

# Elvehjem Neighborhood Association Board Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, June 7, 2023, 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Pinney Library

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

- a. **Call to order (Dan) - Time: 6:39pm**
  - i. Present: Dan, Pete, CJ, Kim R, Bob, Jacob, Alice, Kristy, Dylan. Guest: Andrew Henderson.
- b. **Approval of the agenda (All) - Approved as written.**
- c. **Word on the Street (All)**
  - i. **Goats** - Pete is now a goat volunteer; they'll graze in Acewood a few more weeks.
  - ii. **Block Party** - in conjunction with Make Music Madison (6/21), there will be a block party on Vondron (from E. Buckeye to Melinda).
  - iii. **Acewood Structure** - Dylan learned about a lean-to structure in Acewood Park, built as a memorial for someone who had passed away.
  - iv. **Metro Transit shift (BRT)** - happening on Sun 6/11. Some of the planned changes will affect our neighborhood. Mayor Satya asked if we would like a Ride Guide at our 4th of July event.

## II. Reports (6:45 – 7:00)

- a. **Secretary's report (Kristy)** - nothing to report
- b. **Treasurer's report (Jacob)**
- c. **Echo report (Dan)**
  - i. Summer Echo will hit mailboxes this week. Alice will add Pastor Andrew to the distribution list.
  - ii. **Advertising (Jacob)** - Jacob will invoice Custom Canines.
- d. **Extra report (Pete)** - latest issue had consistent readership. Survey results went from 20 to 70 after the Extra went out.

## III. New Business (7:00 – 7:15)

- a. **Board photo** - we took a new group photo in front of the library
- b. **Neighborhood Grant planning (Pete)** - for sign on SE corner of Thompson & Buckeye.
  - i. We need to finalize our budget and send a draft of our plan to be approved by Streets. The Engineering Dept also has to approve an excavation permit & volunteer waiver.
  - ii. Subcommittee - Dylan and Bob volunteered to head up a sign subcommittee. Dylan will reach out to some sign companies to get a competitive bid. Our goal is to present a budget at our August board meeting.
- c. **Insurance needs (Jacob)** - we paid \$1,579 last year for General Liability insurance.
  - i. Jacob got a quote for \$300 for General Liability, \$425 for Directors & Officers (D&O), and \$472 for umbrella insurance (would add another \$2mil to our cap).

- ii. A motion was made to purchase the General Liability + D&O insurance (forgoing the umbrella insurance). Motion was seconded and approved.
- d. **Welcome Committee plans (Jacob)** - there are a few new-sale homes that Jacob will be welcoming to the neighborhood once they've had time to settle in.
- e. **Venue for 2024 Annual Meeting** - Andrew will send us the dates in April 2024 that the Family Room at City Church is available.
- f. **Dan "paternity leave" planning (Dan / All)**
  - i. June 28th board meeting / walk-thru - Pete will handle the agenda and will bring A/V equipment in case Dan is able to dial-in.
  - ii. August 2nd board meeting - Pete will most likely handle the agenda and lead this meeting as well.

#### IV. Upcoming Events (7:15-8:00)

- a. **Make Music Madison, June 21st (Grassroots)**
- b. **Fourth of July Celebration, July 1st (Dan/Pete)**
  - i. **5k lead** - Dawn is no longer available to assist on day-of (although she could help with any prep beforehand). Kim R and CJ volunteered to lead the event. Kristy and Alice will do the grocery shopping and drop off granola bars, bananas, waters, etc for the 5K. (There will be no Kids Fun Run this year.)
  - ii. **Food truck planning** - both JD's Latenight and Paddy's Patties are available for 7/1 and 8/19. Sista's has not responded since our initial communication; we will lock in JD's, and if Sista's also shows up then we'll have two food trucks.
  - iii. **Donation solicitation** - reminder to reach out to local businesses; we're aiming to have ~30 donations for the silent auction.
  - iv. **Assignments** - we reviewed the Assignment list.
    1. Shade tents - need 4: Bob has 1, Andrew/City Church has 2, Alice will ask Kim B. if she has one.
    2. Groceries - Kristy & Alice to get ice cream cups, ice for coolers, lemonade, water bottles, plus food supplies for the 5K
    3. Payment - question was raised if we could use Venmo for the event. Jacob to look into?
  - v. **June 28th supply check** - several board members will meet at the storage shed at 5/5:30pm to make sure we have all the supplies we need.

**c. Summer Bash, August 19th (CJ)**

- i. New venue (Acewood Park) - we'll plan to do an "Acewood Staging" prior to the event (similar to our 4th of July walk-thru). Suggestion made to get "No parking" signs for Acewood Blvd to leave space for food truck & fire truck.

**d. Guided tours of our Parks with Paul Quinlan - Tuesday, June 20th (Dylan) - we'll advertise via Facebook {who will handle this?}, and Pete will also post to the Friends of Acewood Park FB group.**

**V. Event Recap (8:00-8:30)**

- a. **Membership Drive (All)** - agreement on Ryan's suggestion that we use "campaign style" signs in yards next year to drive engagement.
- b. **June 2nd Elvehjem "coffee chat" w/ Sen. Agard (Kristy & Kim)** - nice turnout; group of about 8-10 people at Twisted Grounds.

**VI. Adjournment**

**Announcements**

- The Elvehjem Extra will publish Sunday, June 25th
- The next ENA Board Meeting is Wednesday, June 28th from 6:30-8:30 pm at **Our Saviour's**
- The next Echo Newsletter deadline is August 15th for the \*Fall\* Echo