

Brookland-Bush Hill Civic Association
DRAFT MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, September 20, 2011

- Meeting called to order at 7:30p.
- Introduction of new officers for this year – Becky Wolfkiel, Vice President – membership, and Becky Johnson, VP - newsletter
- **Minutes** – The minutes from the May 10, 2011, meeting was approved as distributed and read at the meeting.
- **Treasurer** – our treasurer was not at the meeting due to a death in the family so we are not able to approve the budget that was proposed at the May meeting. As an FYI the budget runs from June 1 – May 31. Our total budget income for FY 11 is \$21,278.20. Our biggest expense is the printing of the newsletter which is \$1,863 and postage/ mailing is \$1,384.
- **Membership** – Membership year ends August 31. We have 850 households including Gunnell Estates. A second mailing produced an additional 75 members bringing our total for this year to 257 memberships, 4 households short of last year. Total income for dues is \$5,002. To date this membership year we have 40 members bringing our income to \$400 with an additional \$200 in donations.
 - Benefits of membership are the www.bbhca.org website that has information pertinent to issues that affect the neighborhood, i.e., cell tower, warehouse; eNews updates that provide breaking events, alerts; and BBHCA provides a voice with the County.
- **Neighborhood Watch** – reminder to lock your houses and your cars, know who lives on your street and be alert. Rash of break-ins in immediate area – East, West Springfield, Bailey’s Crossroads - but not in our neighborhood. Let police know of any incidents and your neighborhood watch chair. Non-emergency number is 703-691-2131.
- **Land Use** – Three properties came before the Land Use Committee
 - Comfort Inn to change cell towers on roof by adding height and screening. The committee recommended approval.
 - Three properties on Oakwood rezone from industrial institution (II) to moderate industrial (I4). I4 carries usage, i.e., storage, maintenance, sewage treatment centers. County limited usage, minimal change, granted 10’ right of way. The committee recommended approval.
 - Request for ice skating rink at end of Oakwood. Over the summer several meetings took place with developer and attorneys. As of the last meeting owner has not filed any papers with the county. A committee was set up to work with the owner of the property.

- **New Business** – Franconia and Brookland Road people are “blocking the box” and you can’t turn left from Brookland onto Franconia. President asked that the issue be sent to her in an email and she will follow-up with Supervisor Jeff McKay’s office to get their advice.
- **Guest speaker** – David Gill, representative for Ring Management Services. Spoke to us about the proposed ice skating rink on Oakwood – 10.56 acres. Six acres developed, 4 acres undeveloped. Access only via Oakwood Road. Includes 140,000 sq ft of office, no alcohol sales. Two storm water ponds currently on property. The structure is about 50’ from the homes in Gunnell Estates that back up to proposed ice skating rink. Meetings have taken place with Gunnell Estates – put one of the storm ponds underground, make the building single story, place entrance in the middle, minimize parking, more architect and less visible to Gunnell Estates homes. Goal is to file an application by end of this year.

Questions that need to be answered:

- cut down trees?
 - what are the hours?
 - what is being done with Oakwood Road?
 - maximum capacity for facility?
 - parking spaces – 175, previously 300
 - noise assessment?
 - can the building be moved closer to beltway?
- Meeting adjourned at 9:05p.