



AHCA Community Board Meeting MINUTES

September 5, 2023 @ 7:30 PM

Mount De Sales Front Steps ☐

AcademyHeightsMD.org

Called to Order at 7:38pm with President Joe Shinault presiding.

Board members in attendance: Joe Shinault, Rita Hall, Meg Dandy, Chris Waterman, Adrienne Vedeloff

Members absent: Stephen Smith, Christie Kearney, Cathy Plane, Mary Cummings, Doug Kampe, Linda Barnes

Minutes: from June 6th, 2023 approved.

Community Outreach: Deferred – Office Boone not in attendance

Treasurer's Report – Truist Bank checking balance is \$8,812.49. T. Rowe Price - \$20,766.03.

Committees:

Architectural Committee –

Approved Applications: Approved kitchen front door, screens, concrete patio

Current Violations: 10 current violations – include front door, pediment, front porch railing, kitchen door. 319 Whitfield concerns. 6129 Regent Park structure concerns reported to County. Need to review the shed guideline verbiage.

Communication – Newsletter went out in first week of August. Facebook at 504 members.

Welcome Committee –14 sold, 3 pending, 0 for sale. Average sale 4 days.

Environmental Committee – Looking at getting cherry blossom trees to be planted in between existing trees at Christian Temple. PVHA Mini-Grant available for non-profits – approached church about potentially submitting to plant trees and provide additional landscaping.

Dues –24% of the community have paid dues for 2023.

Old Business

Food Trucks – This will be the last year for the food trucks in the neighborhood. Very little participation and have also had no-shows. Already have the food trucks at the church parking lot on Thursdays.

National Night Out (NNO) – Was last month in conjunction with Paradise community. Low community participation

New Business

Roof discussion – pushed back until fall meeting

C.O.P. Grant – Received \$535 used for NNO, newsletters, etc.

AH Community Signs Repair/Replacement – Sign came down near the playground. Will look into a more affordable design to replace it.

Sustainable Community Program – We are not included in this “sustainable community” zone. Will look into the advantages to this.

Fall Yard Sale – We don’t get much turnout/participation like we once did. Will have a yard sale on October 7th. If there is a low participation, will continue the spring yard sale

Block Party – canceled this year due to lack of participation and assistance with the parties. Will revisit next year

Little Library – was taken down, updated and placed back out

Meetings – AHCA meetings have returned to Mount De Sales. There are two dates where the Bird Room is already booked in November and January. Voted to move the November and January dates back to the second Tuesday of those months: 11/14/23, 1/9/24

Open Forum:

- Traffic engineer with county reached out – Money has been allocated for paving and improvements on Edmonson between Harlem to Academy Road such as island, crosswalks, etc. They are also looking into a round-a-bout at Edmonson and Academy.
- Concerns placed regarding traffic coming to and from Mount De Sales that are driving very fast at the intersection of Northdale and Whitfield. In addition, there is a loud beeping when the gate opens as well. Joe will reach out to Mount De Sales leadership.
- Movie night inquiry. Organization needs insurance for this event now.
- On Greenlow right up from Edmonson Avenue, near the back alley is very dark and hard to see at night. Inquiry on requesting additional lighting from the county. Board will reach out.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, October 3rd @ 7:30pm
Adjourned at 8:40pm. Recorded by Meg Dandy