

Greenway Downs Citizens Association  
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Location: Home of Sara Kelly  
2807 W. George Mason Rd.

Date/Time: Wednesday, January 20, 2016  
8 pm

Present

Bruce MacNair  
Ross Farnham  
Scot Walker  
Sara Kelly  
Carrie Compton  
Asha Beh  
Jennry Girard

**Old Business:**

Board approved the October 28, 2015 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Marshall Street Traffic Calming

Bruce updated traffic calming measures for Marshall Street as follow

- County has agreed to the proposal that Marshall get another speed bump
- This involves moving an existing hump
- The hump will be placed next to Lisa French's house.
- The community meeting may be the first week of February.
- After a community vote, the county will give Greenway Downs the ballots, which are then distributed to the affected houses.
- Residents must submit their own ballots to the county.

John Mastenbrook Bamboo Removal Project

Sara reported that a St. James Eagle Scout is going to remove as much bamboo as possible from the aforesaid park for his Eagle Scout Project. The scout will notify Sara with the project date so she can invite the neighborhood to pitch in and help with the project.

Official GDCA Welcome Wagon Project

Sara passed around the Greenway Downs Welcome Wagon packet that WW volunteers can pass out to new residents. The packet includes a two-sided postcard with handy neighborhood information, a Greenway Downs neighborhood directory, a copy of the latest Downs newsletter, and a membership form.

Sara reported that due to time constraints she has given her Welcome Wagon organizational responsibilities to Scot.

Volunteers can collect the Welcome Wagon packets from either Scot or Sara.

Senior Lunches

Scot reported that senior lunches have been a great success. The next one will be March 10<sup>th</sup>, at 12:30 pm at the "Present" restaurant, and he is extending the invitation to Jefferson Village seniors.

#### Residential Parking Restrictions

Scot reported that the county hearing for residential parking restrictions is set for February 2, 4pm. Every resident in Greenway Downs affected by the parking restrictions has received a letter from the county inviting either written/verbal comments.

Board discussion on whether we should follow up with residents to make sure everyone responds to the county.

#### **New Business**

##### No Thru Truck Traffic Study

Scot reported that the senior lunch group expressed concern over the number of large trucks using our neighborhood as a cut-thru, and he has initiated a dialogue with the county to petition for no thru truck restrictions on Summerfield.

In response to Scot's initial inquiry, the county urged Greenway Downs and Jefferson Village to work together on the project in order to get the restrictions applied from Rt. 50 to Rt. 29. The result is that GD and JV are jointly writing up the proposals to ask for a traffic study to be conducted by VDOT. Once that is completed the county can move to restrict trucks on both Summerfield and Marshall St..

#### **Board Vote: Bruce will sign the no thru truck letters**

Two agenda items were tabled for the next Board meeting—Lisa wanted to speak about walker/runner safety and a tree planting memorial—but was unable to attend this meeting.

##### Greenway Downs Sandwich Boards

Ross asked the Board to approve the purchase of a sandwich board for Cathy Thatcher. GD has one new one that Lisa purchased off ebay in 2015, and one very old heavy wooden one that is not user friendly.

#### **Board Vote: Approved funding for 2 new sandwich boards.**

ACTION ITEM: Sara will ask Lisa if she is willing to purchase 2 new sandwich boards just like the first one.

##### Extended Hand Grabbers

Ross asked if the Board could purchase extended hand grabbers for trash pick-up, especially in the area of Bolling and Winchester, where a lot of trash is left behind.

As it turns out, Carrie had already bought hand grabbers for the stream clean up in the Fall, and Ross can use them for neighborhood cleanup.

##### Spring Stream Clean-up

Carrie suggested setting the Greenway Downs stream cleanup for Saturday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>, rain date April 30<sup>th</sup>. 9 am -12 pm. This coincides with Earth Day weekend.

The Board discussed the proposal to expand the stream cleanup to include a cleanup of Greenway Downs. It was declared an excellent idea!

#### Letters of Commendation

Scot wrote draft letters of commendation on behalf of the Board to Sheila Heller, Barbara Frazier, Megan Dho, Lisa French, Kara Klousia, and Ashley Wood for jobs well done in regards to the Holiday Decoration contest and activities in December.

#### **Board Vote: Voted yes to have Bruce sign and send the letters**

#### Downs Newsletter

Target date for the next Greenway Downs newsletter will be early April. Sara will be canvassing the Board for articles in late March.

#### Slate for the Greenway Downs Annual meeting in May

Scot asked for a show of hands for Board members who would like to serve again next year. Ross and Bruce both indicated they would end their terms in May. After some discussion Bruce indicated he may reconsider-reluctantly.

Sara pointed out that in order to maintain a healthy number of Board numbers we should give serious effort to recruiting more potential Board members before May.

#### Proposed Greenway Downs by-law additional language

Sara recommended that we add "The president shall serve no more than 3 years" to the end of Article VI, Section 6 of the by-laws.

If the Board approves the language, then 2/3 of the Greenway Downs members (151) will have to receive the appropriate revisions and vote.

In order to give everyone on the Board time to evaluate the proposal, Sara asked that we table a vote until our next Board meeting.

#### Spring Calendar

Jefferson Village had their Board meeting last night, and sent us their proposed Spring calendar.

March 19 easter egg hunt GD is invited.  
June 11 (raindate June 12) yard sale

#### ACTION ITEM

Bruce will coordinate a joint yard sale date with JV

June 24 possible neighborhood potluck at Jefferson Village Park

#### ACTION ITEM:

Scot will follow up on this joint proposal with the social committee

August 2 National Night out at Jefferson Village Park  
GD is invited

October 22 Dog Parade for Halloween

ACTION ITEM:

Sara will ask Cathy Thatcher if she is willing to take the lead on this event.

October 29 JV Fall Festival and Halloween Event

GD invited

December 21(?) Proposed joint effort for JV/GD Holiday Light Contest

This event proposal needs to go to the social committee for discussion.

JV asked GD the following questions:

- 1) Is the GDCA interested in doing a joint Holiday Light Contest
- 2) When is GDCA planning the annual Creek Cleanup and how can JVCA help?
- 3) Any other things GDCA is working on that we would like to share/join with JVCA.

**Board agreed to set the next Board meeting date for the mid-March.**