

BBHCA Draft Meeting Minutes—Tuesday, September 16, 2008

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

Committee Reports

Treasury: - The budget year begins June 1, 2008. The membership year begins September 1, 2008. The end of year cash as of May 31, 2008 was \$15,097.98 of which \$1,500 is in Burke & Herbert. The rest is in a Morgan Stanley money market account with an interest rate of 2.3 %.

The proposed new budget was introduced at last meeting. Motion made at this meeting, and approved, to accept new budget. New budget shows income set at \$5,575 and expenses set at \$5,390 with a bottom line for end of year cash set at \$15,200.00.

Membership: - There is an increase of 83 % - up from 144 to 264 members. And there are 800 families in our community.

There will be a membership mailing in February to those that have not joined. The membership fee doubled for this year - \$20 per household and \$10 per individual. The membership goal for this year is 300.

At the last meeting we looked at annexing LaVista Drive in Gunnel Estates to our civic association. They have a home owners association and their President is Laura Rush. She is telling her folks to join the BBHCA. LaVista has 37 homes and we sent our last newsletter to them. They pay \$260 per year for upkeep to their common areas. Motion made and approved to incorporate LaVista Drive (Gunnel) into BBHCA. A note was made that we need to check our constitution to make sure LaVista (Gunnel) can be incorporated into our Brookland & Bush Hill association.

Neighborhood Watch

Neighborhood Watch signs were installed at entrances into our neighborhood. Many thanks go to Dot and Neil Cosby and Officer Edgars. The Neighborhood Watch sign at Jane Way has gone missing.

Julie Bower is Officer Edgars assistant and was present for a brief introduction. They can provide new Neighborhood Watch signs.

GPS navigation systems are being stolen out of cars. Thieves are looking for the suction cup marks on the windows.

Handouts on parking regulations were made available at the meeting.

There was a brief presentation from several concerned citizens about our local neighborhood park in Bush Hill and the drug trafficking that took place in the park. Because of concerned citizens and the efforts of the Fairfax County police, we have now reclaimed our park. Numerous calls from neighbors got the police's attention. Several meetings were held with interested neighbors and the police, the Fairfax County Park Authority and Supv. McKay's office. Dark, neglected, unused places make nice places for people to sell drugs. An active Neighborhood Watch, a clean park and getting people involved in using the park is a great way to keep unwanted activities from happening. Because of these efforts, neighbors have not seen the drug users, but instead people using the park the way it should be used.

The CAC meetings are held the 3rd Wednesday of every month. This is a chance for folks to take their concerns directly to the Captain of the police.

Land Use

Recently had several meetings - 1 on Springfield Mall and 3 on BRAC. Two cases were recommended for approval - Pallone Chevrolet rezoning from industrial to office with access to

Engineering Proving Ground and Chevy Chase Bank on Franconia Road next to Burk & Herbert (no entrance from Franconia Road.)

Hilltop Golf course is staying. Mixed use housing on Telegraph with office building behind that. Wegmans grocery store on other parcel. Still going through development work before being approved.)

Springfield Mall - submitted request for permits for interior work and submitted site plans for hotel on Loisdale Road. Go to Springfieldtowncenter.com for more information. Road improvements between mall and metro - submitted traffic report to state. Planning a bike road around the mall with exercise stations.

BRAC rejected hotel at Penn Daw and office development near GSA facility due to proximity to metro and trails. Some office space near Engineering Proving Ground was also rejected.

Central Springfield District - KSI was the developer and it has fallen through because of change in condo market. Another developer is looking at the site.

Program

Guest speaker was Mena Nakhla, Director, Kingstown Center for Active Adults. His contact information is 703-550-0134, TTY: 711. Email is Mena.Nakhla@fairfaxcounty.gov. Kingstown Center for Active Adults is located at Buelah and Telegraph Road. It is a Fairfax County facility. Offers exercise classes, educational classes, leisure activities and trips. Most are free of charge. Hours are M-F from 9am - 4pm. Looking to expand to evenings and weekends. They provide transportation and offers a meal program.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm.