

# Summary of IHLNA Board Meeting, February 6, 2025, Prepared by John Tomasino

## Board members present:

Melissa Farley, Jason Hohensee, Marie-Claire Leman, Gordon Magill, Ceci Michelotti, Ana Orosco, Edward Reid, and John tomasino

**Board members absent:** Katie Clark, Eli Wilkins-Malloy, KC Smith, Ashley Arrington

**Others in attendance:** Nancy Gines

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## 1. Welcome and approval of agenda

## 2. Updates and neighbor concerns

### a. Magnolia Project update

Will be discussed later.

### b. Newsletter Update

The submission deadline is February 9. Received submissions already. Eight advertisements thus far. This is the Nene Fest newsletter, for the 15th anniversary of holding Nene Fest, so pretty important.

### c. Update on Ana's project

Ana started with attempting to map the areas in the flood zones. Her maps show which houses are in the flood zones. Flooding isn't the only thing, but it is easy to see. She would like to take stock of what the neighborhood already knows about climate resilience. We discussed the possibility of using the Nene Fest table as a way to interact with neighbors and get their feedback. Ana is going to continue to work on ideas on how to best engage our neighbors to see what needs are unmet as we face a changing climate.

### d. New items brought by neighbors

Nancy relayed that N3 held an Elder Law workshop put on by the Claude Pepper Elder Law Clinic at FSU College of Law. Over 40 folks signed up and over 20 showed up.

Edward and Gordon both attended and said it was an excellent, informative workshop.

### 3. Board issues

#### a. ATN Survey

The Association of Tallahassee Neighborhoods (ATN) has been working to prioritize issues that neighborhoods might become more engaged with in the organization and it has been very difficult to get the city to work with ATN and the neighborhoods. So ATN is working on developing an agenda that could make a difference. They devised a survey tool to determine priorities for our neighborhood. If anyone wants to volunteer, please speak up.

1. Pedestrian And Traffic Safety: Yes. Jason and Marie-Claire (or Will) volunteered to assist with this topic. This issue received strong board support.
2. City Drinking Water: Happy to distribute information but little else.
3. Neighborhood Board Crisis Response Classes: This isn't related to weather events but is more about rezoning or development. This would help people to learn how to track and be engaged in the process. John suggested maybe making this an online endeavor.
4. Parks and Yard Maintenance Noise: Laudable but not a high priority.
5. Continue to advocate for neighborhood protections and enhancements in the rewrite of the Land use and Mobility chapters of the Comprehensive Plan: We rely on them and appreciate their efforts here. The members present said they should let us know if they need foot soldiers to support their work here. Ana said she would like to volunteer with this issue.
6. Continue to advocate for public participation and including community services and affordable housing as part of site master plans for the development of Northwood Mall, the Lake Bradford fire station, and other significant city-owned properties: Very important to support the other neighborhoods with this issue and it could impact Winewood, too. Consensus to support this issue.

#### b. Recruiting network of neighbors and "block captains"

We are going to table this discussion for now.

#### c. Any additional discussion of Magnolia Project (Striping survey)

As an update, the liaison subgroup met with the city and county recently to suggest enhanced intersection marking and signs. We also asked the city, via the traffic calming head, Allen Secreast, whether striping the streets impacted by the construction would be an option. Allen was open, but warned us that neighbors have strong feelings about this and asked us to do a survey. We did a survey. We received 102 responses. 74.5% were in support, 21% were against it. And those who were opposed seemed to be fervently against it. The board consensus was to wait and see how much

improvement comes from the intersection improvements before requesting anything additional.

## 4. Upcoming Events

### a. Nene Yard Sale

March 22, Saturday. Eli suggested maybe doing a potluck at the sale this year, to generate more traffic. More information to follow on this. Also, so far the winter membership drive has been very successful and another big thank you to those who distributed the membership renewal forms.

b. Nene Fest – IHLNA booth options: John relayed that there wasn't much interaction at the booth last year, even with adorable Stan on his lap. The group decided to incorporate the booth with Melissa's merchandise booth, so we will need additional space next to it this year. Gordon asked, on behalf of the Leon County Democratic Environmental Caucus, whether they could have a booth. The members present agreed to stick with the no political parties/events at Nene Fest policy.

## 5. Other Issues

Yard Sale participation: We launched the membership renewal drive. If you are paid up, you don't have to pay to be at the yard sale. Melissa and Marie-Claire will again go around the morning of the event to collect dues.

6. Next meeting will be March 6, 2025, at 7:00 p.m.