

BBHCA Meeting Minutes—Tuesday, May 11, 2010

Called to order at 7:35pm. The meeting minutes were approved as published in the March newsletter, email newsletter and on the BBHCA Web site.

Committee Reports

Treasury: - the proposed budget was conditionally approved as presented. It will be revisited in September for final approval. An Audit will need to be conducted with the new treasurer when handing the books over. Bob Michie and Sharada Gilkey volunteered to assist.

Membership: A 120 people (with email addresses on file) who have not yet rejoined were emailed about becoming members again. 24 responded and have joined again. Of those, at least one raised the question of online payment for the association dues.

There were 17 fewer members than the total count last year, but the membership year is not over yet. \$5775 collected in dues, \$1200 in donations.

Land Use

Comprehensive Plan review completed. The 2 properties that are next to BBHCA have no changes -- the larger one withdrew their proposal, and the smaller one did not get approved for the plan language change, so will not be allowed to build mini-warehouses there.

Neighborhood Watch

No serious incidents in immediate neighborhood. Armed robberies seem to be on the rise in West Springfield, Backlick, and Kingstowne. School is almost over for the year, so keep an eye out for the kids who will now be free.

Elections

Received a nomination for Joan Akins for treasurer. Remaining board members agree to continue to serve. Slate is approved by unanimous consent as follows:

President: Sandra "Jeannie"
Graham (Henry)
1st VP (Newsletter): Sarah Kelly
2nd VP (Membership): Dick
Frederick
Treasurer: Joan Adkins
Secretary: Deborah Moore

New Business

Edison All Night Graduation Party -- parents put the event on to keep kids off the roads and safe on graduation night. Proposed that BBHCA donate \$50 to support this effort, which was approved. A check will be sent to Edison ANGP in support of this.

Bush Hill Historic Sign proposal --this was brought up several months ago without a cost estimate. Mike Bevenaur contacted the City of Alexandria Historic Office about the sign for the Bush Hill Mansion that currently is on Eisenhower Ave. It is a 2'x3' plastic, weatherproof historical sign on the Alexandria Heritage Trail. It would cost \$1100 to replicate the sign, we would need to figure out where it could be installed (original suggestion was on the school grounds.) Everyone in attendance agrees that it is a good idea, but some questions still exist: How does it get paid for (specific donations or out of the Association reserves)? The discussion was tabled for the next meeting to make further inquiries:

Funding determination?
Can it be installed on school grounds?

Cost for changing the banner across the bottom of the presented image so

that it does not reference Alexandria Heritage, but rather BBHCA if possible.

A request has been made for rezoning 5520 Oakwood Rd from I-1 to I-4. The new owner wishes to run a painting contractor's office out of it, which is not allowed in the I-1 designation. That side of Oakwood has a mixture of I-1 and I-4 properties (with some of the I-1 properties not being properly used today) Discussion ensued that this is an inconsistent use given the Comprehensive plan. Decision about the Association's opinion of the change was tabled in light of creating a task force to look at all of Oakwood Rd.

Oakwood Rd Task Force --The board feels that we do not have a good sense of the Comprehensive Plan, Zoning, etc for the properties along Oakwood Rd, and any changes along that road will impact the neighborhood. In light of this, we propose creating a task force to explore the current status of properties on Oakwood, and try to determine how those zonings and allowances came to be. This will allow BBHCA to have a firm stance on the disposition of those properties when zoning change or comprehensive plan changes are proposed without the scrambling that we had to do in March. Volunteers for the task force are: Bob Michie, Mike Bevenaur, and Darrell Meyer. Carol Alim is available for consulting about land use issues.

Meeting adjourned at 10:00pm