

## Open Officers Meeting, Forest Home Improvement Association

January 17, 2012

Present: President, Immediate Past President, Treasurer, Secretary, and Members of the Community

1. Thanks you's and recognitions. The Board approved issuance of the following letters of thanks:
  - a. Sackett Bridge: to Cornell for building this bridge.
  - b. Holiday Party: to Valerie Hans and Michael Bend for hosting this party.
  - c. Warren Road speed hump walk: to Bruce and Doug Brittain for improving this area.
  - d. Allison Wilson: Thank you for service as street captain. Aleta Coggin replaces Allison Wilson.
2. Budget report: Treasurer Bill Arms presented the budget, which was approved as lightly amended (permitting \$100, rather than \$75, for the 2012 Block Party budget). FHIA finances remain in good condition, with a 2012 net balance very similar to that of 2011.
3. Communications
  - a. Web site updates – the following have been recently posted: Duck photo, minutes, street captains and officers. Webmaster Wendy Petti looking for photos of events as we go forward.
  - b. Announcements of community events were discussed and approved, with thanks to FHIA President for her stellar work.
  - c. The Board discussed formation of an information sharing web site, so that community members could share tips with each other. The Board further discussed the fact that we already have both an FHIA WikiSpaces page and an FHIA Facebook page, each of which have the capability to permit sharing along the lines proposed. The Board therefore resolved to suggest that interested members of the community use one or both of these existing tools rather than creating a new one.
  - d. The Board confirmed that we are adding new people to mailing list and directory for next year.
  - e. The Board discussed hard-copy distribution systems around the neighborhood (i.e., via street captains), and snags that have occurred in said distribution.
4. Use of Forest Home Chapel proposal. The Board discussed a proposal requesting greater access to the Forest Home Chapel for social events. The Board resolved that it is supportive of seeking planned, FHIA-sponsored social events at the Chapel, in the nature of music performances and game nights.
5. Project, Working Groups, Requests, Petitions **(30 minutes)**

- a. Tin Can—Meeting with Gary Stewart of Cornell in February. The Board agreed that the President and Immediate Past President would attend this meeting, and would also explore any plans Cornell may have to close a portion of Judd Falls Rd.
  - b. Judd Falls Road speed limit. Discussion of status of petition. The Board agreed that the next step is to send the petition and a letter to the Town of Ithaca requesting reduction of the speed limit to 25 m.p.h.
  - c. The Board discussed the Small Park working groups status and its upcoming work.
  - d. Street light request: The Board discussed a request to replace the lenses on two lampposts immediately upstream of the downstream bridge on Forest Home Drive. This request is intended to better light the crosswalk at Forest Home Drive/Pleasant Grove Rd. The Board agreed that next steps would be:
    - i. ask NYSEG how lens replacement would likely impact the lighting situation,
    - ii. ask nearby homeowners whether they anticipate being affected by the installation of lenses, and
    - iii. if appropriate, seek permission funding from NYSEG and/or the Town of Ithaca for these actions.
    - iv. For later consideration, potentially change bulb types in streetlamps and consider turning off lamps from midnight to 6am.
  - e. Project requests: The Board agreed that, after updating the standing project list, it would circulate amongst the Board for review and thereafter the Board would seek to meet with Bill Goodman, Chair of the Town Public Works Committee, to review said project requests.
6. The Board reviewed and fleshed out a draft calendar of events for the neighborhood.
7. Discussion: Agreed that we should come up with a list of things we think the Town can do differently with next noise study. Consider changes in process and prepare letter for Town Planning Board and for Cornell. It was noted that the Town is willing to research a possible institutional noise ordinance going forward. The Board also discussed the potential utility in soliciting the formation of an FHIA/Town/Cornell/City task force to coordinate an inter-municipal institutional noise ordinance.