

**MINUTES**  
**IRVINGDALE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION BOARD MEETING**  
**7:00 p.m., July 04, 2024**

Irving Rec Center, 2010 Van Dorn St, Lincoln, NE

**Call to Order:** 7:03, by Mo Neal

**ATTENDANCE**

**Present:** Mo Neal, Roy Helm, Isaac Remboldt, Judy Hart, Kelly Neill, Cherie Ayite, Kathy Benecke, Megan Grimes, Mary Carrol Bond, Paul Hadley

**Absent:** Marthaellen Florence

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Approval of the June 04, 2024 Meeting Minutes**

**Motion:** Approval of minutes

**Motion to Approve:**

**Second:**

**Vote:** All in favor

**REPORTS**

**Treasurer's Report:** A few membership checks were deposited. 6 members signed up after email blast, Judy will look into what the average amount of dues paid per month is. There was a discussion about review of invoices from the cleanup, all have been paid and the reimbursement check should be coming soon.

**Property of the Month**

2536 Worthington (Donna Lightbody). The yard looks best from Lake Street, around 2500 Worthington.

**DISCUSSION**

Mary Carol Bond ([mbond@lincoln.ne.gov](mailto:mbond@lincoln.ne.gov)) from KLLCB and the Health Dept came to discuss the cleanup. She discussed the program being a line item in the city budget, of about 8-10k, given to the waste division. They also fund community cleanups and firework cleanups. 500k is given from the state for KLLCB and for Haz to Go program. Checks are written the 25th of each month.

- Cleanup Pros

- Having a neutral, third party location (Star City Recycling) was innovative and effective
- Cooperation between multiple neighborhoods was awesome.
  - Changes to form were discussed, guidance from Mary was that if three organizations pulled off a cleanup that exceeded the grant amount, they could increase the amount granted fairly easily.
- Cons
  - Lack of equipment
    - Must wear high vis vests (required by grant)
    - Recommended to wear nitrile coated gloves, and use traffic cones. All this equipment is available at the health dept.
  - Have a waiver for volunteers, and/or event insurance. Model waivers are available on website.
- Tires
  - How tires are accepted is up to the organization accepting the tires; tire fees, membership checks, etc. are acceptable.
  - Tire working group is being created later this summer, Mary will send information regarding that.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **10 Free Trees**

Paul Hadley came to discuss the State Arboretum 10 Free Trees program due July 31.

- Trees can be planted on private property, as long as they are in view of the public (e.g. street trees)
- There should be an event, and advertising of the event that will act as an in kind donation.
- Isaac will work with Paul on getting the word out, and Paul will handle the application.

### **Wildlife in INA**

Judy mentioned that there was a cat that was killed by a coyote near Nebraska parkway, there was also a report of a fox with rabies in the area. Discussion on how to handle these, including involving Wachiska Audubon or Lincoln Animal Control.

### **Cherie resigning**

Cherie has moved, and will likely be leaving the board. Penny Schmuecker has been asked to consider being on the board. Isaac has invited a neighbor to attend in August as well. Discussion about how to increase members and the board was had, including potentially creating a youth board member spot through a high school civic or after school program.

### **Fireworks at Bryan Hospital**

-A recovery group run by Bryan called Independence Center Alumni Association (FB page) advertised a fireworks event at the west end of Rudge Park on July 4<sup>th</sup> a neighbor contacted me to see if we knew about it... Parks & Rec controls all park events and they had no record of it. Finally Bryan Hospital's Stephanie McLeese-Griffin LIMHP, Operations Manager for Independence Center contacted me to assure us there would be no fireworks in Rudge Park but she would not say if any were to be used by the group in area. I asked if any neighbors or people with PTSD had been contacted by her office and got no immediate response. About 10 hours later a brief one line was sent, "The event has been canceled."

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

#### **1435 Marion Street**

The break-in and resulting property damage was discussed. Mo will bring this up at the Mayor's Neighborhood Round Table. The message below was also received from building and safety.

Received from Chad Blahok, Director Bldg & Safety on July 1,2024

Hi Mo. I'm sorry you and your neighbors are subject to this situation. However, we are working through our enforcement process to hopefully prod some corrective action from the owner. An inspection took place on 6/14 and a violation notice went out the same day to the owner. Our inspector will be visiting the property again on or near 7/15 if progress isn't made a second violation notice will go to the owner. Again the inspector will re-inspect a week or so after that. If no progress is made at that point the matter will be referred to Law department for prosecution. If we are successful with prosecution and the owner continues to take no corrective action the city may elect to seek an injunction which would allow us to cause the property to be cleaned up and the house to be repaired to minimum acceptable conditions, the cost of which would be assessed back to the property.

Thanks.Chad

#### **Neighborhood Pool Party**

Megan Grimes agreed to go in together on a neighborhood pool party on July 23, 6:30 to 8 PM. Irvingdale will provide watermelon and popsicles, but 2 volunteers are needed to help setup at 6:15 and to bring a cooler.

Isaac and Cherie have both volunteered to be at the pool.

**Creek in Irvingdale Park**

The creek has been mowed since last meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT:** 08:05 P.M.

**Next INA Meeting Date:** August 6, 2024

**Time & Location:** 7:00 PM @ Irving Rec Center