

# Elvehjem Neighborhood Association Board Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, June 28, 2023, 6:30-8:30 p.m. - Virtual

## I. Welcome (6:30-6:45)

### a. Call to order (Pete) - 6:35pm

i. Present: Pete, CJ, Kim R, Bob, Kristy, Dylan. Guests: Andrew Henderson, Dawn.

### b. Approval of the agenda (All) - Approved as written.

### c. Word on the Street (All)

i. Goats are still in Acewood, after 3 moves. Due to return 1st week of August.

ii. Dylan witnessed a flipped car on Cottage Grove Rd (near Pinney) - reminder to drive safe! There's still a lot of speeding there, even with reduced limits.

## II. Reports (6:45 – 7:00)

a. **Echo report (Pete)** - our next deadline is August 15th. Pete will check to see who will be back-up for Dan (paternity leave) for next issue.

b. **Extra report (Pete)** - next edition will go out this week, mostly featuring 4th of July.

## III. 4th of July (7:00-7:45)

a. Roles/Responsibilities [Review](#)

b. **Firecracker 5K** - Dawn joined us on Zoom to discuss best practices for the 5K:

i. Set up the route course the night before, as you may be busy the morning-of with same-day registration. (Brackets with arrow signs should be in the shed)

ii. Check-in table gets set up in front of the elementary school entrance, under the awning. Have an extra sheet of paper for sign-ups & an envelope to collect any registration money. Kim will print a map of the route for the table as well.

iii. Staff volunteers at the check-in table; 2 spots on route where the run splits from the walk (on Ellen & on Acewood); 2 people at finish line because people like to know their times.

iv. Count the # of registrants, so you can make sure that everyone comes back from the course and you don't leave before everyone has finished.

v. Forecasted temps on Saturday a.m. seem mild, so we decided to skip the mid-way water stop.

vi. Jacob was getting gift cards for race prizes. CJ / Kim to follow up with Jacob on how to distribute prizes (1st in Senior class, 1st in Kids, etc?)

vii. For next year: We'll re-evaluate prizes / medals / plaques for next year's race.

### c. Silent Auction

i. We discussed either removing the Total Values from the bid sheets, or adding a Starting Bid amount. Will revisit discussion for next year's event.

ii. Everyone should bring their collected donation items to the event on Saturday (or arrange to drop them off with another board member beforehand).

d. **Craft Fair** - Bob will email Pete with names of vendors, so we can advertise in this week's Extra. Vendors will set up at 10:30am on Saturday.

- e. **Review Schedule/Arrival Times** - Due to AQI this evening, we postponed the Our Saviour's walkthrough until 8am Saturday. Pete put together [a timeline](#).
- f. **Weather/AQI Policy** - an AQI of 150+ might warrant a cancellation. We'll keep an eye on numbers. We might consider setting up the Community Room at Our Saviour's, if people need a place to duck into, in case of rain.

#### IV. **Event Recap (7:45-8:00)**

- a. **Make Music Madison (6/21)** - We didn't have a report from the Elvehjem Shelter site, but the Vondron block party was a success. They plan to do it again in the future.
- b. **Elvehjem Sanctuary Tour (6/20)** - Dylan, CJ and a small group of neighbors enjoyed the tour led by Paul Quinlan. The city is working on a conservation plan for LVM; Pete will share in the July Extra. There are 20+ conservation parks in the city; Paul tries to lead a tour once per month.

#### V. **New Business (8:00 – 8:30)**

- a. **Neighborhood Grant planning (Pete)** - Dylan reaching out to local businesses; not everyone can make a "monument sign" (the kind that are in the ground.) He will try to have bids in by our August 2nd board meeting. Bob would like to bid on the project as well.
- b. **Garden Sign and Amy (Kristy)** - due to recent frustrations, Amy would like to retire from managing the sign gardens. We will try to recruit a group of neighbors to take on the project. Kristy will put together a call-to-action for the July Extra. Dylan is interested in being the board liaison for the new group of gardeners.
- c. **Back to School Bash (CJ)** - CJ shared his updated [event document](#).
  - i. **Resources:** We could still use more vendors / community resources (either educational or entertainment-focused). Resources that have already been contacted are listed in a table in the event document; if anyone has other resource suggestions, please pass on to CJ.
  - ii. **Nearby Neighborhoods:** We discussed advertising the event with our neighboring communities (East Buckeye, North Star, etc) as well.
  - iii. **Port-a-potties & Trash pick-up:** CJ made a note to look into getting a port-a-potty for the event. Trash barrels will be requested via event permit.
- d. **Neighborhood Survey (Pete)** - About 100 results received so far. We agreed to send a dedicated email blast and a Facebook push after the July 1st event.
- e. **GroupMe for Board Business (Pete)** - GroupMe is an app for group discussions; could be useful for conducting board business / chats, when we don't want to use email. Pete / Dylan will look into Google Chat / Spaces as well.

**VI. Adjournment - 8:19pm**

**Announcements**

- The Elvehjem Extra will publish Thursday, June 29th
- The next ENA Board Meeting is Wednesday, August 2nd from 6:30-8:30 pm at **Pinney**
- The next Echo Newsletter deadline is August 15th for the \*Fall\* Echo