

NEWINGTON COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING – February 1, 2012
Minutes of the Meeting – NCA Pool House Meeting Room

At 7:00 pm President Sarah Jernigan started the meeting with Community Forum until there was quorum. Board members present were President Sarah Jernigan, Secretary Mike Smith, and Treasurer Louise Whitt. Vice President Kirk Brustman and Director John Stiteler were not in attendance. Director Matthew Reid arrived at 7:30 pm.

COMMUNITY FORUM

A resident stopped in to hear more on the Board's discussions regarding security cameras on homes and was lending her support for allowing them. The Board mentioned concerns with aesthetics, the value brought to allowing the cameras, and privacy issues. The Board agreed they needed to get some legal advice on this matter.

A resident discussed how she would like to see more residents attending Board meetings and we could encourage others through the newsletter. One of the office's recommended contractors was responsive to the resident. The office will continue to keep names on file that residents refer. President Jernigan recommended her plumber, Dale Sprinkle of Waterworks.

The Board discussed the suspicious activity reported to the community office. A resident said she would talk to the elementary school bus driver. The Board wanted to emphasize the community needs to call the police first on any similar matter and the community office should be the second to know.

The meeting was called to order at 7:40 pm.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

President Jernigan made a motion to accept the minutes of the December 7, 2011 meeting as written. Secretary Smith seconded the motion. Vote: 3 yes, 1 abstain. Motion passes. President Jernigan made a motion to accept the minutes of the January 4, 2012 meeting. Secretary Smith seconded the motion. Vote: 3 yes, 1 abstain. Motion passes. President Jernigan asked the Board to please let her know in advance of a meeting if a Board member has any concerns with the draft minutes. Minutes are provided to the Board a week before each meeting. This will give her a chance to address those concerns and adjust minutes prior to a meeting if appropriate.

HEARINGS

Lot 383 was not in attendance for a hearing.

COMMITTEE/BUSINESS REPORTS

Treasurer's Report, Louise Whitt

Treasurer Whitt discussed reserve fund account balances. She will look at 6 month and 12 month cd rates to present to the board next month. There are some expensive projects planned and there is no need for longer maturity dates. She will update her report to include intended projects costs and intended project dates. She will forward a first draft to the Board on February 29th and provide final rates on March 6th. The CM mentioned the December financials are still in draft form because of a recommendation by Summit to increase the provision for doubtful account by \$15,000. The CM will touch base with the auditor so the Board will have more information when discussing this subject.

Maintenance Committee's Report, Lori Randall and Sarah Jernigan

Last month the committee prepared recommendations for the Board's review regarding maintenance expenses in 2012 from the reserve budget and operating budget. The recommendations included more path repair and landscaping around the paths, replacing ball field fence and backstop, installing shower stalls in men's bathroom at pool house and resurfacing of Durer Court. The Board approved the shower stalls but wanted to wait a month until more Board members were in attendance before committing to the rest of the projects. President Jernigan made a motion to spend no more than \$15,000 on more path replacement. Director Reid seconded the motion. Vote: 4 yes. President Jernigan made a motion to spend no more than \$14,100 on replacing the ball field fence and backstop with the black vinyl coated chain link and install an additional barrier to prevent motorized vehicles from driving on the ball field. Director Reid seconded the motion. Vote: 4 yes.

Planning and Development, Lou Tobat

Lou advised the Board of an upcoming meeting at West Springfield High School cafeteria on March 21st from 6 to 8 pm. This will be a Phase III public information meeting. It will include an update on the Saratoga Park and Ride design and should include the results of the commuter surveys. This information needs to go in to the next newsletter. The meeting is not about Rolling Road but that topic could come up.

President Jernigan asked several questions of our contact at Fairfax County regarding the widening of Rolling Road. She received the following information:

- The Rolling Road Project is funded for design purposes only. Design phase is schedule to go to July 2013.
- The project will not be funded before the end of the design phase.
- Per VDOT rules only one meeting is REQUIRED before construction- that is the VDOT right of way hearing.
- Supervisor Hyland has requested additional meetings for concerned community members so the required meeting will not be the only meeting.
- Next meeting will be in the May/ June timeframe per Supervisor Hyland's request.
- There is not a comprehensive survey for this project. We can compile comments and present them but there is NO survey planned/required for this project.
- This is part of the Fairfax County Comprehensive Transportation Plan- once the design is complete it will remain on the shelf until the county decides to fund it.
- No impression that the federal government will fund construction- BRAC money has been tightened in latest cut backs.
- Only way to stop the project is to have it removed from the Comprehensive Plan. We can work with Supervisor Hyland to accomplish that. This MUST come from the supervisor and CANNOT be driven by VDOT.
- Once the design is complete and if funding has been found/approved, the next process is bid/ acquisition phase but this cannot take place until design is complete.

Personal Comments: Attendance at the May/June meeting is going to need to be HUGE to make the impression that this is a concern. It should be standing room only and as the HOA we need to drive attendance!

Lou updated everyone on all the construction and upgrades on Ft. Belvoir and the widening of Route 1.

Community Manager (CM) Report, Lori Randall

- *General*

1. *NCA Vehicle Tickets: 1*
 2. *Disclosure inspection(s): 8410 Red Ash Court*
 3. *Exterior Project Requests: 2*
 4. *Working with manufacturer on ordering men's pool house shower stalls*
 5. *Mailbox landings continue to be replaced throughout community*
- *Complaints/Issues/Comments*
 1. *Car on Moline with damaged front end and expired safety inspection. Why doesn't Dominion tow? Dominion doesn't tow damaged cars because it is subjective. Virginia safety inspection is expired but has an out of state plate - confusing. NCA office has ticketed the car.*
 2. *Cars on Gwynedd in blank spots haven't moved for months. Will look at and monitor and put notice on vehicles. Blank spaces are not for long term parking.*
 3. *Resident would like office to prepare flyers for mailboxes on suspicious activity involving an individual in a red pick up truck talking to children at bus stop. Board President responded. This is a matter for the police. NCA would need more detailed information to post a notice in the newsletter. [Note: mailboxes are government property, not NCA property. The office avoids posting notices on the mailboxes.]*

The CM read a hand written note from a Lee High School volunteer thanking NCA for the cash donation to the All Night Grad Party. They explained that 50% of the students are eligible for free or reduced lunch plans and that every dollar given is very much appreciated.

GENERAL BUSINESS -- Old

Security cameras on resident's homes – President Jernigan made a motion to seek legal counsel's advice on how other HOAs have handled this matter. Secretary Smith seconded the motion. Vote: 4 yes. It was suggested a couple of home security companies could provide some insight on this subject as well. A resident will be attending next week's Citizen Advisory Meeting and will ask the West Springfield station about reports from our community on suspicious activity.

The Board adjourned to Executive Session at 8:25 pm for a quick discussion on a hearing.

Regarding Lot 383 Secretary Smith made a motion to assess a \$50 charge for a trash violation. President Jernigan seconded the motion. Vote: 4 yes.

The meeting adjourned at 8:36 pm.