

# MAY MEETING MINUTES

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**9 MAY 2022 / 7:00 PM / ZOOM Recording:**

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Attendees: Mitch Rice, Ellen Mills, Suzanne Godby Ingalsbe, Matt Smith, Lucy Schaich, Steve Akers, Emily McCallen, Christine Carver, Greg Tittelbaugh

## AGENDA

### 1. Welcome and Intros

### 2. Minutes & Treasurer's Report

- 4/11/22 Meeting Minutes

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### 3. Committee Updates

- **Neighborhood Yard Sale** - Steve A.
  - Saturday, May 14, 8 a.m. - ??
  - Coordinated with Park Ridge East so both neighborhoods are having their sales at the same time
  - Seven households are listed as participating so far
  - Steve will put the signs up on Thursday or Friday night
- **Food Trucks** - Steve A.
  - May food trucks were cancelled due to rain
  - JD's Taste of Chicago and Candy Treatz are on deck for our June 2 event
  - Christine will check with the musician to see if he's interested in performing at the June event
- **Adopt-a-Greenspace** - Ellen T.
  - Ellen M: Meeting next Monday 5/16 for the next training, 2 p.m. in the park

- Steve A. mentioned that there will be a landscaper with a plan for the area to present
- Will reach out to the apartment complex to let those residents know what they're doing
- **Neighborhood Planting Project** - Ellen T.
- **Welcome Bag Updates** - Steve A.
  - Waiting till we have the actual neighborhood website address and email to include
    - Lucy is working on this
    - Steve will share the draft with the Executive Committee and Lucy, and then the approved bags will go out
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- **Water Drainage Followup** - Ann W.
  - Steve A and Nicky B are developing a group to do some work
    - Along Morningside, ending at Matt S's property
    - Steve looked to see what type of work might need to be done
    - Need to get a hard rake to pull stuff out of the riprap so the water has a way to go under the street
    - There is clear erosion where stuff coming up through the riprap is forcing the flow of water to the side and washing away the soil
    - Lucy: Would it be helpful to have a forum to bring together the affected neighbors to have a united response rather than multiple individual responses to the utilities?
      - Steve: Could we ask our City Council rep Ron Smith to propose a forum date to hear from Vic and Ron Smith
      - Ellen: Would also be good for someone from the City to say something to people at the same time so everyone gets the same message
      - Lucy: Who have the main people in the discussion been?
        - Steve: Andrew Cibor and Vic so far
        - Lucy: Good to start with City staff first
      - Steve: Maybe Mitch or Ellen could send an email on behalf of the neighborhood to request a forum
        - Lucy: Would be good to meet in Matt's front yard
      - Christine C: We might be thinking too narrowly by thinking about the ditches only. There are other drainage problems as well that we might not know about, like draining into people's basements.
        - Steve: Maybe we need to call it Stormwater Management Challenges. Probably could send email to Andrew C and Kriste Lindberg.
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- **Treasurer's Report** - Christine C.
  - Still have \$38.57
  - Lucy S has been paying for the Google site so far, but we will be moving away from that soon

## 4. Block Captain Updates

- **Areas Still Needing a Block Captain:** East Third Street (15 addresses)

## 5. Old Business

- **Neighborhood Logo Development –**
  - Steve and Mitch approached Thom Gillespie to do some artwork that could be used as a logo, but something in B&W that would cost less for duplication than color.
  - Mitch: Maybe it could be something that would look good in color or black and white, like what Mother Hubbard's Cupboard has.
  - Something with someone walking a dog and a bike would be good for the neighborhood logo
- **Neighborhood Entry Median Update**
  - Steve: The City would consider removing it, but want to make sure Continental Terrace is on board with removal. Steve will follow up with Andrew Cibor about that.

## 6. New Business

- **Website/Logo/Yard Signs**
  - See above
- On the circle at Longview and Glenwood, would the city survey and line out parking spaces on that circle to protect neighbors' driveways and entryway to bike path from being blocked?
  - Ideally would have stripes to suggest where people can park
  - City to come out to survey and get back to us about possibly adding stripes
  - Christine C: We could be really creative and paint something ourselves
  - Lucy S: Suggestion to paint yellow only where people should *not* park
    - Steve: Maybe a box with an X at the bike path entry
- **Annual Party/Meeting**
  - Need a designated time, before people who relocate during the winter leave and avoiding major events like graduations
  - Sometime in September or October when the weather is good
  - Sunday afternoon potluck, put out a sign marking the shelter as reserved
  - Exec Committee can discuss the options
- **Additional traffic calming at PR Park**
  - Mitch just attended the Bloomington Bicycle Safety Commission
    - Multiple Park Ridge East (PRE) residents were in attendance, asking for the grant for traffic calming
    - Good requests for funds to support traffic calming for Elm Heights, Morningside, and other streets
    - Mitch will keep pursuing this. This is a one-year cycle for the grants, and we're at the end of it right now.
    - The need for traffic calming doesn't seem to have changed in 10 yrs.
    - PRE streets are much wider, which invites cars to drive fast.
    - People at the park don't usually stop completely, more a rolling stop.

- A lot of people miss the stop sign after the speed bump going the other way.
- Ellen M: What are the rules for having them paint a stop bar?
  - Mitch: Maybe better signage at top of hill would help, “Stop Ahead, Children Crossing.”
  - The ordinance about having crosswalks painted requires sidewalks on both sides.
- E Park Lane has been having a speed study conducted, but it’s behind other locations that have more urgent speed issues
- Lucy: We are on the bike path, and it is a City park, and this is a neighborhood. There’s also a bus stop there on the corner. That’s multiple City units involved, so it would seem that we can at least get some striping.
  - We will need to overcome communications disconnects between various City units.
  - We’re an example of a walkable neighborhood, and we can set a good example of how to manage this.
  - We’ve missed this round for neighborhood improvement Grants, but there are creative things that could be done.
    - Would be useful to pull Ron Smith in on this for helping to draw things together. Possibly have him join next Executive Committee meeting. He has all the information about sidewalks.
    - Don’t start with more unusual solutions like painting artwork in the street, but save that for later possibilities if other options don’t work.

## 7. News/Announcements

- **Odds and Ends from Around the Neighborhood**
- **Real Estate Happenings**
  - The house for sale on Park Lane hasn’t sold yet. It’s the only house for sale in our neighborhood right now.
  - In the last 4-5 weeks, there haven’t been any property transfers in our neighborhood. The interest rates have gone up to around 5%.
- **Items from the Floor**

## 8. Recap / Actions

## 9. Adjournment

## NEXT MEETING

- **Monday, June 13 @7pm**