

## Minutes from IHLNA Board Meeting, December 1, 2022

Prepared by John Tomasino

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**Board members present:** Marie-Claire Leman, Jason Khan-Hohensee, Ceci Michelotti, John Tomasino, Melissa Farley, and Edward Reid

**Board members absent:** Ashley Arrington, Doug Martin, Katie Clark, Laura Dearman, Charlotte Stuart-Tilley, Eli Wilkins-Malloy, KC Smith

**Other neighbors in attendance:** Ryan Wilke, Betsy Tabac

Marie-Claire began the meeting shortly after 7 pm and had a couple of pre-meeting announcements. Marie-Claire welcomed Betsy to the Board; however Betsy would like to take a couple of months before deciding to make a commitment. Her preference is to decline the nomination at this time but she also doesn't like to be a passive Board member. Laura also resigned before the meeting tonight due to having great difficulty making Thursday meetings.

**1. Approval of the Minutes:** No quorum so John will distribute over email.

**2. Updates and neighbor concerns:**

- Greenway

- City invasive plant control (planning for a meeting with the city)

The city is interested in coming up with a plan to manage the native and invasive plants and trees in the greenway. These first two items are somewhat related. At the general meeting, a neighbor brought up a concern of a neighbor taking it upon himself to manage the area around the beaver pond. There is a thought of trying to make sure the greenway improver is involved with this meeting with the city. Edward would like to be involved in these issues. Ryan walks the greenway quite a bit and he's concerned about what the evidence might be regarding the overreach of the cleanup of the beaver pond. Ryan noticed that when looking at the area on Google maps, it is designated as a Beaver Basin study area.

Brian Hopper, with the city, has been in touch with Gordon and Marie-Claire. The neighbor's complaint had been directed to Brian.

The Board agreed that the meeting with the city, regarding the greenway, should be separate from our Board meetings.

- New items brought by neighbors, if any: None

**3. Board issues**

- Resource page/FAQ on website : The Association receives requests from neighbors with concerns and we want to be able to direct them to the appropriate city resources. Jason took

the initiative to review, update, and edit our list of resources on our website. Ryan and Gordon had mentioned providing information to our neighbors on how to be responsible stewards of the environment. Marie-Claire thought this would be another type of great resource.

Ryan and Gordon hoped that additional information could direct neighbors to information regarding the trees in the hood. The planting and propagation of the trees. There could be a link to the UF resource about wind-sturdy trees. And lastly, the care and protection of the trees. Direct people to those resources as well. (Care, planting, and removal of trees, to support a healthy canopy.)

Jason is about a third of the way of converting the resources into a FAQ style. Or Jason could share with Ryan the FAQs he's already made and Ryan could take a stab at coming up with this content.

- Debrief of Halloween party: Ceci said they did a great job, and it was very smooth. Jason agreed it was an awesome party. Marie-Claire was impressed with the attendance and is curious if the current formula was successful, with the potluck, etc., or should the formula be changed? If anyone has feedback on that, please share.

- Ponies in the Park, debrief and next time: The city doesn't allow any hooved animals in the city parks. There is the possibility of just doing the petting zoo next year. John and Ceci volunteered to help organize this event next year.

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

- Holiday Lights Ride, December 19

#### **5. Other business**

#### **6. Next meeting: January 5 or February 2**