

NSHA Executive Committee Meeting • August 8, 2011 Minutes

August 21, 2011 • Corey Welch, Secretary

Venue: Nicole Reagin's Home

EC Attendees: Alli Gaffney, Judy Hiles, Barb Liptak, Kate Stotts, Ashley Bedingfield, Nicole Reagin, Kent Gildersleeve, Corey Welch

Absent: Bart Reed, Jenn Lott

Start Time: 7:10 p.m.

PRESIDENT - Judy

- Announcements
 - Next EC Meeting 9/12/11 at Alli's home
 - NSHA General Meeting 9/15/11 at Spalding School
 - Sandy Springs Festival 9/17/11 & 9/18/11
 - October EC Meeting 10/3/11 at Barb's home.
 - Spookfest 10/23/11
- Thanks to those who cooked at the Morgan Falls Picnic 8/6/11: Alli, Barb, Jack, Buck
- Spookfest: could the event be moved to a different cul de sac?
- Insurance Policy: do we need one? Barb will look into it.
- Please use expense reimbursement form for all reimbursements requested.
- NSHA bank account at Fidelity Bank: Alli, Bart & Judy are all signatories.
- Postman Mark will be retiring.
 - EC decided a gift from NSHA would not be appropriate
 - We will put a message on the website to contact Anne Duhig regarding individual contributions.

MEMBERSHIP - Ashley

- 166 paid members total
- Directory is under development
 - Directory will be a printed document

- Directory could include names, addresses, phone numbers, emails of all neighbors unless they opt out
- Neighbors will be contacted via Constant Contact and offered the opportunity to opt out or exclude confidential information from the directory
- Judy is attempting to locate the diskette containing the 2007-2009 directory information
- Directory may be available for distribution at the 9/15/11 NSHA General Meeting
- EC discussed privacy concerns of publishing neighbors' names and contact information
- Nicole presented a motion that the directory be published with names, addresses, email addresses and telephone numbers of all neighbors, who will be given an opportunity to opt out within a week by sending an email to that effect to a selected email account.
 - Kent seconded the motion
 - Discussion:
 - People may not receive the email
 - Legal concerns?
 - No officers' insurance
 - Information is incomplete and could be inaccurate
 - Directory should provide neighbors' information sorted by street as well as alphabetically
 - Motion passed with 5 votes in favor, one vote against (Corey) and one EC member abstaining (Ashley)

IMPROVEMENTS – Kate

- Entrance signs:
 - Kate distributed a photo of what the Georgia Power lighting would look like
 - One light per sign is planned
 - Kate distributed 7/12/11 quote from Georgia Power
 - \$1886 down payment for all 3 lights
 - \$1850 a year for all 3 signs includes power and maintenance & 2 year contract

- Pricing could change after 2 years
- Kate will find out if the lighting is light-sensitive (on at night, off during day) and confirm that all potential maintenance is included
- Discussion was held around:
 - Do the signs need to be lighted?
 - Should we obtain an independent quote from an electrician for installation, materials, maintenance, meter installation?
 - If we install our own lighting, we need a plan to change the bulbs and repair damage
 - Could lights be solar?
 - Lighting could be discussed and voted on at the General Meeting
 - This vote was possibly already held, although EC did not have positive confirmation at the time of this meeting
- Nicole presented a motion that we ask Kate to get an alternate quote or quotes from electrician(s) or another vendor to install and maintain the entrance sign lighting.
 - Alli seconded the motion
 - EC vote was unanimously in favor of the motion
- Planning for fall clean-up of cul de sacs was tabled for future discussion
 - Should we install pine straw in time for Spookfest or after Spookfest?

TREASURER - Alli

- July bank statement has not been received
- Alli is having difficulty getting online banking set up with Fidelity
 - Judy and Alli will visit Fidelity again to set up online access permission
- Judy is the only contact Fidelity is recognizing as having authority to set up online banking or make any changes to the NSHA account
- P O Box Problem
 - When Alli received the records from the previous Treasurer, the P O Box was due and was not paid

- Ken's (previous Treasurer) check was returned to NSHA because the amount did not include late fees
- Post Office rejected a counter check to pay the fees
- Alli's key no longer opens the P O Box
- Alli suggested we pay for a full year unless there are better options
- Judy entertained a motion that we pay for the P O Box to the present and then close it
 - Is the NSHA mailbox on W. Spalding secure enough?
 - Alli will get information about opening a mailbox at a private provider – e.g., UPS, Post Net
- Quickbooks:
 - Update is required to continue to use the NSHA Quickbooks, approximately \$185 for 2011 Quickbooks update.
 - Kent presented a motion that EC purchase the 2011 Quickbooks update, install it on Alli's PC and update it in continuing years on subsequent Treasurer's PC at whatever the cost is, up to \$200 per update
 - EC voted unanimously in favor of the motion

COMMUNICATIONS – Barb

- NSHA has over 80 Facebook friends
- Barb is missing photos of Kate and Jenn for the website
- Spalding School principal Christine Young wants NSHA to be aware and potentially announce that the school will be showing a movie outside on school grounds
 - Barb will look into putting this information on the website along with Christine's email address

GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS – Kent

- Kent presented a question to the EC: what do we want the Governmental Affairs Chair position to be?

- Kent provided an 8/8/11 document detailing current legislation and city planning that may be of interest to the neighborhood (attached to hard copy of this edition of EC Minutes)
- It was decided governmental issues of interest to the neighborhood will be posted on the website, along with the research and opinions of the Governmental Affairs chairperson

SOCIAL - Nicole

- Nicole presented concern about neighborhood apathy for last 2 neighborhood events
- For 2012, do we want multiple summer events or should we invest more funding into the most popular NSHA events?
- 2011 Spookfest:
 - Anne Duhig is coordinating
 - There will be no photographer or balloon artist
 - In 2010 260 people attended Spookfest, far greater attendance than any other NSHA event
 - 2010 Spookfest cost NSHA about \$1000. Nicole hopes to increase the Spookfest budget to \$1500 for 2011 which could include a food truck
 - Entrance fee should be increased
 - We already have all the decorations we need
 - Slopes vs. Varsity for catering
 - Nicole will obtain and share pricing information for comparison
 - Nicole introduced a motion to increase the Spookfest budget to \$1500 net expense, including increasing entrance fees to \$8 for members and \$10 for non-members, \$32 family max, which is \$1 increase over last year
 - Kent seconded the motion.
 - EC voted unanimously in favor of the motion
 - Evening Under the Stars has been rained out twice and interest has been waning

- Discussion was held whether NSHA should have events only in March, June, and October. Some felt events should be held more frequently than that.
- Low Country Boil at Mark Trail Pool was among the most popular NSHA events for 2010

ADJOURNMENT

- Meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m.