

## MINUTES

### Brookland/Bush Hill Civic Association Meeting Tuesday, September 21, 2010

- ▶ Meeting called to order at 7:40p
- ▶ **May minutes** – motion made and 2nd – approved as posted in the September 21 newsletter.
- ▶ **Treasurer's Report** – Audit conducted on May 23, along with handover to the new treasurer. The audit team consisted of Kevin (past treasurer), Joan Atkins (new treasurer), Bob Michie and Sharada Gilkey. They reviewed the year-to-date expenses and balanced the worksheet. There is approximately \$13,000 in the money market and \$5,000 in the checking. The association ended the year with a \$2102 profit. Expenses for membership were \$5,084 and there was an unplanned expense of \$294 in March to reproduce maps for the Oakwood Road Land Use meeting. Donations received were \$1,285. A copy of the final report for FY 2009-2010 and the proposed budget for FY 2010-2011 was handed out at this meeting. Motion made to approve the proposed budget. Motion passed.
- ▶ **Land Use Task Force** – Lee District has a new planning commissioner – James Migliaccio. Recommended for approval – Grovedale Ramade Family Medical Practice to build a 9,000 sq ft office building at Beulah and Grovedale; Hilltop Village Center – requested signage waiver to Comprehensive signage plan to include more signs and some larger signs. NOTE: Bob Michie asked if the trail waiver along telegraph road was included. Panda Express also requested a special exception to build a fast food establishment in an existing building at Springfield Plaza. The following were information presentations - Former Chi Chi site is requesting a rezoning to permit a hotel; Jennings Toyota is asking to rezone two parcels from residential R1/R3 to C8 with a special exception for the dealership and Lewin Park requested rezoning near Metro Park and Inova Health Center. They are requesting 4 buildings, along with a hotel in lieu of a 5th building.
- ▶ **Neighborhood Watch** – we have had an active summer w/car break-ins and house break-ins. Most items taken were change, GPS, wallets. The break-ins suggest young kids. The police were notified of a suspicious van and when comprehended the police found stolen power tools which suggest professionals. The perpetrators do not live locally. Make sure your sheds are locked. There was a sexual assault on Franconia Road at the Winslow sign on La Vista Road at the bus stop at 4:30 am.
- ▶ **Membership** – Two years ago we had 271 households, last year we had 261. Income generated was \$5,915. This year, as of this evening we have 9 memberships. Membership chair's personal goal is 300 homes (out of 800.) This includes Brookland, Bush Hill and Gunston.
- ▶ **New Business** – speed bumps and historical plaque are being deferred until our next meeting. Boy Scout tree planting will take place on western end of Oakwood road where they will replant areas that were deforested when the on ramp was put in several years ago. Looking for BBHCA volunteers to help with the tree planting.
- ▶ **Guest Speaker** – Wil Slaughter with Fairfax County Consumer Affairs Branch ([fairfaxcounty.gov/consumer](http://fairfaxcounty.gov/consumer)). Mr. Slaughter has been with the county for 20 years and is one of the lead investigators with the

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consumer protection division. They deal a lot with tenant/landlord issues, car issues, monitor franchise agreements and home improvements. Offer free mediation and arbitration. To file a complaint go to [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/consumer](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/consumer), describe your complaint, submit receipts, lease agreements, photos, and other supporting documentation. Once you contact their office they will send a letter to the business with a copy of your complaint. They do field visits, interview witnesses, mediate, and review applicable laws and ordinances related to the complaint. You can also search their site for complaint history which you can find alphabetically or by complaint type and the resolution of complaint is kept on file for 3 years.