

EXECUTIVE BOARD

The Executive Board met at the home of Bonnie Ruddle, 310 E. Marshall St., Jan 13, 1955

Attending the meeting were: Mrs. Hiley, Mrs. Clem, Mrs. Thomsen, Mr. Thomsen, Mr. Beatty, Mr. Youngs.

The minutes of the Executive Board meeting were read and approved.

Mrs. Zimmerman reported that the bill for the present for Mr. Seese will be presented at the regular meeting. Then the gift and letter will be given to Mr. Seese.

Mrs. Meserow has not received the Brownie flag but has received the American flag. They are preparing a program for a ~~gr~~regular meeting.

Mrs. Clem returned \$17.97 from her Girl Scout Troop #209. Mrs. Ruddle received the money for Mr. Holt.

The Christmas Tree Burning handled by Mr. Vincent and Mrs. Thomsen was very successful. It was brought to the attention of the Board that the county truck picked up quite a few of the trees. This is to be brought to the attention of our chairman next year. Mrs. Thomsen's party for the Service Corp. was enjoyed by all the boys.

The Jefferson Volunteer Fire Dept. stayed right at the tree burning. Letters are to be sent to them and to Sisler for the truck, Page Hughes for the ground, the band for playing, and the Co-op for refreshments. *five* The insurance on the ground was \$30.00 and this was divided between ~~six~~ organizations, this made our part \$6.00.

It was decided to bring the speed limit problem before the regular meeting when there are more people.

Mrs. Joe Swire tendered her resignation as Delegate to the Federation. It was decided not to fill this absence as we will still have five people on it.

Our Assn. was too late to take part in the Outside Homes Lighting Contest.

A motion was made and seconded that the Treasurer buy the gavels for the out-going presidents.

Mr. Thomsen suggested that the bikes in our neighborhood be taped. Mr. Vincent has been named Chairman of the committee.

Mr. Youngs suggested we have a liaison from other associations to ~~see~~ come visit us at one of our meetings.

A entertainment committee was discussed.

The program for January at the regular meeting will be Interior Decorating.

The next Executive Board meeting will be at Mr. John Schnebley, 219 Winchester Way, Feb. 10, 1955.

The meeting was adjourned and refreshments served.

Respectfully,  
Bonnie Ruddle, Secy

REGULAR MEETING

The Regular meeting of the Greenway Downs Citizens' Assn. was held in the Oak Street School Cafeteria, Thursday, ~~December~~ <sup>January</sup> 27, 1955

The meeting was opened by a movie shown by Mr. Youngs titled "Design for Growing". This picture showed cultural training in the schools.

Mr. McCallister opened the business meeting.

The minutes were read and approved.

It was announced the Brownie Flags have not been received.

A motion was made and seconded to add an additional \$20.00 to the Christmas Party Fund. The Party ran over the original amount but the party was well worth it. This motion was approved.

After the Christmas Tree Burning, Willie Vincent went over to the lot and picked up all the paper cups and trash. Young Mr. Vincent is now a Captain in the Service Corps.

Mrs. Thomsen reported that the Scotch Lite tape for bikes would run \$18.00 to \$19.00 a roll. Two rolls are needed, silver for the front and red for the back.

A.A.A. is giving a free driver tests on January 29, 10:00am to 12:00pm and 1:00pm to 3:00pm. Everyone is invited.

Mr. Youngs gave a report on his meeting with the Belevedere Citizens' Assn. in Annadale.

A social evening was discussed and Mrs. Zimmerman will be temporary chairman.

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie Ruddle, Secy.

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

The Executive Board met at the home of Mr. John Schnabley, Feb. 10, 1955.

Attending the meeting were: Mrs. Clem, Mrs. Hiley, Mrs. Thompson, Mr. & Mrs. Smart, Mr. & Mrs. Schnabley, Mr. Youngs, Mr. Beatty, Mr. McCallister and Mrs. Ruddle

Mr. McCallister opened the meeting.

The minutes were read and approved.

The Program for the next regular meeting will be Interior Decorating by the Hecht Co.

Mr. Smart reported that Mr. Frady of the City of Falls Church has offered us the facilities of the Community Center for our regular meetings without any charge.

A motion was made and seconded that Mr. & Mrs. Stanley Laird pay their membership dues now and turn it over immediately so they can start receiving their paper and if any money is due on two months the association is to pay it. The motion was approved.

Mrs. Hiley reported that Mrs. Wilkins called her and said to please have someone keep after the School Board in regards to the school site at Graham Rd. if we want it.

Mrs. Ruddle reported that Col. Hamilton is leaving and would have to resign as Institutional Representative for Troop #677. Mr. Schnabley accepted this position.

Mrs. Ruddle returned \$17.37 to Mrs. Clem to buy a troop flag for troop #209.

Mr. Smart reported that several signs have been mutilated and he would like to have them repaired by Mr. Grossman who made them. A motion was made, seconded and approved.

The next Executive Board meeting will be at Mrs. Hiley, 118 E. George Mason St., March 10, 1955.

The meeting was adjourned and refreshments served.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie Ruddle, Secy.

REGULAR MEETING

The Regular meeting of the Greenway Downs Citizens' Assn. was held in the Oak Street School Cafeteria, Thursdays February 24, 1955

Mr. McCallister opened the meeting by welcoming everyone.

The minutes were read and approved.

Mr. McCallister introduced Mrs. Meserow & Mrs. Shaw leaders of Brownie Troop #291. Mr. McCallister then presented the American Flag and Brownie Troop Flag to the troop. The troop then presented the flag, the audience was asked to participate in the pledge to the flag and the singing of America. The Brownies then gave xx a preview of what they do in Brownie meeting and gave two dances, one of which included the parents, Groans were heard from the parents.

Mr. Parsons from the Hecht Co. showed slides and gave an informal talk on Interior Decorating. Mr. Parsons then answered questions from the audience.

There was no business discussed.

The meeting was adjourned.

Refreshments were served.

Respectfully,

Bonnie Ruddle, Secy.

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

The Executive Board met at the home of Mrs. Hiley, March 10, 1955. Attending the meeting were: Mrs. Thomsen, Mr. McCallister, Mr. Schnebley, Mr. Burke, Mr. Peatty, Mrs. Clem, Mrs. Hiley and Mrs. Ruddle

Mr. McCallister opened the meeting.

Mr. Burke reported on the Federation Meeting at the Falls Church High School at which Mr. McHugh was the speaker. Mr. McHugh spoke on the Master Plan of Falls Church which discussed apartment dwelling, homes, sewerage, schools, highways and airport.

Mrs. Clem reported on the School Board meeting. The School Board will take some of the money from the sale of Oak Street School to buy land at Greenman Rd. & Lee Highway and float a bond issue in the fall if the Citizens of Green Way Downs are interested. The School Board has issued an invitation to Greenway Downs Citizens' Assn. to attend the next Board Meeting at 9:30am on the second Tuesday of April at the Fairfax Courthouse. *first*

Mr. Robt. Walker, Director of Survey will be asked to be speaker at the next regular meeting.

The Membership Committee was set up as follows:

Lee Hwy. and Bolling Rd.	-----	Mr. Beatty
E. Geo. Mason	-----	Mrs. Hiley
Woodlawn	-----	Mrs. Clem
Winchester, 600 Custis	-----	Mrs. Schnebley
Cameron	-----	Mr. Holt
Greenway Blvd.	-----	Mr. Thomsen
Westmoreland, 900 Custis	-----	Mrs. Smart
Monroe, Custis	-----	Mrs. Cunningham
Marshall	-----	Mrs. [unclear]
<i>Executive Committee (advised 3/10/55)</i>		<i>Mr. [unclear]</i>

The meeting was adjourned and refreshments were served.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie Ruddle, Secy.

REGULAR MEETING

The Regular Meeting of the Greenway Downs Citizens' Assn. was held in the Oak Street School Cafeteria, Thursday, March 31, 1955.

Mr. McCallister opened the meeting and the minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

The Board of Supervisors went on record that they would do as recommended by Gov. Stanley regarding abolishing segregation.

It was suggested that a formal letter be prepared and signed by the residents of Greenway Downs Citizens' Assn. and presented to the School Board by Mrs. Clem on Tuesday, April 5, 1955, requesting ~~xxx~~ that the School Board buy the tract of land on Lee Hwy and Graham Road and asking them what their plans for our children were. This suggestion was put into a motion, was seconded and passed. The Service Corps were to pass the letters out on Friday night and the Boy Scouts pick them up on Monday night. Mr. McCallister will have the letters printed.

Mr. McCallister read a letter from the Fairfax County Public Library asking that we support their budget by attending the public hearing. Mr. Robinson made a motion that the assn. take no action on this letter, this was seconded and approved.

The Assn. received a letter from the Fairfax County Federation of Citizens Assn. reminding us of our dues for membership year 1954-1955

There was some question about the amount of dues (\$10.00) owed and Mr. Holt was asked to check it. If the amount was correct a motion was made to pay it, this was seconded and approved.

A motion was made to contribute \$25.00 to the Baptist Church on Arlington Blvd. This motion was seconded and approved. The Baptist Church is the meeting place and Troop 677.

Mr. Robinson brought up the subject of the future increase in the water bill. This was discussed to some length and gave us each something to think about.

Mr. Smart reminded us of Mr. Brady's invitation to use the Youth center on Broad Street for a meeting place of the assn. We are tentatively booked for the last Thursday of the month. Mr. Smart will outline a letter to Mr. Brady accepting this invitation which the Secy. will send. April and May dates now held at Oak Street School were to be cancelled.

Mr. Schnebley made a motion that the Executive Board take over the program for the Regular Meeting until the end of the official year in September. This motion was seconded and approved.

Meeting adjourned

Copy of letter sent to Mr. Frady  
April 1955

Mr. D. S. Frady  
Director of Recreation  
City of Falls Church  
City Hall  
151 East Broad Street  
Falls Church, Virginia

Dear Mr. Frady

Reference is made to a conference  
and a verbal agreement between  
yourself and Mr. L. Ray Smart,  
Chairman of the Utilities Committee  
for the Greenway Downs Citizens  
Association, concerning your very  
kind offer of the <sup>facilities</sup> ~~use~~ of the youth  
center as a future meeting place for  
our association.

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At our last monthly meeting Mr. Smart presented your offer to the members and the motion was unanimously



carried.

It is the purpose of this letter to confirm the arrangement made by Mr. Smart, which is, to set aside the last Thursday evening of each month, from 7:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., beginning with April 28, 1955 for the Greenway Downs Citizens Association of Fairfax County Virginia. It is also understood that your office will notify the association in ample time to make other arrangements should the occasion arise whereby the

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On behalf of the association I  
wish to thank both you and  
the City of Falls Church for  
this fine gesture.

Yours very truly  
Mrs. Roscoe Ruddle,  
Secretary

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

The Executive Board meeting was held in the home of Mr. & Mrs. Thomsen, April 14, 1955. Those attending the meeting were Mr. Youngs, Mr. Beall, Mr. Beatty, Mr. Schnebley, Mr. & Mrs. Smart, Mrs. Cunningham, Mrs. Lucas, Mr. & Mrs. Thomsen, Mrs. Clem and Mrs. Ruddle.

Our president was absent so Mrs. Clem our vice-president opened the meeting.

The minutes were read and approved.

There was a discussion on the membership drive and it was decided to have all streets finished by our regular meeting on April 28, 1955. Mrs. Cunningham suggested that next year a pamphlet or card be left at peoples houses who are not at home so they will know they have been canvassed.

Mr. Smart reminded us all of the new meeting place at the Youth Recreation Center.

Mr. Holt found the amount of dues to the Federation of Citizens' Assn. was \$5.00 so a check will be sent to cover our membership dues.

Mrs. Clem reported on the School Board meeting. The School Board said they will buy a site for school but will not definitely state it will be Graham Rd. & Lee Hwy.

Mrs. Sharpe offered to speak to the Assn. on the Master Plan but as the next two meetings have been planed it was decided June would be too late to hear her speech, so it was decided to decline her generous offer.

It was agreeable to the Assn. that anyone moving away from our area will still be able to keep their membership. This applies to Mr. & Mrs. Smart, Mr. & Mrs. Zimmerman and Mr. & Mrs. Frederick.

Mr. Smart brought up the question of buying more signs and said he would look into the prices for four more signs and would bring it up at the regular meeting.

Mr. McCallister received a letter from the Recreation Program of the Fairfax county asking the Assn. to support their budget of \$34,000. It was decided not to do anything about it.

Mrs. Ruddle has the program for the next regular meeting and it will be on Civil Defense.

Mr. Schnebley reported that the Scouts are anxious for the Assn. to assign them to projects. The boys are specially interested in clearing the creek along Custis Parkway. Mr. Smart suggested that Mr. Schenbley compose a letter to the Health Director asking permission to clean up the Parkway and to have Mr. McCallister sign it. Another project would be to clean up the triangle near the motel.

Mr. Beatty made an announcement that the Boys Scout will be around to sell tickets to the Scout Circus in May.

Meeting was adjourned.

Mrs. Thomsen served delicious refreshments.

REGULAR MEETING

April

The Regular meeting of the Greenway Downs Citizens' Ass, was held in the Youth Recreation Center on Broad Street in Falls Church.

Mrs. Clem opened the meeting as Mr. McCallister was absent.

The meeting minutes were read and approved.

Mr. Youngs asked that Mr. Tatervision be reminded to have G.M.C. put on on papers delivered so that the assn. will be given credit.

Mr. Schnebly reminded everyone of the Boy Scout Circus. He also reported that official approval on the Parkway has not been given.

The State Road Commission has completed the bridge on East Greenway Blvd. but still has the culvert on East Westmoreland Rd. to fix.

Mrs. Clem will be in charge of the May Program. Our guests will be the Girl Scouts of Troop 207.

The meeting was adjourned.

Inspector McGarity took over the program. He showed two films on Civil Defense and explained Civil Defense program to us.

Mrs. Richmond would like any one who is interested in a Womens Rescue Squad to contact her at Je2-2780 or C.D. office, South 5-9440. Advanced 1st aid is a must for this work. Members will take light rescue work at Olney, Md.

EXECUTIVE BOARD

The executive board met at the home of Mrs. Roscoe Ruddle, May 12, 1955. Those attending were: Mrs. Clem, Mr. & Mrs. Ray Smart, Mr. Schnebly, Mr. Beatty and Mrs. Ruddle.

Mrs. Clem was acting president as Mr. McCallister was absent.

The minutes were read and approved.

It was reported that Mrs. Swire has picked up the street sign for Greenway Blvd. and has it at her house. Many thanks to the new gas station for taking such good care of our street sign.

The secretary was asked to call the Falls Church High School to see if they can print our bulletin for May. Mr. Smart suggested that the assn. think about buying our own mimeograph machine.

Mrs. Clem has the program for our next regular meeting. Girl Scout Troop #209 will have a Flag Ceremony and a short program. Mr. Youngs and Mr. Schnebly will show a short film.

Mr. Schnebly suggested that our June meeting be a hot dog roast at Custis Parkway. Mr. Beatty will have the June program.

The next Executive meeting ~~is~~ will be held at Mr. & Mrs. Ray Smart's new home 1002 Hillwood Ave., June 16th.

Meeting adjourned

REGULAR MEETING

The regular May meeting of the Greenway Downs Citizens Assn. was held in the Falls Church Recreation Center.

As there was a mix up at the meeting place the Troop 209 opened our program. The troop gave a Flag Ceremony, a folk dance and a puppet show. Mrs. Landrus is to be commended on her excellent job with this troop.

Mrs. Thomsen made a motion to dispense with the regular meetings in July and August. Mrs Ruddle seconded the motion.

A motion was made and seconded that the minutes of last meeting be dispensed with.

Mr. Youngs and Mr. Schnebly showed a picture of our Scout Troop 677 and their participation in cleaning up Custis Parkway. The picture showed many people our Custis Parkway for the first time.

Mr. Youngs made a motion that private counsel be retained to look into the deed for Custis Parkway. as our committee action thru the assn. hasn't been able to do much. It was the advise of the Commonwealth attorney to take this action.

Mr. Schnebly made a motion that the committee report be accepted and that the Executive Board be empowered to make any necessary apporations within reason, for the specific purpose of retaining a lawyer. The motion was seconded.

Mr. Lawrence, Scout master of Troop 677 gave a short talk on the Boys Scout and Custis Parkway. Mr. Lawrence also brought up the problem of people on Custis Parkway throwing trash in the creek.

Quite a few new people attended our meeting and so everyone stood and introduced themselves.

Thanks were given to Bill Youngs and John Schnebly (also their wives) for the excellent picture shown.

Meeting adjourned.

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Respectfully submitted,  
Bonnie Ruddle, Secy.

EXECUTIVE MEETING

The meeting was held at the ~~xxx~~ new home of Mr. & Mrs. Ray Smart; attending were, Mr. & Mrs. Thomsen, Mr. Youngs, Mr. Schnebly, Mrs. Clem, Mr. Beatty, Mr. & Mrs. Smart and Mrs. Ruddle

Mrs. Clem opened the meeting and the minutes were read and approved.

Mr. Schnebly reported that Troop 677 will furnish the charcoal burners for the Assn. picnic but not the charcoal.

A motion was made that the Program Chairman be authorized to spend ~~up to \$25.00~~ what he needs for coffee, desert, beverage and charcoal but not to exceed \$25.00. The motion was seconded and passed.

It was suggested that the Graham Letter Service do our flyer. Mr. Beatty will compose the flyer.

The problem of a meeting place was brought to the attention of the meeting and Mr. Youngs was appointed to look into a future meeting place.

Mr. Smart suggested that a letter be written to Mr. Frady withdrawing our dates for regular meetings ~~ix~~ at the Recreation Center.

Mr. Youngs reported he has not yet had a chance to get in touch with a lawyer regarding the deed of ~~Custis~~ Custis Parkway.

Mr. Smart has been unable to do anything about our street signs.

Mr. Beatty gave his report on the program Troop #677 will put on. It will start with a flag ceremony, follow with a Court of Honor and end with the charter Presentation. The meeting will start at 7:00Pm

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It was suggested that the Assn. appoint a Historian to take care of the Assn. Archives. Mr. Youngs asked if the Assn. would be interested in a copy of the film he made on Custis Parkway. The cost will be approximately \$20.00.

As there was no other business to take up the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted.

Bonnie Ruddle, Secy.



## REGULAR MEETING

The regular June meeting of the Greenway Downs Citizens Assn. was held in Custis Parkway.

Picnic dinners were brought by all families and beverages and ice cream were furnished by the Assn. There was quite a crowd and everyone had a wonderful time. After the picnic a short business meeting was held to elect a Nominating Comm.

Mr. McCallister opened the meeting by thanking all for the basket of flowers sent to his father's funeral. He then read the by-laws regarding the election of new officers.

Those nominated were Ray Smart, Dr. S. Sharpe, Mr. Youngs, Mr. Sullivan, Mr. Bean, Mr. Schnebly, Mr. Taylor, Mrs. Lucas and Mrs. Clem.

A written vote was taken and Mr. Thomsen, Mr. Crum and Mr. Bean retired to count the ballots. Those elected to the committee were: Mr. Smart and Mrs. Lucas. A tie between Mr. Youngs and ~~Mr. XXX~~ Mr. Sullivan was decided by a show of hands, Mr. Sullivan won 19-8.

Mr. John Lawrence, Scout Master of Troop 677 was introduced and he in turn introduced Mr. Robert Bolton who presented the Charter.

Mr. McCallister introduced John Schnebly our Institutional Representative. Mr. Schnebly gave a short talk on the Scouts and then introduced Mr. Robert Bolton who presented the Charter and the Cards to the men on the committee for the scouts.

Mr. John Lawrence was introduced as our Scout master of Troop 677 and the Boys then took over the program. It was quite an impressive program and everyone enjoyed seeing what our boys are doing.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie Ruddle, Secy.

EXECUTIVE MEETING

The July meeting of the Executive meeting was cancelled as only three people were there. Mr. Youngs, Mrs. Clem and Mrs. Ruddle were the three.

Mrs. Youngs served delicious cake, ice cream and coke . Mr. Youngs offered to have the August meeting at his house.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie Ruddle, Secy.

GREENWAY DOWNS CITIZENS ASSOCIATION - Meeting of Executive Committee

The regular meeting of the Executive Committee was held on August 11, 1955 at the home of Wm. E. Youngs, junior past president. Members present were Ray and Mabel Smart, John Schnebly, Mrs. Clem, Mrs. Thomsen and Wm. Youngs. The Vice President, Mrs. Clem presided at the meeting.

Mr. Smart reported that the work on the additional street signs was being delayed but he would have a further report at the next meeting. He said that the sign which was pulled down on Greenway Blvd would be reset within a short time.

Asked for a progress report on the work of the nominating committee, it was discovered that Mr. Smart had not been notified that he was elected to this committee and since he received the largest number of votes would be expected to act as its chairman. He indicated his willingness to serve, however.

The matter of a meeting place for the Association beginning in September was brought up for discussion, and Mrs. Clem volunteered to check with the Oak Street School and with the Falls Church High School as possibilities. She will report on her findings at the September meeting of the Executive Committee. It was reported that the new manager of the Dardanelles Restaurant is willing to contribute the use of the small dining room on the south side of the building if our meeting night could be changed to Monday evening. (See insert) over

Discussion of the work done by the County on Custis Parkway brought out the fact that some of the members of the Board thought insufficient publicity had been given the work done on this project by the county. Mrs. Thomsen, Echo correspondent, explained that she had been requested by one of the Parkway residents to refrain from comment because of the fact that not all residents were pleased with the way the work was done and that it might result in enmity toward the Association. It was then moved by Schnebly, seconded by Youngs and carried that a letter of thanks be written to Mr. Bolton, resident engineer, to thank him for that part of the work which had been completed.

The meeting also brought out the fact that no preparation is being made for the program for the September election meeting.

Mrs. Youngs served her own brand of delicious lemon pie with coffee and cokes at the close of the meeting.

Meeting adjourned.  
Fran Thomsen, Acting Secretary

It was decided to have a dinner meeting at the September meeting of the Executive Committee, place and time to be decided by the President and Secretary. Husbands and wives of committee members invited - all to pay their own expense.

*Mr. Smart was asked to look into the law regarding the distance of shrubbery from sidewalk, curb or any obstruction of view*



*Downs* drafted  
Mr. Newens made a motion to have a resolution drawn & presented

Mr. Smart made a motion to give Mrs. Newens a Lifetime Honorary Membership in the Greenway Downs Citizens' Assn. Motion seconded and approved.

Adjourned

Regular Meeting Sept. 29, 1955

The regular meeting of the Greenway Downs Citizens Assn met at the Falls Church High School September 29, 1955 with the president Mr. McCallister in the chair.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Mr. Smart asked Mr. Vail Pischke to read a resolution passed by the Executive Board honoring Professor and Mrs. Adrian Nevens. After the adoption by the membership, Mr. Smart explained that this resolution was in rough form only, and would be polished and presented as a framed scroll.

Mr. McCallister read a letter from attorney Andrew Giangreco, retained to look into the deed for Custis Parkway.

The president asked for a report of the nominating committee and Mr. Smart reported as follows:

Pres. Edward Frederick  
V. Pres John Schnebley  
Secty Mrs. Wm H Hoose  
Treas Mrs. J.F. Clem  
Delegates 3 year term John Sullivan, Eugene Burke  
and Jas. Beale

There were no nominations from the floor and the slate proposed was unanimously elected. M. Young presented Mr. McCallister with a gavel after which the president and secretary vacated their chairs in favor of the newly elected officers.

Mr. Frederick mad an acceptance for the new officers and the speakers of the evening were introduced -- the candidates for the office of Supervisors of Fairfax County -- Mr. Freehill and Mr. Beck.

The meeting then adjourned to the Home Ec room for refreshments.

Respectfully submitted

*Elizabeth F. Loose*

Minutes of Executive Committee Meeting of Greenway Downs Citizens Association  
held October 13, 1955

The executive committee of the Greenway Downs Citizens Association met at the home of the new president, Mr. Frederick, on Thursday evening, Oct. 13, 1955, with the following persons present: Mrs. Cunningham, Mrs. Lucas, Mrs. Thomsen, Mr. Kendrick, Mr. Sanders, Mr. Schnebly, Mr. Sullivan, and Mr. Youngs. The minutes of the last executive meeting were approved as read.

Mr. Frederick announced the appointment of the following committee chairmen: Child's Activities, Mrs. Smart and Mrs. Youngs; Entertainment, Mrs. Ruddle; Gardening, Mrs. Thomsen; Publicity, Mrs. Lucas; and Streets and Utilities, Mr. Smart. It was agreed that no chairmen would be named for Programs, Membership, or Schools. The executive committee members will handle the programs and membership, as was done last year. Mr. Frederick promised to form a committee if and when any important school matters arise. The job of having the monthly notices printed and distributed remained unfilled.

Mr. Schnebly agreed to be program chairman for the October meeting, which would probably deal with the water bond issue. There was some discussion about having a speaker on annexation at a future regular meeting. The following tentative schedule for monthly meetings was agreed upon: November, Civil Defense; February, Gardening; May, The Law and the Community. The entertainment committee plans to hold a children's Christmas party and several square dances, Mr. Frederick announced.

Following are several items of business which were discussed, with the action taken (if any): Former treasurer Wayne Holt will be asked to have his books audited and turned over to the new treasurer; the new secretary will be asked to find out if we will have to pay for the meeting room at the Falls Church High School; Mr. Sullivan, one of the County Federation delegates, will bring with him to the next Federation meeting a list



of the names and addresses of the new delegates and alternates, and a check for this year's dues; Mr. Sullivan offered to find out if our Scouts can meet at the Hillwood Community House if and when they lose their present meeting place; Mrs. Lucas was asked to include in the next column notices about locating Association property and also about having people come down to Custis Pkwy on week-ends to clean up the place and make it into a recreation area and possible Scout meeting place; the committee agreed that each year the president should appoint one person to be custodian of Association property so that it may be located easily when needed.

The meeting adjourned just before 10 p.m., after which refreshments were served by Mrs. Frederick.

Respectfully submitted,

*Bernardine V. Lucas*

Bernardine V. Lucas  
Substituting for Mrs. Roose

DATE: October 25, 1955

From: A. Andrew Giangreco  
To: Greenway Downs Citizens Association  
Subj: Dedicated Park Areas

In order to fully understand the question involved a short definition of the term dedication is necessary; Dedication is the act of devoting or giving property for some proper object and in such manner as to conclude the owner. It is an appropriation of land by its owner for the public use, such as a highway, common or the like, and it is accepted for such use by or on behalf of the public.

Anderson Law Dictionary defines dedication as "the appropriation to public uses of some right or property, as the dedication of a highway, landing, square, park, land for school uses, "etc".

**PURPOSES OF DEDICATION** - Dedication is for the use of the public generally - At Common Law it was confined to the purpose of highways, but in this country the doctrine has a wider application, and its limit has been judicially defined to extend to public squares, common lots, burying grounds, school lots and charitable uses generally. Thus, dedication may be effectual when the purpose is pious or charitable though not strictly public.

The lawfulness of a dedication, like the constitutionality of a law, must depend not upon what use probably will be made of the property dedicated, but what use can be made of it by virtue of the dedication.

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but, the vital principle of dedication being the intention to dedicate, such acts and declarations must be deliberate, unequivocal and decided, manifesting a positive and unmistakable intention to permanently abandon his property to such use. The intention to dedicate, however expressed, is the soul of every dedication and wherever this intention unequivocally appears, the dedication is complete on the part of the dedicator.

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benefits unless the land so dedicated has been abandoned by the public or by the proper authority. And dedication is completed when the owner has unequivocally manifested his intent to dedicate and there has been an acceptance by competent authority.

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IN CONCLUSION - It is my firm opinion that the sites in question have been dedicated as parks. However, the dedication shall not effect the right of the owner to erect, put down and maintain gas, water and electric works, pipes, wires and fixtures on or under the portion so set apart. They shall not, however, obstruct or hinder the passage over such sites further than is reasonably necessary while laying down, erecting or repairing such works, pipes, wires and fixtures.

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Dated: October 25, 1955



October, 1955

Regular Meeting

The Citizen's Association of Greenway Downs held its regular monthly meeting October 27, 1955 (with the president presiding, <sup>Ed</sup> Frederick in the Home Ec room of Falls Church High School.)

In accordance with a prearranged plan, the program was held at the beginning of the meeting. The first speaker was Mr. James Whytock past president of Pimmit Hills Citizen's association, and treasurer of the Citizen's Committee on Intergrated Water, who spoke in the later capacity. Opposing Mr. Whytock, Mr. Andrew Giangreco candidate for commonwealth attorney, spoke. A spirited questioning period followed.

Mr. Giangreco then in his capacity as attorney retained by the association, gave a detailed report as to his search of the records and deeds pertaining to the use of certain areas as parks. His concensus was that we could. So a park committee was appointed to coordinate the cleaning of the area and preparation of the land for use as a park. Mr. Jack Lucas was asked to serve as ~~president~~ chairman, as he had tools, and Mr. <sup>John</sup> Lawrence and Mr. Sanders were appointed as members to help him. <sup>Mr. Owen</sup>

The minutes were read and corrected, and the treasurers report was omitted as the treasurer-elect has not yet received the books and records from the past treasurer.

Mr. John Sullivan reported that we are no longer members of the Civic Federation as our dues has not been paid for last year. He reported that all that is needed is a check.

The secretary was instructed to secure forms for application for using the High School as a meeting place.

The president reported that there will be no scheduled meeting in November but that he hoped to arrange a square dance early in the Month.

Mr. Schnebley announced that the Boy Scouts need a room for their meetings, and Mr. Owens was asked to approach Mr. Shockley as to the possibility of using the vacant ~~room~~ building near the quarry.

Mrs. Lucas requested the appointment of a liason between the group and Timberlane & Falls Church Schools, and Mrs. Ruddle agreed to serve.

<sup>Suggested</sup>  
Mr. Thompson asked that we instigate plans to cooperate with other citizen's groups with plans for the 12th Night tree burning in January, and he was asked to assume leadership in these plans.

An announcement was made regarding the tools ~~of~~ belonging to the Association. Nobody seems to know where any of them are and somebody might need them.

There being no other business the meet ng was adjourned.



Nov. '55

The executive board of the Greenway Downs Citizen's Association met November 19, at the home of the vice-president Mr. John Schnebley. with about ten members present. Mr. Frederick, the president, presided.

The minutes of the previous meeting had not been turned over to the secretary so the reading was dispensed with. The treasurer had not received the books from the auditor Mr. Seese so there was no treasurers report.

Mr. Schnebley presented the bill from the lawyer, in the amount of \$225. which was in excess of the agreed amount of his fee. A bill for \$30 which represented 6 meeting nights for the cub scouts was presented.

Mr. Smart reported that the Teen Canteen will no longer be available to adults for meetings.

Mr. Sanders reported on improvements for the parkway and presented an estimate for constructing a building. The estimated cost was \$3151 for a 30x40 building with no equipment. It was suggested that the 450 families be asked to contribute \$10 each.

It was pointed out that a corporation with a board of trustees should be formed to administer the park, and formulate future plans. Mr. Smart was asked to contact Mr. Pischke for legal opinion.

It was suggested the a poll be taken of the public opinion when the membership drive is made in Manauary.

Mr. Young suggested that the by-laws should be revised and a committee was formed as follows: Mr. Smart Chmn, Mr. Thomson Mr. Burke and Mr. Kendrick.

The secretary was instructed to write a letter to Mr. Freehill proposing the name of Mr. Hilary Kendricks for appointment to the School board.

Plans were made for a square dance to be held December 2, 1955.

Respectfully Submitted

*Elizabeth Rose*

December, 1955

The Citizen's Association of the Greenway Downs Citizen's Association met December 8, 1955 at the Falls Church High School, with the president presiding, Ed Frederick.

Two films prepared by the Civil Defense Agency called "Let's Face It" and "Main Street 20th Century" were shown by Mr. Fredericks. Then charts and diagrams showing the purpose and operation of FCDA, and explaining the Civil Air Defense Warning network, were shown.

Mrs. Ruddle who is a member of the all-women rescue squad explained a display of the work done, and distributed pamphlets regarding the work of the organization.

Mr. Roy Gardner director of Civil Defense of Fairfax County spoke on the work of the administration in the county.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. The treasurer reported a balance received of \$470.79, and expenses which left a current balance of \$393.89. The books had been audited by Mr. Earl Seese.

Mr. Thomasan reported that Mr. Palmer of Westlawn will head the tree burning.

Mr. Schnebley reported on the fee charged by the lawyer M. Giangreco, and after discussion the membership voted to pay the bill as presented. Mr. Burke and Mr. Kendrick were asked to examine the papers prepared by Mr. Giangreco.

Mrs. Smart reported plans for the Christmas party to be held at Hillwood Square Wednesday night Dec 14, 1955, from 6-8. A plan for distributing tickets was discussed and it was announced that children could secure the tickets from Mrs. Schnebley. The entertainment was reported to consist of movies, entertainment and refreshments.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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