



Hill and Harbour Neighborhood Association
East Greenwich, Rhode Island

HHNA Meeting Minutes

September, 12 2023 EGPD Community Room, 6:30PM

Chair: Bob Jordan

Vice Chair: Michael Brennan

Treasurer: James Cederberg

Secretary: Amanda Yvonne Galmiche

Membership: Sara Doherty & Elizabeth Roy

Present: Bob Jordan, James Cederberg, Amanda Galmiche, Sara Doherty, Elizabeth Roy, Kristie Stark

Absent: Michael Brennan

- Call to Order
- Approval of Minutes - Minutes Approved for 8/8/23 HHNA Meeting
- Committees

The Board discussed an overview of the progress with committees. Some committees were skipped as they are not relevant to current events. The Minutes include all committees discussed.

Marketing & Design: Committee stated need to meet and have Kristie pass off pertinent information and she clarified questions about the role of the committee. Kristie asked the board about what we should do with Mailchimp account. Jim suggested looking into a free Google Number to receive verification code.

Fundraising: Jim stated thoughts and clarified questions about fundraising at the Halloween event.

Holiday Party: Kristie stated that the Holiday Party Committee should meet and reach out to the Phipps about possibly hosting it again this year. The group decided on January 18, 2024 as a potential date for the party.

Halloween Event: Jim gave updates on closing off the streets and what it would cost for insurance and how permits work. Kristie said she has two food trucks lined up. Jim gave updates about why signatures are needed to block off streets.

London Street Underpass: Elle asked Kristie for clarification for how e-mail questions regarding this committee are being handled.

Safety & Parking: Kristie updated group about who members are. Group discussed who should receive e-mails about relevant issues.

Beautification: Kristie and other members stated that the mural falls under this category. Group discussed interest from local artists.

Town Liaison: Bob asked for clarification about what meetings the committee should attend.

Friends of Academy Field: Amanda gave update about staying in contact with Town about Swift Center expansion.

Eldridge: Kristie stated she received e-mail from Kate Glass about safety concerns for children walking to and from the building. Kristie gave Amanda clarification about her role as chair of the committee.

Waterfront Study: Tom Assad introduced himself and expressed interest in this committee. He stated he is on the Cove Commission and explained some of the potential ideas for the waterfront. He stated that he believes it's important for HHNA to represent the interests of the larger community and not just advocate for the desires of the HHNA Board Members. The group agreed this is important.

- Old Business
- New Business

General Public joined the meeting at 7PM. The group reiterated committee updates with the general public.

Jim explained how the signatures for Halloween event work and answered general questions about it.

Tom Assad shared ideas about possible alternate locations for food trucks.

Kim Balkcom offered to help gather signatures.

Amanda answered general questions about possible changes to the Swift Center and how that could impact events at Academy Field.

Kristie explained the overview of what is going on with Eldridge and shared that Kim Ambler is an active community member in regards to this issue.

The group discussed what could possibly be happening with Eldridge in the future.

Kim Balkcom shared concerns about making sure the community members have a say and stay in the loop about what is happening with Eldridge.

Tom Assad expressed that he would like to join Friends of Academy Field and his wife Judy wants to be on Eldridge committee.

Kristie suggested possibly having a Historic Committee.

Tom Assad thanked the Board for stepping up and volunteering to keep HHNA going.

Members of the general public introduced themselves.

Meeting adjourned.