

## Minutes from IHLNA Board Meeting, March 3, 2022

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**Board members present:** Marie-Claire Leman, KC Smith, Jason Khan-Hohensee Doug Martin, Laura Dearman, Eli Wilkins-Malloy, Charity Myers, Katie Clark, Edward Reid, and John Tomasino

**Board members absent:** Ashley Arrington, Charlotte Stuart-Tilley, Ceci Michelotti, and Melissa Farley

**Other neighbors in attendance:** Betsy Tabac, Judith Rainbrook, and Mark and Midori Kasako.

**Approval of the January Board Meeting Minutes:** Marie-Claire moved to approve and Katie seconded the motion. **Minutes approved unanimously.** No corrections or additions.

**Treasurer's report:** MC gave the update. Out of 522 addresses, 105 paid their dues. We might see more dues come in for neighbors since they must have paid their dues to set up a booth at the garage sale. \$940 was received in membership dues. People are able to elect to make an additional donation and thus far \$1050 donated in non-dedicated funds. \$875 dedicated to Neighbor to Neighbor in the Nenes (N3) and \$195 to Nene Fest. \$120 to the 5k Hartsfield race. KC suggested maybe doing more than one solicitation to improve the number of neighbors who contribute. It might also be good to send out a reminder to pay the voluntary membership over email after a big event.

### Updates and Neighbor Concerns

**1. English Property Development:** Mark and Midori from Blairstone Forrest provided an update. Currently, a series of continuances on the vote on the amended PUD. Currently, it is scheduled for a vote on March 23<sup>rd</sup>. A sticking point is who will pay for a necessary road. The developer might amend the PUD again to only develop 36 acres now, while retaining right to develop more later. The property is located across the street from the Lullwater Apartments near the Publix. That parcel will be going to site planning soon. Another option would be selling some (or all) of the property to an entity who would protect it. Trust for Public Lands, Florida Forever and 1000 Friends of Florida were both mentioned as possibilities. The Northwest Florida Water Management District is another possible solution for purchasing and protecting the property. Grant reached out to a local contact for the Trust for Public Lands. They had already been in contact with the English family attorney but those contacts ended a little more than a year ago. Mark sees it as a potential positive that the family might be amendable to preserving some of the property.

Doug thanked the Kasako's for their work on this.

**2. Fruit Tree Grant:** John provided a short update. We received an email today alerting us that we received the grant. The city will be sending some documentation that must be signed and then we can start spending money. The next step will be reaching out to the volunteers to share the good news, inform Just Fruits, and John, Marie-Claire and Eli will meet to

discuss the next steps. A hope is to now pass this off to a resident who would like to spearhead the project from this point.

- 3. New Items Brought by Neighbors:** Marie-Claire shared that Ramona forwarded some information regarding the Magnolia Preschool's request to change their setback from Magnolia. It is now scheduled for March 28, 2022.

A neighbor suggested reflectors near the Diamond and Apakin intersection due to a steep ditch in that location. Marie-Claire asked Katie to place an issue on DigiTally and Judy Rainbook also volunteered to do the same. Marie-Claire will also email our city contact.

### **Discussion of up-coming events**

- 1. Keep Tallahassee Beautiful Super Clean Sweep:** The event will be held on March 5<sup>th</sup>. Marie-Claire provided the update on this upcoming event. The city seeks volunteers and groups to dedicate time for cleaning up designated areas. Marie-Claire, Jason, and Charity discussed ways we could contribute.
- 2. Neighborhood Yard Sale:** Two ways neighbors can be involved. One is by doing a personal garage sale that day to take advantage of the increased traffic. Neighbors who have paid their dues can set up booths at Optimist Park. Usually, the Treasurer is present to make sure the sellers have made their donations. We will post the event in the Democrat's upcoming event section and also promote it on Craig's List, Facebook, etc. Doug suggested we create a static public facing Facebook page so we can use it to advertise events like this. Laura volunteered to take this on. The newsletter will come out about a week before the yard sale.
- 3. Nene Fest 2022:** Melissa, Charity, and Marie-Claire have been meeting to further discuss ideas for Fest ideas. The date is April 30<sup>th</sup>, from 3 to 9pm. Goal tonight is to solidify the plans and to learn who might be available to assist. One thought was scheduling a kickball game between Hartsfield alumni versus current families and students. This would be after the race. During the early afternoon is when the work really begins. The stage, shades, booths, etc., are set up during that time.

**Newsletter:** KC is roaring ahead. She has plenty of material but of course she welcomes submissions. The deadline for submissions is February 26. Doug relayed that Dr. Genae Crump is willing to do an interview about what she and family love about the neighborhood.

The meeting concluded shortly after 8:40 p.m.