

MINUTES
IRVINGDALE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION BOARD MEETING
7:00 p.m., November 4th, 2025

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

Call to Order: Roy called the meeting to order at: 7:02

ATTENDANCE

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| ☒ Roy Helm - President | ☒ Marthaellen Florence |
| ☐ Vacant - Vice President | ☒ Cody M |
| ☒ Isaac Remboldt - Secretary | ☒ Kelly Neill |
| ☒ Judy Hart - Treasurer | ☐ Alene Swinehart |
| ☒ Cherie Ayite | ☒ Heidi Thompson |
| ☐ Kathy Benecke | |

Guests: Brent Lucke, Dave Workman

GUEST PRESENTATION

Item: Brent Lucke (Neighborworks) on Tool Libraries

Notes: The Tool Library started a year ago with Emily Trauernicht around CLC and public schools as a community project. Tool libraries are philosophically centered around sharing and holding assets (tools) in common, similar to book libraries. This is common in rural areas, where that type of sharing is more common and natural. The Tool Library seeks to make this happen in an urban environment in a more structured environment. F Street Rec Center (and City Legal) said no. First Plymouth offered to host the project at the Hope House. Just got the key to the space in the last week and are currently moving tools and resources in. The Repair Cafe in Everett is an example of a type of tool library and a skill share.

Q: What types of Tools? A: Lawncare, home repair, auto repair, and misc. Also has some repair books and manuals.

Q: How did you advertise? A: Flyered areas in the Near South and Everett, announced at First Plymouth, and knocked doors in the area with a small team.

Q: How does staffing and access work? A: The church is pretty laissez faire with keys, the church will print about a dozen. The church and some other folks offered their time as volunteers, ex. a staffer at the Center for Rural Affairs offered to do scheduling and management.

Q: Is there a core team? A: 2-3 to staff at any given time. Still figuring it out, but wants to start slow and steady. Most availability was Thursday and Saturday. Start twice a month and slowly build up.

Q: Is this neighborhood specific? Or will it search to spread to other groups. A: We will try and solidify the current location, and prove that it works so that others can replicate it across the city.

Q: Is there training available for tools people haven't used? A: That is an aspiration we've had from the beginning. There are a lot of folks volunteering specifically towards this end. There's a portion of the form where volunteers signing up can communicate their skills they could share.

Q: So there wasn't any interest in the city providing municipal funds or support for this endeavor? A: The City's response was that there was too much liability for a project like this. Ali Bousquet helped provide some librarian specific knowledge and tips. Anne Sergeant has helped specifically towards this specific skill set.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of the October 7th, 2025 Meeting Minutes

Tabled to December

REPORTS

Treasurer's Report: Attached at end of minutes

IrvingdaleNeighborhood@gmail.com will be used for our Paypal Login, google drive, and other items as identified.

Venmo and Paypal are essentially the same technology, so potentially worth looking into combining.

SNAC Committee: Participated in Treat Street and were more worried about running out of the 15 flyers than running out of candy, but there was a good time.

Property of the Month: None for November

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Item: Procedure Manual

Discussion: Worth getting a meeting for that on the books at White Elm to work on as a project (Judy).

Item: Tree and Parks Committee

Discussion: Jess Gieseke is working on community conversation pieces centered around communication between the public and Parks and Rec and other city organizations.

- Isaac and Cody are still interested in keeping the conversation going to continue improving the park. Heidi mentioned that the second most highly ranked item on the annual meeting was planting flowers and trees around the neighborhood.
- This could also be a way to advocate and utilize Tool Libraries.

NEW BUSINESS

Item: Election of Board Officers

Discussion: Kelly, Isaac, Martha (3), Cody, Roy, Judy (2) Alene (1). Heidi is the current Vice President.

Item: Schedule of Events

Discussion: Spring Cleanup (Last Saturday in April), Tree/Flower Planting (Early Spring?) Near South Plant Exchange is in May. Marathon support is May 3rd. Pool Party Reservation for June or July. Block Party/Membership Drive (Instead of Memorial/Labor Day, have it on the 20th for the Summer Solstice), Stransky Concerts, Garage Sale (June 6/7).

Motion to adjourn: Isaac

Second: Kelly

ADJOURNMENT: 8:13 PM

Next INA Meeting Date:

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

Irvingdale Neighborhood Association Treasurer's Report

November 4, 2025

\$4,371.01 – beginning balance October 1, 2025

\$4,486.42 – ending balance October 31, 2025

October withdrawals - \$94.59

\$10.59– Nelnet services

\$64.00

\$20.00

October deposits - \$210.00

\$210.00 – memberships