteer to take on the duties. Things like newsletter and membership coordinator are crucial, but things like the garage sale or 4th of July parade could be neighbors and not necessarily a Board member. Melissa volunteered to take on the Membership Coordinator position. Ceci volunteered to become the point person for neighbor concerns. The Board will continue to discuss these ideas.

Where to meet? The Board discussed where to meet for the general meeting and where to meet for future meetings. Ashley suggested that, for the future, we try to meet in the clubhouse. For the November General meeting, the Board agreed to meet via Zoom. The November general meeting is the opportunity for neighbors to join the Board. We currently have three open seats so we should plan on a nomination period. Marie-Claire volunteered to continue with the corresponding secretary, and she will work on the agenda for the general meeting.

Substation update: John updated the Board that he spoke with John Doherty about the reported generator at the substation. John D. relayed that the city is not installing a generator. They will be installing a pad for a temporary substation. The temporary substation is only used when the main substation is taken offline. This won't add any additional noise.

The meeting concluded shortly after 8:30.