

January Monthly Meeting

12 January, 2024 / 6:00 PM / Bernie and Betty's

6:08 Roll call; pledge

Adjourned 7:30pm

ATTENDEES

Officers

- Howard Nation, President
- Hallie Koenig, Vice President
- Jake Crowley, Treasurer
- Brookelyn Eazelle, Secretary

Participants

- Angel Nation, Arlene Flury, Cathay Twyman, Alyssa Haaker, David Poole, Erick Rivera, Geoff Pettys, Megan Freeman, Kristin DiCenso, Lakeisha Purchase, Keith Tuxhorn, Elena Hornshaw, Timara Pflug

AGENDA

General Reports

1. President's Report
 - a. Shared map of Vinegar Hill
 - b. Members marked their addresses so we can see membership, and also where we may be lacking
2. Vice President's report
 - a. No report, but would like to focus on increasing memberships
3. Treasurer – no report yet
4. Secretary
 - a. Remind attendees to sign in
 - b. Passed around membership forms (Jake collected, along with dues)
5. Officer Pflug

- a. Kia boys – many reports of stolen Kias and Hyundai
 - i. One lives on Allen St.
 - ii. One was caught
 - iii. Two more juveniles on College St.
 - b. Car theft has been the biggest issue in our neighborhood
- 6. Alderwoman Purchase
 - a. Alderman meeting coming up for Ward 5 and 6 at Westminster on 1/19 from 5:00-6:30. A copy of the budget will be shared.
 - b. Asked for a list of improvements
 - i. This would need to be a specific targeted list
 - c. Can we plan beautification of the neighborhood
 - i. Planting and cleanup
 - 1. Hallie brought up “Adopt a Street”
 - a. Alderwoman Purchase gave a contact – Adina Reeves 217-789-2255

Open Discussion

- 1. Possible committee to promote membership? (Hallie and Dave Poole)
- 2. Howard asked if we needed to go through the by-laws and revise; possibly by a committee
- 3. Howard brought up the possibility of renewing VHNA LLC
- 4. Officer Pflug – Gave info about Triad, a group helping Senior Citizens

New Business

- 1. Vinegar Hill Mall Development
 - a. Is there a timeline?
 - b. What are the specific plans for it?
- 2. Will the neighborhood improvement committee be the same as the membership committee?
- 3. VHNA budget
 - a. Approximately \$3000 right now
 - b. Income comes from memberships
- 4. Next meeting February 16 at Bernie and Betty's

NOTES