

Minutes from IHLNA Board Meeting, August 4, 2022

Prepared by John Tomasino

Board members present: Marie-Claire Leman, KC Smith, Edward Reid, Charlotte Stuart-Tilley, Jason Khan-Hohensee, Eli Wilkins-Malloy, and Melissa Farley

Board members absent: Ashley Arrington, Doug Martin, John Tomasino, Katie Clark, Laura Dearman, and Ceci Michelotti

Other neighbors in attendance: Sonya Crocket

The meeting began with a congratulations to Eli with the birth of his son, Desmond.

2. Treasurer's Report: Melissa provided the treasurer's report which was that there were no material changes from the last meeting, except a couple of donations had come in. Marie-Claire shared that the Board received a very nice thank you card from N3 thanking the Board for the donation. KC wondered whether we might need to do a membership drive. Melissa is going to check on what percentage of the neighbors have donated (and hence joined the voluntary association). Marie-Claire suggested using 850 as the approximate number of residences in the neighborhood.

3. Updates and neighbor concerns

Elders in the Park: Update provided by Sonya Crockett. There were only 4 people in attendance at the June 14th event at the park, and 3 of those were N3 Board members. They do not need a liaison from our Board for the Elders in the Park as they aren't sure if they will continue with that event. Marie-Claire suggested that if they do want to try again, that she might be able to help them rent the clubhouse at a reduced price.

Polling or Voting Sites and Inactive Voting Status: Marie-Claire said a neighbor mentioned that our neighbors should be advised about the changing of the voting sites and the neighbor also suggested advising the neighborhood to make sure they aren't listed as inactive. Marie-Claire will reach back out to that person to get more info from the concerned neighbor so an advisory email can be sent out.

4. Board Issues

Political Candidates at Neighborhood Events: Edward shared, via chat, a statement for the Board to consider regarding political candidates at neighborhood events. Edward's proposal: "Political Candidates may attend IH events just as any member of the public may. We will not give a forum to candidates. (This leaves open the question of giving a forum for issues.)" Marie-Claire will share this with the entire Board for them to consider and it will be discussed at a later meeting.

ATN representative: Marie-Claire asked if anyone had decided to be the liaison. KC suggested including something in the newsletter about this need for a representative. Marie-Claire mentioned that Heidi Fox had expressed an interest but without the time commitment of attending our regular Board meetings. Marie-Claire suggested that John Tomasino ask Heidi if she is still interested in doing this since we don't have any Board members agreeing to serve in this role. There were no objections to this approach.

Potential Graphic Designer: KC has been in touch with Rose, who had previously expressed an interest in assisting with the graphic design of the newsletter. Marie-Claire shared the Fall 2022 newsletter production schedule and she will share it soon with the neighborhood. There was a brief discussion about content suggestions and categories of items.

City's Leadership Neighborhood Roundtable: The next roundtable will be on Tuesday, August 30. The city holds this roundtable several times during the year to help neighborhood leaders learn about city resources and to meet each other. Gordon Magill has already been in touch with the city's Urban Forester to come and hold a talk and presentation for our neighborhood.

Native Milkweed: Eli suggested that we consider a neighborhood project of planting and caring for various milkweed species and possibly invite local experts to come and discuss milkweed, its benefits, etc., with the neighborhood. Another idea was to have a portion of the general meeting dedicated to a workshop on this issue. Jason agreed with the idea of a workshop and mentioned a recent event he attended at the extension office and it also involved Native Nurseries. Jason and Eli volunteered to reach out to the extension office (via Molly, a neighbor who works there).

4th of July Bike Ride Recap: Jason provided the update and relayed that neighbor Kristin has this event down and needed little assistance from the Board. He was impressed with how well she does with this event.

Halloween Party: Marie-Claire said that if we are to advertise a Halloween Party event in the newsletter, then we need to soon decide on a volunteer to take the lead on the party. The Board agreed on October 29th as the potential date for the party. The volunteer doesn't have to be a Board member but we just need someone to take the lead. If we don't have a volunteer, then we could skip this year's party. We need a leader identified by mid-August.

Primaries and Fall Elections, IHLNA Snack Table: In the past, the Board coordinated volunteers who manned a table at the elections, including with snacks. It provided a good way for neighbors to meet and mingle. KC suggested that there hasn't been any changes in election laws that would prevent us from hosting this table. Marie-Claire will research this issue and report back. There was general agreement to proceed with this project.

General Meeting Date Selection: Marie-Claire suggested using our regularly scheduled November 3rd meeting as the general meeting. Everyone agreed with November 3rd as the date. The next decision is whether to hold it via Zoom or in person.

7. Next meeting: September 1, 2022, via Zoom at 7:00 pm.