

Brookland/Bush Hill Civic Association Meeting
September 18, 2007

Called to order at 7:33pm.

Minutes approved as published in the September newsletter.

Budget: Proposed budget was previously approved at the May meeting. We had a net loss of \$637.00 in 07. Projected net loss for 08 is \$2,400. Last year we had \$1,200 in donations which helped make up the difference. Reserves of \$13,200 are in a money market account. Current budget shows 4 newsletters. Motion made, and approved for budget.

A question was asked if the bylaws provide for a yearly review of the budget. Bob Michie, Constitution and Bylaws Committee, will check.

Newsletter: Advertising is good.

Membership: \$10/family; \$5/individual. As of today we have 44 members. There are approximately 800 homes in the Brookland/Bush Hill community. Gunnel Estates receives the newsletter. They have a homeowners association and have been invited to attend our civic association meetings.

Neighborhood Watch: Car egged on Westchester. A trailer and several cars were broken in on Jane Way. This was over the course of several months and seems to have abated.

Because we were ahead of schedule a motion was made, and approved, to ask Officer Bennet/Edgers, our area crime prevention officer, to speak about crime prevention. She talked briefly on gang activity, tips to keep your car safe and keeping active in our neighborhood by calling the non emergency for suspicious activity. The non emergency number is 691-3131. Email for Officer Bennett is alice.bennett@fairfaxcounty.gov and her phone number is 703-922-8263.

Land Use: HOT lanes on 395, Beltway and 95 - public hearing scheduled for October 2008. There is funding to do some design studies on the Van Dorn intersection/overpass.

Guest Speakers: Jeff McKay and Doug Boulter were invited to talk about their positions on issues in Lee District. Both are running for Lee District Supervisor which is being vacated by Supervisor Dana Kaufmann. Jeff McKay touched on three topics: neighborhood protection, smart growth and development and environmental stewardship. Doug Boulter touched on illegal boarding houses, growth – need to work on our infrastructure, and the environment – storm water and stream repair.

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 pm.