

**GDCA Board Meeting Minutes
August 26, 2019**

Attendees:

- Ranjeet Singh
- Sara Kelly
- Matt Beh
- Kevin Swatt
- Scot Walker
- Dana Diaz
- Jenny Girard
- Pat Powell

July Meeting Minutes - Approved

Treasury Report

56 households to date have become members. The budget is solvent. Jenny will look into the cost of ad space at the bottom of the new GDCA signs.

Directory cover contest update

- We will host an art contest at the block party for kids to enter drawings for the directory cover

Fairfax Federation membership

- Jenny is still waiting to hear back from the Fairfax Federation so we can pay our dues. Pat Powell and Matt Beh have volunteered to serve as representatives.

Block Party, Sat., Sept. 14 4-6 pm in the cul de sac

- The board continues to plan the logistics and the details of the block party.

Newsletter

-Board will draft the final wording for the November "Meet and Greet" event and advertise the event in the Newsletter. The event has to be capped at 40 people in order to give the Distillery a head count for ordering appetizers.

The Newsletter is in draft form and almost ready to be sent to the printers.

Fairfax County Strategic Planning

Six Fairfax County Strategic Plan Community Conversation meetings will be held in September. At the meetings, a progress update will be shared about the first-ever countywide strategic plan and an opportunity provided to share insights, opinions and experiences to help further shape the Countywide Strategic Plan. Here is the link to register to attend one of the meetings: <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/strategicplan/>

Several Board members plan to attend.

From the Residents

Inadequate Park Mowing and Maintenance along the Creek

The Park Authority (PA) is responsible for mowing the green space along our creek. However, they do not mow close enough to the creek to prevent overgrowth, poison ivy, and invasive vines from taking over during the growing season and the PA does not remove downed trees from the creek bed. This has been an ongoing problem since the creek area was designated a Resource Protection Area (RPA) –(check out p. 7 of the Spring Newsletter to follow the rather tortured history of our park).

Sara would like to create a petition to send to the Providence Supervisor's Office regarding this rather lamentable situation. The argument is threefold. First: the logs, branches and other debris left in the creek cause more extensive flooding for the houses on Custis. Two: the huge tree that fell across the creek several years ago crushed a portion of the creek's retaining wall and has created a real danger for the integrity of the road bed itself. Third: the lack of attention for mowing, especially on the south side of Custis, creates visual safety issues for walkers, bikers, and cars.

What has been especially disturbing for our dedicated group of neighborhood volunteers that try to keep the creek clear of vines and overgrowth is that the Park Authority will no longer pick up our debris piles. We have been instructed not to create them.

You can help with this project by taking pictures of flash flooding, especially when the water comes into your property. Those of us who do not live along the creek don't see it happen. We hope that additional visual data will increase our chances at chances for corrective action. (send photos to greenwaydownsinfo@gmail.com)

Traffic Issues-Woodlawn Avenue

A resident on Woodlawn is concerned about the cut-through traffic off Route 29 that zips down to Cavalier to connect to Marshall St. in order to avoid the traffic light, especially when Route 29 is backed up.

Greenway Downs as a whole has been experiencing these issues for some time. The Board can petition the Supervisor's office on your behalf if you would like to petition for traffic remediation. You can read about this process at <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/transportation/residential-traffic-administration>

Last year, one enterprising resident on Summerfield was curious about how big the problem was on her street and organized neighbors to do an informal traffic count. The results are in the spring newsletter at <http://greenwaydowns.org/files/documents/d2a3dfe5-3e1e-4db8-8fbb-23d924adc8aa.pdf>

If anyone decides to try this route we will be glad to publish the results in the Spring newsletter!