

**Admiral Heights Improvement Association
Regular Board Meeting
April 5, 2011
Minutes – As approved 3 May 2011**

Called to order: 1930

Attendees:

O'Neill, Hausknecht, Golden, Comstock, Collins, Wright, Crews, Thorn, Grebasch

Not in attendance:

Aha, Smith, Burdick

Reading of the Minutes:

Tabled until the next meeting, as not yet prepared.

Treasurer's Report:

Tabled until the next meeting, as the Treasurer was not present.

Elections:

Slate proposed by Mr. Golden: President – Hausknecht, Vice President – Collins, Treasurer – Smith, Secretary – Grebasch

The Slate, as proposed, was elected.

Upcoming Events:

April 9th Yard Sale – Thorn agreed to contact Capital, and work to post on CraigsList. Large blue vinyl sign will be installed 1 – 2 days prior to Sale.

April 16th Greenscape

Family Fun Run, April 23 – Proceeds to be shared with AHIA. Volunteers needed to 'man' the course.

Meet the Creek, May 7th (11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.) - Mr. Golden agreed to head up the effort to pull together this event. Previous events have included Water Taxies and Maryland DNR Wildlife/Fisheries discussions (may be too late to arrange for this). This event is very weather-dependent. There was some discussion about whether it would be prudent to reschedule this event to a later date, given its temporal proximity to other prominent AHIA events. After some discussion, and the observation that the date of this event has been posted on the AHIA website, it was decided that the posted date will be honored.

Committee Reports:

Bylaws Review Committee – reported that consideration of the amendments proposed to the General Membership at the March meeting has been tabled. There is dissention within the Board as to the prudence of the proposed amendments. Further discussion was tabled to the next meeting.

Traffic Calming Committee – The traffic calming proposed for the intersection of Sampson and Porter is still ‘in the works’ with the City of Annapolis. This enhancement is subject to weather conditions and may be completed by the end of April.

During this Committee Report, there was a discussion about the status of inquiries and advocacy about the establishment of sidewalks to facilitate the safe travel of children to the new elementary school. This issue is being addressed by Alderman Paone. It is unclear whether the City will fund these sidewalks, but the County will not. It was noted that there is some state guidance (whether statutory, regulatory, or policy was not clear) concerning the provision of safe routes for children to walk to schools.

Grounds Committee – No word on whether grants will be available to assist AHIA in paying for environmentally-friendly enhancements to AHIA grounds.

Neighborhood Watch – No report

Weems Creek – Mr. Golden reported on the cost of the water testing that some Board members have advocated. He noted that one vendor would charge \$189.00. Mr. Comstock reported that there is some activity vis a vis the Cowhide project. There was a discussion that there are some within the environmental community who may not support remediation of the situation at Cowhide, arguing that nature is reclaiming that area and that the improvements that AHIA would like to see to that part of the watershed would actually harm Cowhide.

New Committee Chair Selections:

There was a robust discussion about the best way in which to allocate leadership for the various events and activities of AHIA. It was noted that one need not be a member of the Board to lead and organize an event.

Members agreed to serve in the following capacities:

- Grounds – Burdick
- Neighborhood Watch - Thorn
- Weems Creek – Golden
- Traffic Calming – Crews
- Mom’s Club – Wright

Next Board Meeting – May 3

New Business: Planning for Halloween Party at new school should begin as soon as possible.

Adjourned – 2030.

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