

Geist Landing Neighborhood Association (GLNA) Annual Meeting

Thursday, November 19, 2015

Location: McKenzie Career Center - 75<sup>th</sup> St. – Cafeteria

1. **Quorum Call:** Daron Aldrich, GLNA President, called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

**Board Members in attendance included:** Daron Aldrich, Robin Aldrich, Gary Byrkett, Dianne Francis, Dennis McKearn, Meade Van Wyck, Josh Werner

**Absent:** Jean Miller, Michel Pascal

**Guests:** Gary Loveless and Michael McQuillen representing Indianapolis Government and Kristie Disinger, Zack Disinger, Patrick Flynn, Ann Meskill, Duncan Meskill, Jackie Salluom, Jerry Salluom, Barbara Schauland, Brian Scroggin, Greg Seigel, Chester Wood, and Dolores Wood residents of Geist Landing.

2. **Guest Speakers:** Michael McQuillen introduced himself as the Minority Leader from City Council representing the 12<sup>th</sup> District (96<sup>th</sup> south to 56<sup>th</sup> and 37 east to Fall Creek). He said to e-mail him at [mike@mikemcquillen.com](mailto:mike@mikemcquillen.com) if we have any questions or concerns regarding our neighborhood.

Gary Loveless introduced himself as the Mayor's representative. He said that the Mayor's Office was in transition because of the recent Mayoral election. He mentioned that Neighborhood Development was being switched to Economic Development. All social services can still be accessed through [connecttohelp.org](http://connecttohelp.org).

3. **Review the Minutes:** The group read the minutes from the October 20, 2015 meeting. There were no corrections or additions. Robin made a motion to approve the minutes. Meade seconded the motion. The motion passed.
4. **Financial Report:** Robin handed out the Financial Report.

<b>Bank Balance</b>	<b>\$6,876.08</b>
<b>Income</b>	12,494.63
<b>Expenses</b>	13,475.36
<b>Current Balance</b>	<b>\$5,895.35</b>

**Note:**

Total homes in GL	360
Paid	184 (66 paid extra \$3,077)
Unpaid	176
% paid	51%

The question was asked – when are we invoiced? The answer in January-February. The newsletter goes out in December. Robin pointed out that the big expense this past year was refurbishing the entrance signs at the Falkirk entrance and the Village Way entrance. We had the money to do that because we did not have to spend a lot on snow removal in 2015. Daron mentioned that he is working on an improved database that would better track current and new owners. Gary made a motion to approve the Financial Report. Barbara seconded. The motion passed.

5. **Crime Report:** Daron handed out the Geist Landing Crime Report. The report listed 6 occurrences since our October 20th meeting. They fell into two categories - theft from motor vehicle and vandalism.
6. **Crime Watch:** There was some discussion on the pros and cons of a Crime Watch group. Barbara noted that Geist Landing had such a group in the past but it was difficult to maintain. Duncan mentioned that having the Facebook page gives people a place to post any suspicious solicitors or activity. He stressed that if facing an emergency, call 911. It was suggested that we need to

encourage residents to sign up on Facebook. Duncan suggested putting cameras at the entrances to track a cars in the case there was some criminal activity. There was discussion on the pros and cons of this, but no decision was made. It was agreed the best advice is "See Something, Say Something".

7. **Dues Approval for 2016 – Increase?** Daron said that the GLNA dues have remained \$50 a year since 1987. A residence in attendance suggested that it the annual dues be increased to \$75/year so that we can better handle our yearly expenses. The question was raised as to whether increasing the amount would decrease the participation. This year we had only 51% of the households paying their dues. It was suggested that the increase needed to be accompanied by an explanation as to what the money is used for.

Josh made the motion to increase the yearly dues to \$75.00. Meade seconded the motion. The motion passed.

8. **Contracts: Mowing and Landscaping** - Daron received two bids for mowing and landscaping.
- 1) New Life Lawn and Landscaping came in at \$3,380.
  - 2) Hoosier Elite (our current contract holder) came in at \$2,400.
- Daron said that the Board had been pleased with the work of Hoosier Elite this past summer. He also noted that Gary Stevenson who owned Hoosier Elite was a Geist Landing resident.

Barbara made the motion to continue with Hoosier Elite. Robin seconded the motion. The motion passed

**Snow Plowing** – Daron received two bids for snow plowing.

- (1) New Life Lawn and Landscaping (our current contract holder)
- (2) Hoosier Elite

Meade made a motion that we continue with New Life because they have a proven track record and also have more than one truck making it possible to clear the snow more quickly. Robin seconded the motion. The motion passed.

**9. New Business and Carry-in Items:**

**Volunteer Lists:** It was suggested that we have sign up lists for:

- (1) Landscape Maintenance for entrances
- (2) Help with the newsletter production
- (3) Garage sale

Daron said that he will add this to the newsletter.

Duncan said that he will continue to post the GLNA Board minutes and other information on Facebook.

**9. Board Nominations and Elections:**

**The Nominations for the 2016 GLNA include:**

**President:** Daron Aldrich

**Vice President:** Meade Van Wyck

**Treasurer:** Robin Aldrich

**Secretary:** Dianne Francis

**Directors (9):** Gary Byrkett, Dennis McKearn, Michel Pascal, Jean Pearson Miller, Jerry Salluom, Brian Scroggin, Greg Seigel, Josh Werner

Chester made the motion that the slate for Board of Directors in 2016 be approved. Meade seconded the motion. The motion passed.

**10. Next Meeting will be held:**

**Date:** No meeting in December. The next meeting will be January 14, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

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**11. The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.**

**Dianne Francis**  
**Secretary**