

CHCA Meeting Final Minutes  
December 2023 - Approved 01/09/2024

1. **Attendance** - Leslie Caruso, Alan Miroslaw, Will Pearce, Brittany Smith, Mary Ann Ogle, John Stumpf, and Kay Hoffman
2. **Review/Approve prior month's minutes** - Mary Ann motion, Alan second, passed.
3. **Treasurer's Report** -
  - a) **Fund balances, revenues, expenses, invoices**
  - b) **Membership Drive**
  - c) **Scholarship Fundraising**

Adam emailed prior to the meeting to inform of us of his absence and sent an email with the following:

- a) He passed out \$10 Graeter's gift cards to the winning membership drive district as well as the key volunteer families from the July 4th event.
- b) He and Chris attempted to recruit a neighborhood resident to succeed him as treasurer, but that person could not commit due to a full schedule of other responsibilities. In the meantime, while still open to a replacement, Adam said he will continue the key treasurer responsibilities until we can find a new treasurer.
- c) Adam noted that a potential sponsor for the Holiday Party was not able to do so, but that the CHCA continues to be in great shape financially.
- d) Adam requested everyone to email/text him with any receipts from all of our holiday events and he will get you reimbursed asap.

We discussed that the treasurer position is still open. Will mentioned that he has reached out to another neighborhood resident who is a CPA.

4. **2024 Calendar Reservation Status/2024 Event Chairs**
  - a) **Calendar Reservation:**

Leslie received confirmation today for the 2024 shelter house reservations permit. She noted that Jennifer from parks and recreation was very accommodating.
  - b) **Event Chairs:**

Leslie mentioned she has not yet reached out to the chairs. Mary Ann suggested we reach out after the first of the year. Alan offered to confirm that Kathi can do the Easter Egg hunt. Leslie stated that she wants to relinquish responsibility for the Halloween Decorating Contest. Kay asked for an overview of the responsibilities for that event; Leslie recapped what is involved. Leslie suggested that we discuss this at the January meeting.
5. **2024 Calendar Magnet**
  - a) Leslie suggested that we discuss this at the January meeting.  
(Targeting this to be in the January courier)
  - b) Will explained that we mark up the old calendar, scan it, and give a draft to GraphX. Then, GraphX sends a draft back to CHCA for final review. Will mentioned that historically, Cynthia picked the color(s).

## 6. Proposed Changes to Trustee Assignments

District 33 has the most homes and is the most physically demanding. Will explained the proposal to decrease district 33 from 28 to 21 homes. (See below)

Three homes will be given to D34 (Rachael's district) and four homes will be given to D40 (Phil's district). Originally D33 was the Hardy Way cul-de-sac, prior to 2010. In 2010, Brookside Oval was added. Then, three homes on Park Blvd. were added. Next, four homes on Hartford were added. Therefore, ten homes were added onto the original 18. Will sent out a detailed email with the proposal.

Mary Ann motioned. Leslie seconded. Unanimously passed.

## 7. December Events and Thank You's

### a) Luminaries:

Huge thank you to Will and the volunteers!!! Leslie spoke highly of the assembly day. Attendees noted how great the luminaries looked on Sunday.

905 kits assembled in record time=45 minutes

Weather was great for both set up day and night of luminaries. Alan mentioned that he saw a gap in the luminaries in only one street. Will told us that he drove all the streets, and it looked like a great turn out. It was noted that baby food jars may help with windy weather during the event. In the past, Will was able to get free ones from daycares. Will puts candles in baby food jars for the luminaries on the perimeter of Selby Park (there is a total of 50). Will also told us that another helpful idea for wind is to light the candles inside prior to set up.

### b) Holiday Party

Huge thank you to Erin, Santa, Mrs. Claus and everyone who volunteered!! Mary Ann recapped that she heard it went well. Brittany mentioned that she attended with her family and spoke highly of the event.

98 kids for 2023 (108 in 2022)

Leslie mentioned that she took Santa and Mrs. Claus out for dinner as a Thank You.

### c) House Decorating Contest

Coming up, on next Tuesday. Dave is chairing the event.

## 8. Public Comments

- a) Kay Hoffman from 5555 Indianola came to discuss the Northwest Corridor plan. She was questioning the outlook for Indianola. She had concerns about the potential for opening Indianola to 161, building high density apartments on the Boundless property, and traffic. She also had safety concerns about the soccer practice/games that occur 4 times/week. She mentioned that she had suggested they move the soccer to Selby Park because there is parking. She was told it would interfere with after school activities on the site. She has gone to three city council meetings. There is a plan and state plan for the area. She was not getting answers from City Council or a stance from the November candidates. She wanted to rally support for everyone to attend the meeting to hear Trent Bowers' proposal for buying the property.:

**Wednesday, January 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm at 200 E. Wilson Bridge Rd.**

The attendees discussed busing from across 161. Mary Ann mentioned that three buses need access from the other side of 161. The attendees discussed that Worthington may be getting tax money in return for this from Anheuser Busch.

Alan mentioned that this agreement may have expired.

Alan suggested gate access for school hours. Mary Ann noted that OSU once had gate access, but it was removed.

Kay mentioned that she was also concerned about a conflict of interest for the property deal.

Kay suggested that citizens prepare questions, such as:

1. What are you doing with existing elementary school facility?
2. What is the cost and to whom?
3. Is Worthington getting tax money from Anheuser Busch?

John is also concerned and wants to know how they plan to prevent traffic. He suggested a communication in the Courier to get the word out.

Will and Leslie explained that the CHCA is an IRS 501(c)(3) charitable volunteer organization and cannot take a stance on the issue or advocate for a side, but we can publicize the meeting.

Mary Ann explained that "CHAT" was a group of concerned residents that can be reactivated for this purpose. Alan mentioned that he is the admin for CHAT. Alan suggested a Facebook post.

Kay mentioned that she is willing to help with this, but she does not want social media involvement. John also volunteered to help get the word out.

Will stated that he will write a blog post and link to the meeting.

Alan stated that he will look into the Colonial Hills Facebook page to see if we can post the meeting there.

**9. Adjourn** – Mary Ann motion, Will second.