

# Minutes from IHLNA Annual General Meeting, November 10, 2024, Prepared by John Tomasino

## Board members present:

Ashley Arrington, Katie Clark, Jason Hohensee, Marie-Claire Leman, Gordon Magill, Edward Reid, John Tomasino, Eli Wilkins-Malloy

## Board members absent:

Melissa Farley, Ceci Michelotti, KC Smith

## Others in attendance:

See sign in sheet

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### 1. Agenda and Minutes

Minutes previously approved

### 2. Financial Update

Provided on back of agenda

### 3. Presentation of Plaque to Tallahassee City Electric

John Tomasino presented a plaque to two representatives from City Electric, on behalf of the Neighborhood Association, to show their appreciation for their excellent work following the May 10th tornados. Daniel Bland, who coordinated the post-storm response, and Blake Burns, a crew foreman who played a crucial role in the aftermath, accepted the plaque on behalf of City Electric. Thanks again to Shelly Hatton for making this suggestion at a prior meeting.

## 4. Presentation by Mark Wool, NWS

Mark Wool, Warning Coordination Meteorologist with the Tallahassee National Weather Service Office, gave an informative talk about the extremely rare tornado event that hit Tallahassee on May 10th. Mark gave an expert's view of what we experienced, gave tips on safety for future storms, and answered lots of excellent questions. You can tell he genuinely loves his job and was happy to speak to one of the ground zero neighborhoods.

## 5. Introduction of current board members; floor open for nominations

Marie-Clarie introduced the current board members and introduced Ana Orosco, who was nominated for an open Board seat.

## 6. Neighborhood business

- a. Magnolia Drive Construction Project Update:  
Marie-Claire updated the gathering on the current situation with the project. We discussed our recent letter to various city and county officials, requesting three specific items. First, traffic calming on Atapha. Second, a designated contact and third, a regular, monthly meeting with all stakeholders. At the time of the meeting, only an aide to Commissioner Porter had responded to our letter. The group gave some good input on next steps, and Sylvia Smith and others are ready to attend commission meetings and take other action if requested.
- b. Adopt-a-tree Project  
Gordon informed the group about the City's adopt-a-tree program, with instructions on how to request a native tree. And Gordon had free tree seeds available for the taking.
- c. New Items Brought by Neighbors  
New neighbor Paulette Burdick asked if there was a regular plan for street resurfacing and who to contact if there might be drainage issues on Chuli Nene. Mare-Claire suggested getting her in contact with John Doherty.

## 7. Vote to Elect Board Members

Board members Ashley Arrington, Marie-Claire Leman, Edward Reid, KC Smith, and John Tomasino were up for reelection and all were reelected. Additionally, Ana Orosco

was elected to the Board. Doug Martin and Charlotte Stuart-Tilley have both stepped down from the Board.. The Board is thankful for their service to the neighborhood.

## 8. Upcoming Neighborhood Events

- a. Next IHLNA Board meeting, Thursday, December 5, 7pm, via Zoom
- b. Neighborhood Spring Yard Sale, Saturday, March 22 (to be confirmed)
- c. Nene Fest 2025, Saturday April 26th