

HWTA Annual Meeting (12/16/2024)

The meeting covered topics such as landscaping projects, maintenance needs, and the importance of welcoming new residents. HWTA also discussed various neighborhood issues, including guidelines for package boxes, color choices for homes, and concerns about proposed bike lanes. Additionally, the board addressed the need for volunteers, plans to digitize documents, and the importance of making decisions in the best interest of the community.

Major Steps:

- Jordan, HWTA President, to obtain and share information about the new bike lane proposal with the Board for review and potential action.
 - Landscaping Committee to coordinate with the landscaping company to ensure regular leaf cleanup in the Conway lot.
 - Jordan to work with Board to finalize the digitization of HWA files with Iron Mountain or local providers within the next few weeks.
 - Sherri to organize the next neighborhood block party in the fall, given the last two years' success.
 - Board to discuss and decide on taking a stance regarding the proposed bike lanes near Wheel Park.
 - Jordan/Kelly to send updated neighborhood directory to residents who request it in February.
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Summary

Architectural Committee's Role and Guidelines

Jordan and Jerry discussed the architectural committee's role in maintaining the neighborhood's balance and providing advice on architectural guidelines. Jerry also noted that the committee had not received many requests in the past year, but he anticipated more in the future. He emphasized the importance of flexibility in adapting to new situations, such as the delivery boxes.

Package Delivery Boxes

A formal objection was presented to the decision allowing the installation of fixed package boxes on the front facades of homes, citing several concerns: violation of architectural guidelines prohibiting fixed structures on front facades, inconsistent application of standards, prohibited alteration of front facades, lack of required neighborhood consultation, and the potential broader impact on the community's character and property values. Documentation was requested on the rationale behind the decision and suggests exploring alternative solutions like a central parcel locker or designs blending with the community's architecture. The discussion acknowledges the need to address package theft but considers different perspectives on the package box solution, including potential visual impact, permanence, and adherence to guidelines. No clear resolution is reached, but the issue is intended for further discussion at an upcoming board meeting.

Neighborhood Time Schedule and Colors

Concerns were expressed about the neighborhood's time schedule, suggesting a review of the current schedule and the possibility of adjusting it. A neighbor also discussed the architectural committee's decision to allow a variety of colors in the neighborhood, despite some members finding the gray house to be visually unappealing. Jordan also mentioned the use of an email list for communication, which has been expanded to include more people, and the digitization of

documents for easier access. The neighbor encouraged the board to consider these issues and suggested the addition of recommended contractors to the website for new residents.

Neighborhood Landscaping and Maintenance Plans

Nate Archer discussed the neighborhood's landscaping and maintenance, highlighting the successful tree planting and garden renovation projects. He also mentioned the need for cleaning up leaves in the parking lot and the potential for a new garden project. Nate Archer also mentioned the neighborhood's budget allocation for landscaping and the need for new neighbors to be welcomed

Neighborhood Committees, Bike Lanes, and Board Role

Jordan discussed the need for volunteers to help with various neighborhood committees and the upcoming directory update. A neighbor also raised concerns about the proposed bike lanes in the neighborhood, which he believes pose a safety risk, especially for families with young children. Neighbors suggested that the Board should take a stance against these bike lanes. The Board's role in addressing community issues was also discussed, with the conversation considered to be a dynamic one with continued check-ins.