

**DRAFT Minutes from the
Brookland/Bush Hill Civic Association Meeting
May 9, 2006**

Called to order at 7:10 p. This is our annual business meeting.

- Motion made and approved to accept March 14 minutes as published.
- **Newsletter:**
Next deadline is beginning of August. Will try to keep to 8 pages to keep costs down.
- **Membership:**
Currently 218 members; 4 new since last meeting.

- **Budget:**
Proposed interim budget to hold over summer then adjusted by new Board in September. The current membership dues are \$3/\$6 for individual/family respectively. Proposed to raise to \$5/\$10. Will start in September with new membership drive.

We have a deficit of \$2,200. Biggest expense is the printing/ mailing of the newsletter which costs \$4,500.

The interest we receive yearly from our reserve funds is \$408. Suggestion made to use the interest to offset our deficit. Question was asked if we could use the reserve money and the answer was that it is up to the membership. We have a total of \$15,375 in our reserves.

A motion was made to reduce the newsletter from 5 to 4 yearly and to increase our dues to \$5 individual/\$10 family yearly. Approved.

- **Board Elections:**
All positions are open. Nominations were made for the following positions:
 - VP Membership – Carmen Reese
 - VP Newsletter – Sarah Kelly
 - Secretary – Deborah Moore
 - Treasurer – Kevin Henry
 - President (Co) – Sandra Graham, Sharada Gilkey

Motion made to approve candidates. Approved.

- The **BBHCA Volunteer Services Award** was presented to Bob Michie (in absentia) for his services with the bylaws and constitution, serving as past President and building the Web site.

Certificates of Appreciation were given to the outgoing Board members.

- **Dana Kaufman**, Lee District, Fairfax County Board of Supervisors was the guest speaker.
 - Roy Rice is stepping down from the Land Use Committee.
 - There will be a public meeting this fall to look at design for grade separation of the Franconia/Van Dorn interchange.

- Working with Edison High School to move the light that is directly across the entrance of the school to the entrance at Brookland Estates.
 - Springfield Mall has new owners. Looking at adding anchor stores, office, hotel, increasing size (wants it to look like Pentagon City Mall.)
 - Springfield revitalization – Marriott to be built on side where Houlihans used to be. NVC video/office will be taken out and put in a quality office building. Build a town center comprising of 9 acres where Holiday Inn, Bob Evans, Total Wine and vet are currently located. Residential/office/retail. Bring in art center, local theatre, courtyard areas for concerts, farmers market.
 - Base closure and realignment is not just Ft. Belvoir but Engineering Proving Grounds - 805 acres near Fullerton Industrial park. The Urban Land Institute is planning a visit on May 22 to see how to connect the dots to get around with the proposed Springfield town center, Springfield Mall development and the Engineering Proving Ground.
 - Roller Rink on Franconia Road was sold in January for \$2.5m to a limited partnership. Not sure what is being done. It is zoned C6 (townhouse/office complex.)
 - Hill Top Driving Range was partially sold. Potential for 700/800 restricted living community – condos, parking underneath, high end grocery store.
 - Group home at the intersection of Franconia and Bush Hill Dr. will lose its lease in 2008 and is looking to move to a larger facility.
- Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.