

# BBHCA Draft Meeting Minutes—Tuesday, Jan.10, 2006

Meeting called to order at 7:05 pm.

The President asked for a volunteer to take minutes in the absence of the Secretary. Perry Sobel offered to take minutes.

November 15 meeting minutes approved as published in January newsletter.

*BBHCA Newsletter:* February 3 is next deadline for text, ad copy

*Electronic newsletter:* Sent to members only via e-mail; request for contributions and feedback; provides links and information that can't be provided in print newsletter.

Membership: 199 members

## **Budget:**

Total income: \$3,120 for FY 2005-2006 to date

Membership Dues: \$1,058

Interest: \$257

Newsletter ads: \$1,100

Donations: \$401

June 2005 Yard Sale: \$304

Total expenses: \$2,484

Net to date: \$2,449 when bills paid January newsletter is \$950 for printing, mailing, and postage

Reserves: \$17,269

**Neighborhood Watch:** No known incidents from official records; some discussion of license plate stolen from car on Westridge Ct.

## **New Business:**

*Call for new Board members:* looking for nominations; highly rewarding way to learn about neighborhood, past and present; contact any Board member if interested in serving on Board or as Committee Chair; most labor-intensive are President and Newsletter.

*Leaf pick-up:* A third leaf pick-up was scheduled for 01/14/2006, but it was recognized that signs are either not being posted or are being removed prematurely; will put a link on BBHCA Web site to the page on Fairfax County Web site with our information.

*Traffic on Old Rolling Road:* a pedestrian table is being installed; time frame unknown.

## **Delegate Mark Sickles, 43rd District:**

General assembly is starting with over 4,000 bills that have been introduced.

Four mandates this year:

*Mental health:* Va. Supreme Ct. has given mandates; capital expenditures being discussed for four hospitals.

*Research/university research:* Geo. Mason U. was big winner in budget; largest public univ. in VA; VA does not have a top 50 research univ.; a one-time expenditure to assist in hiring faculty and applying for federal grants.

*Transportation:* Governor proposed \$625M expenditure from General Funds, in addition to those from sales tax—controversial.

*Revenue stabilization:* Currently spending \$15B per year from General Fund; \$400M revenue stabilization fund proposed.

*Transportation:* Gov. Kaine has linked transportation to better land use; not expected to raise enough taxes to fix problem; gas tax has not been raised since 1976; lower than surrounding states; no one wants to raise it, but gas tax tends to get siphoned off when economy gets bad. Gov. wants to fix this. A regional increase is possible to fund Metro. Del. Sickles will support continued use of hybrid vehicles in HOV lanes. HOT lanes are coming—would replace existing HOV lanes; you would pay \$15-20 unless 3 people aboard or are a bus. Money has been set aside to raise the grade of Franconia Rd. over Van Dorn Street to help alleviate some of the traffic congestion.

*Bills to be introduced by Del. Sickles:*

- Sharing existing income tax w/ local municipalities for real property tax relief.
- Senior age deduction on income tax.
- Bill to get rid of state income tax marriage penalty.
- 65+ seniors can absentee vote w/out any other reason.
- 75% of end of year surplus to be used for transportation construction.
- For \$10, you can have your credit rating frozen, so it can't be given out to public. Controversial.
- Fairfax County wants authority to impose penalties on landlords for overcrowding in houses.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Next meeting: March 14, 2006.

—Submitted by Perry Sobel,  
Acting Secretary