

## Neighborhood Advisory Board (NAB) MINUTES

Thursday November 18, 2021 6:00 PM ONLINE ZOOM MEETING

## BOARD MEMBERS AND ALTERNATE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Attendance is denoted by an "\*" and absentees are denoted by an "x"

NEIGHBORHOOD ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS			
NAME	DISTRICT	NAME DISTRICT	
VACANT	1	VACANT 1	
Barbara Murray - *	2	Joyce Staton - x 2	
Ann Maxwell, Vice Chair - *	3	Ann Hamze, Chair - * 3	
Vickie Whitehurst - x	4	Alise Rowan - * 4	
Sharon Stang - *	5	Vacant - x 5	
NEIGHBORHOOD ADVISORY BOARD ALTERNATE MEMBERS			
NAME	DISTRICT	NAME DISTRICT	
VACANT - x	1	Susan Vickery-Mercer - * 4	
Belinda Nolen - x	2	Vacant - x 5	
Addison Cox - *	3		

City Staff Present: Tony Parker, Neighborhood Liaison/Planner I

- Neighborhood Guests: Greg Tucker, Riverdale District 1; Dede Carney, South Hall, District 5 **1. Call To Order:** Ann Hamze, Chair
- 2. Roll Call: Tony Parker, Neighborhood Liaison/Planner I

## A quorum was established.

## 3. Approval of Agenda

Sharon Stang made a motion to approve the agenda. Ann Maxwell seconded. Motion was approved.

## 4. Approval of October 21, 2021 Minutes

A motion was made by Ann Maxwell to approve the minutes with the

corrections noted. Susan Vickery-Mercer seconded. Motion was approved.

## 5. Public Comments

- Greg Tucker was glad to see that the NAB was still meeting despite the restrictions due to the COVID pandemic
- Mr. Tucker is the vice president of the Riverdale NA
- Riverdale NA has been unable to recruit a new liaison to the NAB since Carolyn Fields-Johnson passed away
- As the Eppes Center is still under renovation, Riverdale NA does not have a place to meet

Tony Parker will ascertain when Eppes Center will be available. Ann Hamze suggested the 3rd Street School as a meeting site.

 Dede Carney, South Hall HOA, will inquire if any resident would like to serve as South Hall's NAB liaison

# 6. Discussion of the American Rescue Plan Act expenditures in Greenville - Ann Maxwell

- The letter to City Council from the NAB requesting more time to allocate the money did receive a positive response
- Neighborhood Associations need to prioritize their list on how they would like the funds allocated
- TRUNA requested that the funds be allocated to the Watershed Master Plan
- Riverdale would like money spent on affordable broad band
- Dede Carney would like some funds allocated to refurbishing deteriorating vacant homes to increase the availability of low-income houses

#### 7. Discussion of using Facebook or Next Door for Neighborhood Communication among neighborhoods - Sharon Stang and Tony Parker

- 86 neighborhood/geographical areas within the city limits of Greenville are on the nextdoor.com app with over 10,000 members
- Items NAB could post
  - 1. NAB will assist neighborhoods in organizing an association
  - 2. Invite existing neighborhood associations to appoint a liaison to our board
  - 3. Share upcoming NAB activities
- Tony Parker has spoken with Brock Letchworth, Manager/Public Information Officer and Ashley Gaskins, of Greenville Communications & Marketing in regard to the NAB posting on social media. They both are in full support of the NAB posting on the City's Facebook and nextdoor.com app
- Tony Parker will arrange for Ashley Gaskins to give a presentation on

the City's Facebook and nextdoor.com app at our January 2022 meeting

## 8. Sharing of neighborhood concerns and plans for the holiday - Board Members from each neighborhood

- College Court/Coghill Neighborhood Association's children delivered beads to each house. The residents were asked to place the beads on their mailbox if they were going to participate in trick or treating. The association anticipates repeating last year's event of simultaneously ringing bells during the Christmas/New Year's holidays.
- Lakewood Pines Neighborhood Association will be carrying out their annual tradition of hanging Christmas balls throughout the neighborhood. An outdoor Christmas gathering called "Lights at Night with Nog" will be held on December 18, 2021.
- Oakhurst had an outdoor Halloween Carving event.

# 9. Plans for December Meeting - Ann Hamze, Chair

• A motion was made by Sharon Stang to cancel December's meeting and seconded by Alise Rowan. Motion was approved.

# 10. Suggestions for the January meeting - Ann Hamze, Chair

- The council has not decided if meetings will be virtual or in-person after December 31, 2021; therefore, we should be prepared for both
- Invite Ashely Gaskins, City of Greenville Communications & Marketing, to educate the NAB on how we can use the City nextdoor.com app and Facebook
- Invite Lisa Kirby, Director of Engineering, to share the city's plans for trails in neighborhoods

# 11. Announcements

- Beau's Buddies Cancer Fund annual Turkey Trot will be held November 25, 2021
- Jingle Bell Trot will be held Dec. 24, 2021
- Restart 5K Fun Run will be held on January 1, 2022
- Council on Aging needs volunteers for their "Meals on Wheels" program over the upcoming holiday season

## 12. Next Meeting

• January 20, 2022

# 13. Adjourn

• There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Alise Rowan and seconded by Susan Vickery-Mercer. Motion was approved.

Respectively submitted,

Sharon Stang District 5