

Approved by the Board Nov. 4, 2021

Admiral Heights Improvement Association Board's Zoom meeting hosted by Shivaugn Ahern on Sept. 9, 2021

Call to order: 8:01 p.m. by Shivaugn Ahern

In attendance: Board members: Joe Flasher, Ahern, John Leupold, Cindy Radulovich, Tonya McGinnis, Liz Uehlinger & Grant Garcia. Non-board member: Martha Thorn

Not in attendance: Maggie Rogers, Scott Gibson & Bo Conroy

Resigned: Lizzie Coelho

Minutes: The Aug. 5, 2021, minutes were approved.

Treasurer's report: AHIA has about \$20,000 in assets. The only major change is the redoing of the Sampson-Porter Circle was paid for.

The last newsletter had an advertising surplus, but it was also more expensive. The expense was more than \$100.

The Capital newspaper ads cost about \$33 per yard sale for a total yearly expense of \$66.

The mowers (Undercuts) haven't sent AHIA a bill yet, but when they do, it's usually in the form of an email to Conroy.

Grounds: The landscaping was done to the Sampson-Porter Circle. Reviews have been mixed. People are sad that the plants are gone, but they're happy that they've been repurposed. Thanks to McGinnis for taking care of the plants until they were replanted at Dewey Dock, the pool, neighbors, Halsey Park, and the Boat Club.

The drawing of the Cedar Park lot shows two spots for benches. A scope of work is needed if a contractor installs the concrete pavers. There's no time frame in which the work needs to be done, but it seems that when children are walking to school, and there's no sidewalks might be a good time to move the project along.

Uehlinger will reach out to a contractor, but she doesn't expect the work to begin anytime soon, because contractors are still catching up with work that was put off during COVID and because of the tornado cleanup.

The installation price will have to be added to the cost of the benches that Coelho researched. Volunteers probably won't be able to pour concrete or install paver stones. A punch list and the right tools are needed.

When the grounds contract comes up for renewal, board members need to closely examine key points in the scope of work. The contractor must do more than cut the grass. Wild grape vines and ivy need to be removed from bushes and vegetation around the Admirals Heights sign needs to be trimmed.

In the past Derek Lotfi has trimmed around the sign. Uehlinger said she could do it.

Flasher, Garcia and Thorn plan to move mulch at Dewey Dock on Saturday and Sunday. It was left over from a neighbor's tree. Ahern will post a link to the sign-up page for the work party on Facebook.

Ahern and her husband, Rob, have been moving the mulch at Halsey. Now there's a path cleared down to the water. They also plan to put mulch under the picnic table. There's still a pile of mulch that needs to be moved. If you would like to help, Ahern recommends wearing bug spray and long pants.

A tree that's growing through a fence at Dewey Dock may need to come down. Garcia asked Christian Zazzali (Admiral Heights resident who is in the construction industry) to research whose property the tree is on. It could be the neighbor's, ours or both.

Garcia talked to a tree company which indicated there's no immediate danger from the tree. Their quote was \$3,500 with the stump and logs being left for people to take.

Ahern would like to explore ways to get more people to visit Halsey Park. In the past someone suggested a floating dock.

Events: Germantown Elementary School isn't letting any outside groups use their facilities after school because of COVID. That means we can't schedule the general membership meeting or the Halloween party there.

We can have the general membership meeting at the stadium if we're willing to move the date from Oct. 5 to Oct. 12. We could also use Zoom there.

Thorn didn't know of any precedence to moving the October general membership meeting but noted that the March meeting had been rescheduled to April two or three times because of snow closures at the elementary school.

Moving the date would allow us to extend the deadline for the newsletter. Current deadline is Sept. 17.

Gibson will take the first cut at the newsletter. Then, Ahern, who is familiar with Publisher, will take the second cut.

The yard sale is being publicized in the Capital, Craigslist, email blasts (Admiral Heights & Thorn's personal one), Patch and Facebook. Garcia is putting up the Admiral Heights website sign.

A suggestion was made to put up a poster board for the yard sale in the Sampson-Porter Circle. No one volunteered to do this. Leupold volunteered to put it up on the Facebook Marketplace.

The calendar for the newsletter will need to cover from October until the March general membership meeting. Ahern will work on this.

A forum is being planned to hear from the alderman candidates, Scott Gibson and Karma O'Neill.

Board member candidates: Ahern reached out to Cat Marucci, Lauren Heier and Mike Sostak – the three people who ran to fill the board vacancies in March. Marucci and Heier were still interested and were nominated and approved to fill the vacancies.

Now that all the board positions are filled, it was suggested that Wendy Hickok Uehlinger take a picture of the board members together for the newsletter. The newsletter would provide a good opportunity to introduce the new board members to the membership.

For the fall newsletter, board members will be listed as they have in the past on Page 2.

Traffic calming: Not everyone is in agreement about whether the sidewalks are a good idea and some have even threatened to start a petition. If the City cuts into yards for sidewalks, it probably won't happen. If the City takes part of the street and uses the narrowing of the street as a traffic calming measure, it may happen.

Derek Lotfi wants to know if the board would like to buy some "Drive Like Your Kids Live Here," signs. Thorn said the board had bought these signs in the past, but they all disappeared.

It was noted that there's evidence that narrowing roads slow drivers down, but there's no evidence that the signs do. However, the signs might be a good public relations tool.

Leupold mentioned that Laith Hyali, owner of the No MoSquitos company, had purchased a bunch of the signs and might donate them to the community.

To do: Check with Conroy to see if he's received a mowing bill

Send approved minutes to John. Check to see if he's missing any. – Cindy & Martha

Develop scope of work for Cedar Park lot

Contact contractor(s) about Cedar Park lot – Uehlinger

Examine scope of work for grounds contract – All

Trim around Admiral Heights sign - Uehlinger

Move mulch at Dewey – Flasher, Thorn, Garcia & other volunteers

Move mulch at Halsey – Aherns & other volunteers

Ask for volunteers for the Dewey work party on Facebook - Ahern

Put yard sale announcement on Facebook Marketplace – Leupold

Help plan for candidate forum – Ahern

Stay on top of tree situation on Dewey – Garcia

Work on newsletter – Radulovich (ads & delivery assignments), Thorn (Facebook posting, stories, help with calendar & photos) & Gibson & Ahern (stories, calendar items, editing, layout, design)

Plans for general membership meeting – Ahern

Think of possible ways to increase usage of Halsey Park – All

Check with Hyali about sign donation - Leupold

The meeting was adjourned at 9 p.m.

Submitted by Cindy Radulovich, Secretary, and Martha Thorn, AHIA member