

# Elvehjem Neighborhood Association Board Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, August 2, 2023, 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Pinney Library

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

### a. Call to order (Dan) - 6:32pm

i. Present: Dan, Pete, CJ, Andrew, Kristy, Alice. Absent: Jacob, Dylan, Bob, and Kim.

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

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

i. Trees were down in Acewood after Friday's storms; paths were cleared by Sunday morning.

## II. Reports (6:45 – 7:00)

a. **Secretary's report (Kristy)** - We have thank-you notes for Membership Drive top donors; board members signed the notes during the meeting.

### b. Treasurer's report (Jacob)

c. **Echo report (Dan)** - 1st Draft due in a couple of weeks

i. Advertising (Jacob)

ii. Board decided to highlight Neighborhood Survey results in the Winter Echo

d. **Extra report (Pete)** - 549 people opened it; Spongy Moth link was our biggest click generator in the July issue.

## III. New Business (7:00 – 7:15)

### a. New board member, Andrew Henderson!

i. Andrew, a pastor at nearby City Church, has attended board meetings & events since Fall 2022. A motion was made to welcome Andrew as a new (non-resident) board member. Motion was seconded and approved.

### b. Neighborhood Grant planning (Pete)

i. We reviewed Dylan's research on bids to fix the neighborhood signage.

ii. Pete will use the initial quotes for the grant budget. (\$1,550 to repair one sign and repaint all three signs.) He will add in an estimated landscaping quote for the rest of the allotted grant funds.

### c. Neighborhood Survey Email (Pete & Dan)

i. Dan will draft a dedicated blast and promote to FB. We'll share results in the Winter Echo.

d. **Garden Sign Committee (All)** - How can we increase ownership and transparency over these efforts?

i. Plan to form a committee of interested neighborhood gardeners (with Board oversight provided by Dylan as Committee Chair).

ii. How to put out the call for interested gardeners?

1. Feature in the Fall Echo

2. Put laminated signs up at the Acewood & Buckeye signs

3. Check with the Community Garden folks.

4. Website - Kristy will put together a page on our site, with a form to send us a message if you're interested in volunteering / gardening.
  5. LVM Facebook group post (linking to website)
- iii. After the call for volunteers has gone out, we'll have a committee meeting (maybe immediately before an upcoming board meeting?) with interested gardeners. At that point, we'll decide on a plan for the gardens/signs (including potential use of grant money), and determine what communication / technology makes sense for the group.

e. **Board Chat**

- i. At our last meeting, Pete suggested using a chat feature (instead of email) for more casual or time-sensitive board communication. Pete will start a GroupMe for the board; we'll give it a trial run around the Community Resource Fair to see if it works for us.

f. **Welcome Committee latest (Jacob)**

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

a. **Community Resource Fair, August 19th (CJ)**

- i. We started a **Playbook** to track volunteer assignments & supplies.
- ii. Port-a-potty - CJ has several quotes; will move forward with the cheapest option.
- iii. CJ will be doing a door-to-door canvas of the neighborhood to pass out flyers and tell neighbors about the event.
- iv. Andrew will check with his contact at St. Vincent de Paul re: being a vendor.
- v. Ideas for next year: local business sponsors (sponsorship money could be used to pay for table/chair rentals for the vendors)

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

- a. Fourth of July Celebration (All)

**VI. Adjournment**

**Announcements**

- The Elvehjem Extra will publish Thursday, August 31st
- The next ENA Board Meeting is Wednesday, September 6th from 6:30-8:30 pm at **Pinney Library**
- The next Echo Newsletter deadline is August 15th for the \*Fall\* Echo