

# Minutes from IHLNA Board Meeting, December 5, 2024 Prepared by John Tomasino

## Board members present

Ashley Arrington, Melissa Farley, Marie-Claire Leman, Ceci Micheloti, Edward Reid, Ana Orosco, and KC Smith, Jason Hohensee

## Board members absent

John Tomasino, Eli Wilkins-Malloy, Katie Clark, and Gordon Magill

## Others in attendance

Betsy Tabac

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## 1. Welcome and Approval of Agenda

November Annual General Meeting Minutes approved over email. Marie-Claire introduced new Board member Ana Orosco. Ana lives in the Lehigh section, which is nice that we continue with representation from that part of the neighborhood after Doug Martin's resignation.

## 2. Updates and neighbor concerns

### -Magnolia Project Update

Marie-Claire provided an update on the recent meeting she, John Tomasino, and Edward Reid attended with City and County staff to discuss the revised management of traffic (MOT) plan. We were pleased to see the planned addition of new signage on Orange Ave, advising drivers approaching the roundabout, from the south, the west and the east, of the road closure and pointing them to the detour route. We've been asking for that since the beginning of the project.

The project representative, GG, informed us that some time after January 1, the project will be moving north, and once that happens, the entire section from Pontiac to Diamond will be inaccessible. This is important as it means that the cut-thru traffic will no longer be able to exit via Hokolin nor Toochin and instead will be forced all the way along W. Indianhead to either exit via Apakin and Circle back onto Magnolia, or by turning right

from WIH onto Apakin and following Apakin out to Old St. Augustine. We stressed the need for some type of traffic calming at the WIH and Apakin intersection, such as a four way stop sign. We also urged them to collect speed and volume data on the section of WIH between Toochin and Apakin, to be prepared for the increase in volume we are sure to experience after the project moves north.

We also requested that they change the timing of the lights on the southbound and northbound lanes of Magnolia at the Lafayette intersection, changing it to only allow one direction of travel at a time.

The plan is to share this information via the email distribution list and Facebook as we get closer to January 1 and after we've received the finalized MOT.

#### -Proposed Project by Ana

Ana presented her idea of working with the Board, and our neighbors, to come up with a vulnerability assessment of our neighborhood, as this fits in with her research and her PhD work. Ana suggests starting with an asset inventory, including both physical and community resources. Marie-Claire thought this might fit in well with the idea of block captains (but Marie-Claire is not wed to that naming convention!). Ana emphasized the importance of this being a collaborative process and the need for flexibility in addressing different neighborhood needs.

Marie-Claire suggested using the March newsletter and Nene Fest to recruit interested neighbors and gather feedback. Ana will refine her proposal and provide a more structured plan for the Board's review.

#### -New items brought by neighbors, if any

Ceci gave an update on a recent Alliance of Tallahassee Neighborhoods (ATN). ATN is working on the best way to work with the new city commission. They are focused on changes to the comprehensive plan and getting information about updates as early as possible. ATN is going to survey the neighborhoods to seek their input on how ATN can best serve their needs.

### 3. Board issues

#### -Spring Yard Sale

The Board agreed to hold the event on Saturday, March 22nd.

#### - Advocacy for Traffic Calming Related to the Magnolia Project

Because we just met with the City and County staff yesterday, we will wait and see what comes out of that meeting.

### 4. Spring Neighborhood Events

#### -Committees Need to Meet

The newsletter and the Nene Fest committees need to meet and Marie-Claire will make sure to schedule those meetings ASAP.

### 5. Other Business

Next Meeting—we will tentatively schedule the **second** Thursday of January, the 9th, to meet, but only if we need to meet. Otherwise, we will cancel and meet on February 6th.

### 6. Upcoming Events

Monday, December 23, 6:30 pm, Optimist Park, Holiday Lights Bike Ride and Party

Thursday, January 9, 7 pm, Board Meeting (but might be cancelled)

Thursday, February 6, 7 pm, Board Meeting

Thursday, March 6, 7 pm, Board Meeting

Saturday, March 22, Spring Yard Sale

Thursday, April 3, 7 pm, Board Meeting

Saturday, April 26, Nene Fest