

Admiral Heights Improvement Association

Board Meeting Date: October 15, 2024

Location: Dewey Drive

Call to order: 7:12

Board Attendees: Shivaugn Ahern, Jayme Brooks, Liz Uehlinger, Chris Sheesley, Jim Masterson, Amy Skinner

Board Attendees via Zoom: Elizabeth Janney, Lisa Semler

Board Absences: Cindy Radulovich, Matt Allen, Stephen Holt

Upon motion duly made, seconded, and unanimously carried with none opposed, the minutes of the August 2024 Board Meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer reported that finances are in order, with the yearly expenses for UnderCuts (landscaping) coming in under budget. Insurance payments have been set up for automatic withdrawal, linked directly to the AHIA bank account. It was noted that all expenses for social events have been fully covered by donations. However, membership levels remain lower than expected, with minimal increase after the recent tailgate event. The tailgate totals are as follows:

Donations = \$1618.90

Expenses = \$1,460.86

Profit = \$158.04 towards the next social event

The Treasurer has been tasked with submitting a report of current membership so that it can be appropriately published before the October/Fall Membership Meeting.

Executive Committee: The Executive Committee discussed plans for the upcoming October Membership Meeting, which will feature a budget report and budget proposal for the next fiscal year. The meeting will also include updates from city representatives, Karma O'Neill (alderwoman) and Eric Leshinsky, Chief of Comprehensive Planning, who will speak on the proposed Annapolis Water Access Plan.

The following were suggested price increases:

- Membership dues: \$100 per household, allowing one representative per household to vote (raised from \$50)
- Kayak Rack Rentals: \$100 per year, due May 1 (raised from \$75)

Additionally, the committee emphasized the importance of informing members about the consequences should the Admiral Heights Improvement Association (AHIA) disband or dismantle.

Kayak Rack Rentals: The Kayak Rack Rentals are currently operating smoothly, with all racks fully occupied and in good condition.

Webmaster/Domains/Payments: The Webmaster provided an update, stating that all necessary website modifications for the October Membership Meeting have been completed.

Grounds: The Grounds Committee placed the AHIA landscaping contract back out for bid the new fiscal year. The committee noted that UnderCuts has already submitted a proposal at the same price as the previous year, with no other bids being submitted or reviewed as of 10/15. The committee has bid to 6 other landscaping companies so far. Maintenance needs were identified for Halsey Park and Windell, which require mowing. All other AHIA owned areas require trimming, weeding, weed-wacking, edging, and leaf blowing. Mulching is planned for the spring. The Bristol pump station walkway will be maintained three times per year, in spring, summer, and late summer/early fall. A final decision on the grounds contract is expected in December, and a volunteer initiative for Halsey Park and Windell is being organized for the spring.

Social/Communication: The Social and Communication Committee announced that the Fall Festival has been rescheduled for November 9, 2024, from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m., with plans for family-friendly activities and games. A proposal to allocate \$30 for advertising in the Capital Gazette was unanimously rejected by the board. Elizabeth Janney volunteered to lead a beta test of editing administrative permissions for the Admiral Heights Facebook page to enhance social media management.

Neighborhood Safety Committee: No update at meeting time

Weems Creek Committee: The committee reported plans for a joint fundraiser with SRA and AHIA, scheduled for early December or mid-January. The event will be a cocktail party aimed at raising funds for both SRA and AHIA.

New Business: New business included the reminder that AHIA has one board vacancy, which has already been communicated to AHIA members via email. Discussions recommended an additional board member be passionate about children's social activities and social media communications.

Meeting Finalization:

Next Meeting date: Monday, November 4

Location: Jim's House

Adjourned: 8:42