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Admiral Heights Improvement Association’s Spring General Membership Meeting hosted by Shivaugn Ahern on Zoom on Tuesday March 29, 2022

**Call to order**: 7:30 p.m. by President Shivaugn Ahern

**Attendance**: AHIA Board members – Ahern, Scott Gibson, Cindy Radulovich, John Leupold, Maggie Rogers, Grant Garcia, Joe Flasher, Lauren Heier, Cat Marucci, & Liz Uehlinger

In addition to the board members, about 27 other Admiral Heights residents attended.

**Absent:** Bo Conroy &Tonya McGinnis

**President’s remarks:** Shivaugn Ahern welcomed everyone to the spring membership meeting. She explained that this meeting was held online because it was being planned during the post-holiday COVID surge. At that time, it seemed that having it online would be the safest approach.

She also thanked Garcia for stepping up to head the Grounds Committee until a new committee chair is elected. See board elections for more expressions of appreciation for service.

**Administrative comments:** Attendees were asked to give their permission to being recorded during the meeting. The recording may be posted on FaceBook and/or the Admiral Heights website. The chat function was used to give permission, record attendance, to record changes, and for questions and answers.

**Minutes:** Minutes from the October 2021 general membership meeting were shared online. Cindy Radulovich, secretary, sought unanimous consent of the minutes. Members in good standing could enter changes in chat or send their changes by email to the president through March 30.

**Treasurer’s Report:** Ahern thanked Leupold for serving as an “accountant,” and webmaster and for his postings on social media.

As treasurer, Leupold reminded everyone that “dues are due.” He said only 85 have paid this year while at this time last year the number was 250. He also said that the past few weeks have been busy and some payments may not have been processed yet. Residents can check on a list to see if they have paid. The list is organized by streets and address numbers. Payment may be made by mail or PayPal. About half the rack rentals have been paid.

He noted that the Dock Rebuild account is actually a savings account. AHIA and the Boat Club each deposit $750 in it annually.

The insurance and “power” payments have been made this year.

If anyone has any questions, please email the treasurer. It may take him a couple of days for him to respond, but he will respond.

**Board Elections:** Officers – Ahern, Leupold, Radulovich and Conroy – are automatically reelected.

However, Conroy has stepped down, leaving one vacancy; McGinnis also stepped down, leaving a second vacancy. In her opening remarks, Ahern thanked them for their service. She also thanked Cat Marucci, chair of the Nominating Committee, and committee member, Maggie Rogers.

From the slide deck: “Tomorrow, March 30, every member in good standing will be emailed a ballot with the names of all the nominated candidates. Members who pay their dues within the next week will be emailed a ballot link when their dues are paid. Completed ballots will be accepted for one week until April 5. The new board will be announced on Wednesday, April 6.”

Nominees are asked to post something about themselves on Facebook. Information about the new nominees will also come with the ballot. There were no nominees from the floor. If you pay by PayPal, you are considered a member in good standing.

Nominees are Jayme Brooks, Grant Garcia,\* Scott Gibson,\* Michelle Greenhalgh, Joe Flasher,\* Cat Marucci,\* Maggie Rogers,\* Amy Skinner, Liz Uehlinger,\* & Wendy Uehlinger. The \* denotes current board members.

**Events:**

Easter Egg Hunt: Saturday, April 9, 10 a.m., Studio 39 fields. For more details, check out the Admiral Heights/Germantown/Homewood Moms Club Group on Facebook.

GreenScape, Saturday, April 23, 9:30 a.m. -noon, Dewey Dock. Bring trowels, shovels, gloves and rakes.

Neighborhood Yard Sale, Saturday, April 30, 9 a.m. - noon; Rain date, Sunday, May 1, same hours.

Fourth of July Bike Parade, Monday, July 4, 10 a.m., Sampson Place

**Neighborhood concerns:** Q. What is the status of the Cedar Park Road mess? A. This question referenced the sidewalk issue. It seems that for everyone opposed to the sidewalks, there are an equal amount in favor of them. The City of Annapolis is taking the lead on this. When we receive updates, we will pass them on to the community. If you have any questions, you can talk to the city project manager or our alderwoman. Links to the last presentation and to the City of Annapolis point of contact are on our web site.

Q. Will this presentation be on the website? A. Yes.

Q. How do we pay our dues? A. You can go to the PayPal link on the Admiral Heights website or send a check to the address which is also on the website. Since the mail may be running behind, you may want to send emails to Leupold and Ahern to let them know that you are paying your dues so you can vote.

From email immediately following the meeting: Qs. After the meeting tonight, I reviewed the bylaws again and I have a few questions for how the board will be handling the voting.

First, the bylaws state: "A member in good standing shall be one whose dues have been paid for the current fiscal year."

They go on to state "No business shall be conducted at a general membership meeting unless a quorum of members is present. Twenty-five members in attendance shall constitute a quorum. Vote by proxy will not be permitted. Each adult resident or property owner who is a member in good standing shall be entitled to one vote on Association business."

Given the information you shared this evening, am I to assume my household gets three votes since I have three adult residents in my home? This is different from years past where each household received one vote because they paid dues once. If we apply this to the first quote above, does my home need to pay $120 for three votes?

Also, “Election of the members of the board of directors shall be by secret ballot at the annual general membership meeting."

How can we be assured that my vote will remain secret/anonymous? At an in-person meeting, I would simply drop my ballot in a box and know that it is anonymous, but with computer software, I am not sure this is the case. This is a serious concern for me, as I do not want anyone to know how I voted.

A. I (Ahern) read the bylaws to indicate that for each dues paid, one vote is allowed, as you note in the quoted text above. For example, I pay my dues, I am a member, I get a vote, and I am eligible to be on the board. My husband does not pay dues, he is not a member, does not get a vote, and is not eligible to be on the board, although he is welcome to attend any functions that the association hosts. My husband is more than welcome to pay dues, become a member, be eligible for the board, because he and I are separate people, both residents, both property owners. The bylaws make no allowance for household membership. One dues=one vote.

The ballot by google form has been set up to be anonymous, dues paying members will receive a link and there is no tracking or data entry that would identify the voter.  I made a mistake last night when I said that the form would have a field for your name and email address -- that information is only contained in the list of members in good standing and is not connected to the ballot form in any way.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

Submitted by Cindy Radulovich, Secretary and Martha Thorn, Co-Secretary