

# Brookland-Bush Hill Civic Association

## November 11 2003 Meeting Minutes

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### Call to Order

President Larry Carter called the meeting to order at 7:10 PM. Present were Judi Connley (Vice President-Newsletter), Marti Morris (Vice President-Membership), and Roy Rice (Zoning and Land Use Committee). Robert Michie was the acting secretary.

An announcement was made informing the membership that BBHCA still needs a Neighborhood Watch Chair. The committees made the following reports:

- **Minutes for September 16 and 23<sup>rd</sup>** (Candidates Night): Accepted.
- **Treasury:** Balance of \$16,804.00.
- **Membership:** 122 Paid Memberships.

### Old Business

**Neighborhood Watch:** The duties of the position was explained by Larry Carter and former NW chairs. A general call was put out for a volunteer.

**Bus Stop:** WMATA (?) is interested in establishing a shelter on Franconia Road on the eastbound lane side of the street, directly across from the existing shelter at Westchester Street.

### New Business

**Leaf Removal:** Anna Keller explained the method of getting leaf removal inaugurated in Brookland Estates, as it is in several blocks of Bush Hill. A minimum of 50 homes in a contiguous area have to agree to a fee that is payable as part of real estate taxes. Ms. Keller needs help canvassing for signatures.

**Donations:** President Larry Carter brought up the subject of seasonal donations to local organizations. Several suggestions were made by the membership:

- Franconia VFD: \$100
- BHES (50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of its Opening): \$100
- John Marshall Library \$100
- CAC (?) \$100

A motion was made by Member Sandy Wilkenson to make the suggested donations. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

## **Special Order of Business**

BBHCA invited Lee District Supervisor Dana Kauffman to report on current issues.

### **Transportation:**

- Franconia and Van Dorn Intersection: Proposed solution to VDOT on December 3<sup>rd</sup>. The County is spending State money to do the design.
- Van Dorn Ramp: This segment is on Gerry Connley's "To-Do" list.
- Van Dorn Extended: Work has restarted after the rains.
- New Franconia-Springfield Metro Parking Garage: It opened on Columbus Day, and it is already filled.
- Lilly Yao Light: Placement is still an issue. It has to control both Brookland Road and the Edison HS Entrance. Kauffman is working with the EHS Principal.

### **Legislative Initiatives for 2004**

- Adequate Public Facilities
- Street Gang Crime
- Northern Virginia's Greying Population
- Electricity Rate Case Review

### **Questions**

- Photo Red Lights: Richmond wants them to end in 2005.
- Commercial Parking: Team is trying to change the definition of "commercial." Right now, anything that is smaller than a six-ton truck is not commercial.
- Speeding on Westchester: More traffic calming devices require a new petition initiative.
- Potholes on Westchester: County calls VDOT. There is a statewide budget issue.
- Fairfax County becomes a "City": Several obstacles, such as the Byrd Act. It is being investigated as a way of getting more revenue sources.
- Gunnell Estates: Building traffic rerouted by agreement at end of Phase 1. Once ADUs went in, Phase 1 was finished, and the construction entrance closed.
- Interchanges at Franconia and Van Dorn: Full treatment is \$40 Million. Money not available.
- Interchange (westbound) Franconia and Beltway: Small fix is \$2 Million. Money is available. Full treatment could cost \$80-120 Million.
- Beulah Street into FT Belvoir: Meeting with engineers scheduled for November 17<sup>th</sup>.

## **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 PM.