Meeting Minutes
Ilene Street Block Club
Thursday, August 11, 2022

7:00 PM Meeting Start

7:05 PM Introductions – Attendees listed below

- Of note: 50-year+ neighbors include Pritchett's, Greens, Valerie Lloyd

7:20 PM Discussion of Key Issues

- Snow Removal → Unanimous desire for snow removal of sidewalks and Ilene Street. Committee to be formed to bring quotes back to leadership. The committee will include Angie Dover, Kevin Johnson, and Byron Dodson (not in attendance)
- Block Club Party, with a 2023 Kickoff → Unanimous desire for a block club party in 2023. Committee to be formed to start initial planning and date selection. The committee will include Kelly, Stacy, Tarajee and Alexis.
- Open Discussion →
    - Block club leadership to invite District 2 and community leaders to future meetings. Leadership to compile contact list for key reps;
    - **Alexis** requesting help with watering and tending of Block Club Flowers (at Ilene & Santa Clara next to Rowe House);
    - **Kelly** suggested the download of NextDoor (neighborhood) app;
    - **Pritchett** brought up issue of tree worms falling from city owned trees – solution requested (spraying/tree removal).
    - Speeding vehicles discussed as an issue. **Kevin** requested an additional speed bump on Ilene between 6 Mile and Santa Maria to curb the danger.
    - **Tarajee** raised issue on Dogs – request to keep on leash and to look out for strays and to protect kids from stray/loose dog interactions.
    - Neighbors wanted to compile a list of vacant/abandoned homes. Include notices? (Need clarifying)

7:40 PM Discussion of Dues

- Reasons for Dues is for general planning, printings, meeting refreshments, condolences/mutual aid and for seed money for a future Block Club party. The dues will not cover snow removal or additional services.

- The Appropriate amount for annual dues is to be $30 paid up front, or $3 per month. A pay-it-forward option of $50 dollars as a 'Founding' member was offered to those with the ability to pay more.

7:45 PM Election of Temporary Officers

- President – Terrence (Teddy) White
- Vice President – G. (Pumpkin) Pettway
- Treasurer – Kelly Blessett ; 2nd signer will be Secretary
- Secretary – Stacey Lilley
- Block Captain
  - Six-Santa Maria: Tarajee Mims/Kevin Johnson
  - Santa Maria – Clara: NOT NOTED
- Leadership will register with the City of Detroit. A permanent election will be held at the December 2022 meeting for the 2023 year.

7:50 PM Preferred Method of Communication

- Website established at www.ilenestreetbc.org
- Hybrid format. E-Newsletter and Print Newsletter (for accessibility needs) will be distributed as the primary communication method outside of meetings.

7:55 PM Next meeting and location are determined to be Saturday, September 17, 2022 at 5 PM. Location will be at Teddy's Courtyard 17126 Ilene St. The request is to pay annual dues beginning at this meeting. During the start-up phase (through December 2022) meetings will be once per month. Starting in 2023 the meeting will be held every other month (bimonthly).

8:00 PM Meeting End

Attendees (~25 neighbors):

Terrence White (Teddy)	Sheila Pritchett	Tarajee Mims
Raina Baker	Jesse Jackson	Russell Kessler
Ronda Henton	Angela Dover	Alexis Conflitti
Debra Thomas	Willie Rowe	Valerie Lloyd
G Pettway (Pumpkin)	Mrs. Y Jackson	Jessie Green
K. Napper	Kelly Blessett	Gayle Heron
S. Lilly	Linda Warner	
Stacey Lilly	Matt Perkins	
Girtha Pritchett	Kevin Johnson	