

**Geist Landing Neighborhood Association (GLNA)
Annual Meeting
Thursday, January 19, 2017
McKenzie Career Center – 75th St. – Cafeteria**

1. **Quorum Call:** Brian Scroggin, GLNA President, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Board Members present included: Daron Aldrich, Patrick Flynn, Dianne Francis, Dennis McKearn, Jerry Salluom, Andrea Scroggin, Greg Siegel, Linda Sillery, Robert Sillery

Board Members absent: Meade Van Wyck, Eli Zarfati

Neighborhood Resident: Barbara Schauland

2. **Review of the Minutes:** The group read the minutes from the November 17, 2016 meeting. Corrections were made regarding spelling of Board Members names and the snow contract prices. Daron made a motion to approve the minutes with the corrections. Jerry seconded the motion. The motion passed.

3. **Financial Report:** Daron handed out the Financial Report. Below is a summary of the report.

Bank Balance	\$4,594.66
Income	+15,833.00
Expenses	-\$9,411.49
Current Bank Balance	\$11,016.17

Linda made a motion to approve the financial report. Barbara seconded. The motion passed.

4. **Crime Report:** Brian said that he wasn't able to pull a crime report but will have one at the next meeting.
5. **Old Business:** At the November, Annual Meeting, Rosie Stockdale, our Mayor's Representative suggested that GLNA look into developing a Long-Term Plan in connection with the Indianapolis Neighborhood Resource Center. The group discussed the benefits of having such a plan. Linda brought up the time that Walgreen's wanted to put a drug store at the corner of 96th and Falkirk and how the neighborhood stood together against the plan. Linda said there always is the possibility that a retail store would buy land along 96th and even the north side of Hadway which would lower property values for the whole neighborhood. The group decided to look further into what would be involved in creating a plan. Brian said that he will check into this.

6. **New Business:**

Hand deliver newsletters and invoices: It was felt from past experience that it is not a good idea to deliver newsletters and invoices. We are not allowed to put things in people's mail boxes and without return mail, it is more difficult to find out if people have moved.

Welcome baskets: There was discussion as to what goes into a "Welcome Basket". Duncan Meskill had created "Welcome Baskets" to give out to new home owners. These replaced the folders which had been given out previously. When Duncan left the Board, he gave the "Welcome Basket" materials to Daron. Barbara, Daron, and Dennis have been welcoming

the new neighbors who moved into the neighborhood in 2016. Greg volunteered to work with Barbara on getting a list of new neighbors and coming up with what to give them when they are visited.

Ways to increase dues participation: There was discussion around mandatory dues. Daron pointed out that lawyers have said that since our original by-laws do not call for mandatory dues, it would take getting a majority of the 360 households to agree to pay mandatory dues for it to pass. And even then, if someone did not want to pay, it would be hard to enforce.

Professional Ground Entrance Care: Thanks to Brian and Andrea for caring for the Village Way entrance in 2016. The group felt that it was too expensive to hire this work to be done professionally. Barbara said that she had put a plea out on Facebook for volunteers, but had not yet had any response. It was suggested that she try again in early spring.

Weekend Clean up in April: There was discussion regarding the difficulty of getting people out to clean up the neighborhood. It has been about 5 or 6 years since we had a designated clean-up day. It was decided that we should schedule one again to work on the entrances at Falkirk and Village Way and to do general clean up.

Giving away flowers in spring for residents: Brian brought up the idea of giving flats of flowers away in the spring. It was felt that this would be too expensive to do for everyone, but we could do it for those who volunteered to work on the entrances and those who participate in the neighborhood cleanup day.

Paid advertising for newsletters: We discussed paid advertising in our newsletters. It was felt that it would be a good idea to invite people living in the neighborhood to advertise their businesses in our newsletters.

Meijer: Linda brought up the need for the GLNA President to go meet the current manager at Meijer and let them know the arrangement that Meijer has with the neighborhood. This includes mulching their trees, treating their weeds, and picking up trash along both 96th and Village Way. Linda volunteered to go with Brain.

Abandoned vehicles: Linda brought up the number of abandoned vehicles around the neighborhood. Barbara said to call the Mayor's Action Center (MAC) 317-327-4622 to report vehicles that are not licensed that have been parked on the street. Jerry said that the City will come out and put a warning sticker on the vehicle and if the vehicle is not moved within 72 hours, the city will return and tow the vehicle. The owner is not notified when the sticker is placed on the vehicle. The owner has to pay only if they want to retrieve the vehicle.

Drains: Linda said that she and Robert have been cleaning the leaves out of neighborhood drains. This is important so that water doesn't back up. It is the owner's responsibility to keep the drains clean.

Neighborhood Survey: Brian brought up sending out a survey to find out what people are interested in doing as a community. Sidewalk repair and disability accessible corners were mentioned as something for the Board to work on.

7. **Next meeting date: February 9th, 2017 at 7:00 pm**
8. **The meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.**

Dianne Francis
Secretary