Board Minutes

Glennwood Estates Neighborhood Association Meeting

Thursday, August 20, 2020

Attendees (via Zoom): Renita Trotti, Nick Cortese, Kurt Dupuis, Debbie and Paul Cushing, Lee Pritchard, Bert Bender, Kay Lee, Lauren Asbury

Welcome (Kay Lee)

* + New Board Member and Secretary - Lauren Asbury
  + Young Family Liaison - Kurt Dupuis

Financial Report (Nick Cortese)

There is $2,818 in the bank account. In 2020 $2,225 was collected in dues from 100 households. Last year 85 households participated, generating $500 less in 2019 than in 2020. $1,272 has been spent this year with the largest expenditure being $701 for the directory printing. There was a deposit made at Skips for the Spring block party and Kay is currently working on a refund request.

Listserv Report (Lee Pritchard)

246 members are on the listserve. This is low relative to the number of homes in the neighborhood (418 homes). Most activity is now on the Groups.io service and not on Yahoo. Targeting September 1st to lock down Yahoo. Listserve has had good participation recently and has been self policing. Paul Cushing to undertake cross-referencing with the directory in and outreach effort to increase the number of residents on the listserve.

Welcome Committee Report (Erin Braden)

The GENA welcoming committee has re-started with 11 members from throughout the neighborhood. All members have new welcome packets to which we'll add the new neighborhood directory (great job, Kay and Bert!).  As you see new neighbors arriving, please reach out to co-chairs Erin ([erin.braden@att.net](mailto:erin.braden@att.net)) and Polly ([psnodine@gmail.com](mailto:psnodine@gmail.com)) to let us know. We will communicate with welcome committee members on that street to make sure new neighbors are welcomed. - Erin Braden & Polly Nodine, Co-Chairs

Old Matters (Kay Lee)

* + Minutes of 02/11/2020 Board Meeting approved via email on February 22, 2020
  + Little Free Library Update - Little Free Library will be placed on private property (Nicole and Brad’s house) for ease of maintenance.
  + 2020 Spring Block Party Cancelled
  + Art In the Yard Event - May 9th subsequent *Decatur Focus* blurb
  + GENA Graduates List (June 2020) – This effort was appreciated by several residents and board would like to continue as an annual offering.
  + Fizzy Atlanta beverage truck – Idea was presented to have a social hour with Fizzy beverages and potentially food trucks. Board would like to host this type of community building event when it is possible to do so in a safe manner.
  + Emancipation Proclamation Reading (June 19th) - Calendar Future Celebrations/*Decatur Focus* blurb – Board would like to continue as an annual event
  + 2020 Directory (Approximately 418 households) – Special thanks to Bert Bender for his work on updating the directory, and Erin, Polly, Mindy and Elise for reaching out to neighbors. Proposed annual addendum for changes and additions to keep updated while reducing printing costs.
  + Glenn Creek Nature Preserve Page on Website – Designated as an old growth area. Holly Grimes and Erin Braden wrote up a history of the Nature Preserve and it has been published on the website.

New Matters

* + Nomination of Kurt Dupuis to Board – Nominated by Kay, Seconded by Lee, approved unanimously
  + Yahoo Listserv closes 09/01/2020
  + Halloween Block Party – Party will be cancelled. Open to ideas on trick or treating or other celebratory events. Will query listserve for input. Kay will talk to other neighborhood associations to gather ideas. School may release guidance on Halloween safety.
  + Possible Naming of the Triangle – A resident has proposed naming the triangle in memory of John Lewis. Resident is checking with Decatur Public Works as it is city property.
  + New Meeting and Block Party Signs - Design/Cost/Number/Location – Decided to purchase 6 signs at a total cost of $150. Three locations will have signs: Triangle, Forkner and Glendale, and near Mt. Vernon on Glendale. Two sets of signs will be made with changeable toppers for neighborhood meetings and block parties.
  + “Neighbors Who Have Lived Here” page on website. Karl Kappus/Hutch Moore/GlennCrest Garden Club/Other? – Several neighbors are working on articles about people who have lived in the neighborhood. Debbie Cushing offered to do research at the historical society about the Glenncrest Garden Club for the website. A small Garden Club booklet donated by a neighbor will be donated to the historical society after it is scanned to the website.
  + Register to Vote sign in the Triangle – No objections by board, recommend resident seek city approval for the sign.
  + Other Matters? – Kurt discussed several ideas for socializing with neighbors. The group discussed: 1. Micro yard concerts, 2. Food sharing event at the end of driveways, 3. A stroll and social on Pinecrest, and 4. Odd even Friday social hour to sit a spell with neighbors. Kay to contact city regarding permits to possibly close less trafficked street like Pinecrest for a social distancing neighborhood event. Agreement by residents on Pinecrest would be required before moving forward. If city denies permit because of safety concerns (fire etc) ,consideration will be given to coordinating without closing streets.

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