

**Geist Landing Neighborhood Association**  
**Board Meeting**  
**Thursday, April 10, 2008**  
**7:30 pm**

Meeting at Deb Malloy's home @ 8538 Appleby Lane

1. Quorum Call – Meeting was called to order at 7:42pm. Board members in attendance were Wes Hamilton, Katyann DiSalvo, Bill Vassiliou, Deb Malloy, Barbara Schauland, Mike Kistler, Andrea Preston and Sheri Jordan. Resident Heather Kistler was also in attendance.
2. Review of Minutes – Katyann motioned to approve March minutes and Mike seconded the motion. Minutes were approved.
3. Financial Report – Katyann presented the financial report. As of today, GLNA has an \$11,956.94 balance with 177 paid households. We are \$178.00 under budget primarily due to low snow removal costs since the New Year. Andrea was able to purchase supplies for the newsletter/second dues mailing and for welcome packets. (Welcome packets are to be assembled following the meeting.) Katyann purchased a supply of “forever” stamps at the current postal rate. Andrea motioned to approve the financial report and Mike seconded. The report was approved.
4. CECO -- Linda Hanson reported via email to Wes and Andrea that there was no CECO meeting in April.
5. Newsletter – Wes has received articles from Andrea and Sherry so far. Becky Pascal is not able to do a real estate article this time. Lorraine is still on vacation -- her article has not been received yet. Barbara offered to do an additional article, but Wes says he has enough to put together a small newsletter.
6. Jamaison Schuler, hit and run accident – Jamaison Schuler, a neighborhood resident, planned to attend the meeting with information about a hit and run accident, but was unable to do so. He did send an email to the Board. The accident, which occurred near his house on April 6th, involved a

car that struck a motorcyclist (Lora Davis, 8802 Powderhorn in Hunter's Ridge) and then fled the scene. Jamy's email is attached as an addendum below and it gives details from the accident report that Jamaison obtained. Jamy researched the possibility of putting speed bumps or an additional stop sign in the neighborhood. To have a speed bump installed requires 75% of homeowners in the neighborhood to sign a petition, and then a city traffic study to determine if a speed bump is warranted. Odds are not good for both of those to prove successful. A stop sign at Ginnylock and Appleby to slow traffic is another option. That requires a City-County council vote and can take up to a year to accomplish. Of the two options, the sign may be the one worth investigating further. Jamy is going to see if he can get another "Kids Dart" sign for his yard – his was stolen last fall.

## 7. New Business

a. Flyers re drains, 8843 Powderhorn Sinkhole and Hadway sinkhole. Two sinkholes have been identified in the neighborhood and the city has been out to mark them and divert drivers. No permanent fix will be completed until summer. Wes explained how these probably originated. Barbara wondered if standing water due to blocked drains could be a partial culprit. Wes' opinion is that the water probably did not contribute to the original problem, but that it likely makes the current situation worse. Barbara asked if we could remind the homeowners who have drains adjacent to their property to be responsible for clearing the drains. She specifically suggested sending a flyer to those homeowners reiterating the consequences of blocked drains. Andrea agreed with that suggestion, while others were not certain the effort would have any impact. The Board decided to make the attempt. Barbara will create the flyers.

b. Entrances -- Barbara spoke to the new owners of the Falkirk entrance property, Elizabeth and David Speckman. They were unaware of the Board's responsibility for the maintenance of that area. They seem very willing to work with the GLNA on the maintenance of the entrance, including the care of the trees. They even seemed willing to take on the mowing for that area. That will be something for us to consider when it is time to renegotiate our landscaping contract.

Barbara asked if she and Lorraine could plant pansies at the entrances. The cost would be \$22 for two flats of flowers. The Board agreed. Thanks, ladies!

c. Garage Sale -- Mike Shoptaw, representative of the Hunters Ridge neighborhood association called Wes about the garage sale. They would still like to combine our neighborhood sales and he agreed to the May

16-17<sup>th</sup> dates. He has a sign for 86<sup>th</sup> Street. Mike says they will share the advertising costs. We will advertise in the Topics, northside edition. Katyann will handle the advertising. Our signs will go up May 1<sup>st</sup>. Andrea will be responsible for that.

8. Next Meeting – Our next meeting will be May 8<sup>th</sup> at Wes Hamilton's house, 8942 Buckhaven.

9. Adjourn Meeting – Meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Addendum: Email communications from resident Jamaison Schuler regarding April 6<sup>th</sup> hit-and-run accident on Powderhorn.

Thursday, April 10, 2008 6:28pm.

To: Wes Hamilton cc: GLNA Board From: Jamy Schuler

Unfortunately, I will be unable to make it to the board meeting tonight. I was able to go to the City-County building today to pay for a copy of the accident report. And today I called and spoke to the husband of the woman who was struck. Here's what we know:

- The woman driving the motorcycle is Lora Davis of 8802 Powderhorn (Hunter's Ridge). Her husband is William.
- She's still in the hospital and will likely be moved to a long-term care facility for a few weeks to aide in her rehab. The car struck her in her left left and broke her femur in six places and dislocated it from her hip. She was in surgery for over 3 hours Monday where they installed rod in her thigh to support her femur. Today is the first day they are trying to reduce her IV meds, and she's in a lot of pain.
- She was heading north on Powderhorn when the driver of the car either tried to turn onto Appleby OR he swerved into the northbound lane -- either way, he clearly didn't even know she was there until he hit her.
- If he WAS turning onto Appleby, he aborted that plan and instead gunned it down Powderhorn and turned left onto Ginnylock. He wove his way through the neighborhood to Falkirk and out to 96th Street and headed east toward Geist. A neighbor on Appleby took off after him and saw him exit to 96th but couldn't catch him. I'm assuming he may know the neighborhood fairly well if he meandered through the back of the neighborhood and found his way to 96th? Does he live here?
- The description is a black Honda Accord 2-door. Male driver. I heard several on the scene describe him as young (18 or so?). He no doubt has damage to the front of his car.

William Davis told me to tell you that he's going to pass out some flyers to houses in our area and offers a \$1,000 reward.

And as Wes hinted, it's virtually impossible to get a speed bump installed from the city (would need 75% of homeowners in both neighborhoods to sign a petition, and then the city will study the traffic to see if it warrants a speed bump -- it probably will be a negative decision and that's IF we could even get 75% to sign. I doubt very seriously if much of Hunter's Ridge would care enough and might even oppose it since that's their way to get to 96th). Another option may be a stop sign at Ginnylock and Appleby to slow traffic, but that literally takes a City-Couty council vote and can take up to a year. Of the two options, it may be worth investigating further.

I'm also going to see if I can get another few of those "Kids Dart" signs like the one I had before. That sign was also stolen the night my nativity scene disappeared last fall. :o)

Have a good meeting. Sorry I can't be there.

Jamy

----- Original Message -----

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Sent: Monday, April 7, 2008 8:43:27 AM

Subject: Re: Board meeting...

Jamaison,

No, I had not heard about this accident. I have also noted a lot of people traveling faster than they should - both on motorcycles and in cars - lately. This is often the case in the spring which is why we always start calling for street patrols.

We have discussed speed bumps/humps before and the discussion has always led to a relatively even split of people who want them, don't want them, or don't care. The cost and effects are pretty high. Installation is not cheap and it would effect our snow plowing costs in the winter. There are some that feel that they have no effect on the people you are really aiming to slow down (joy riders) b/c they like hitting them at full speed. I also "heard" (I have not seen any proof) that you have to get everyone on the street to agree to them before you can have them installed. I don't say this to discourage you, but I have heard this all before. Please feel free to research the subject and see what you find.

The meeting is at Deb Malloy's house at 8538 Appleby (corner of Appleby and Champton) at 7:30 Thursday. I look forward to seeing you there. As always, I appreciate your concern for the safety of our neighborhood. I have copied the board officers on this for informational purposes.

Thanks, Wes

Jamaison Schuler wrote:

Hey Wes... can I get info from you on the location of the board meeting this Thursday? I think I'd like to come if I may.

By now, you may have heard about the accident yesterday afternoon right outside my home: a hit-and-run accident involving a motorcycle. I don't know details of the woman's injuries, but I'd say she has several broken bones but will likely recover. The car, driven by someone described as 18-23 years old, turned on Ginnylock, and navigated through the neighborhood to Falkirk and escaped on 96th Street. There's nothing in the IndyStar today, but I'll try to have more details before Thursday night.

The reason I'm interested in attending the meeting is to talk about installing speed bump(s) in the neighborhood, particularly along the stretch of Powderhorn that leads to Hunter's Ridge behind Geist Landing. I have no idea what's involved in something like this: I'm happy to research through the Mayor's Action Center. Traffic is very heavy on this stretch, and too many people are driving WAY too fast. As a concerned homeowner and parent who saw someone hit yesterday and a wreckless car speed away, I'm impassioned to pursue more safety measures in our residential neighborhood.

If you or other board members have already researched this and have info (I have a sense this was discussed five years ago or so), please let me know.

Thanks,

Jamaison