

Greenway Downs Citizens Association

Executive Committee Meeting

at the home of Mr. & Mrs. Owens

February 4, 1975

approved

The meeting began at 8:30 p. m. with 7 members present. Minutes were read and approved. Treasury balance is \$361.87. Committee Reports - The Christmas party had about 50 to 65 people there. We have toys and comic books left over that were donated, so we can use them another time. The park is almost completed but we still have to try to get the lights up around it. Old Business - Mrs. Owens again stressed the importance of phone calling to get people to our meetings, especially for the awards dinner. A new directory will be out in the fall. Membership should begin this weekend, or soon. President Scott suggested members could join for this year and next, to save another membership drive in the fall. And, the dues would be the same price, there was general agreement on this. On the redistricting proposal, Mr. Scott read a letter we sent to the Supervisors for their meeting, expressing our association's stand on this. The Supervisors voted in our favor, keeping Greenway Downs in the same Providence district. Also, the PLUS program is moving along in our favor too.

The new scout representative is Mr. Earl Hall. We should stress to the scouts the importance of the Downs paper being delivered to every house.

The Awards Banquet for the 25th of this month is going along well in plans. Award ideas for the outstanding citizen were discussed, entertainment for the evening, and house awards are being planned for the most improvements.

The Picnic co-chairmen are tentatively Mary Millsback and Sandy Mann.

Buddy Blankenship asked the Executive Committee if we would support him and the young people of the area in forming a petition for the county not to

plow part of Greenway when it snows so they can have it for sledding. Mr. Reich made the motion that the Executive Committee support the youth in and for petitioning for closing (not sanding) a certain portion of Greenway Boulevard for the purpose of snow sledding. Mrs. Stokes seconded the motion, question was called and the motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at 9:45 p. m.

Respectfully submitted,



Beverly Scott
Recording Secretary

Greenway Downs Citizens Association

Awards Banquet

February 26, 1975

Memo approved

The 6th annual Greenway Downs awards night dinner was held at the Devonshire cafeteria with approximately 90 people present. Special guests included Senator Adelard Brault, Supervisor James Scott, Mr. William Merritt of the Star-News and many past presidents of our association. Music was provided by Mr. & Mrs. Owens and special guest Mr. James Chasteen.

Five home improvement awards were announced with slides of these houses shown, a gavel was presented to Mr. McCallister who was president in 1955, and the special "outstanding citizen" award was presented to Joe Goodwin.

Senator Brault and Supervisor Scott spoke to us on various topics of interest and, even though there was no official meeting, Supervisor Scott answered questions regarding the massage parlor that is now in our community and the emergency legislation he proposed to the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors that these be located in non-residential communities from now on. Special thanks were expressed to Karen Mariner & Wayne Shipp for the Downs, flyer and artwork, Ben Blankenship, Awards Night Chairman, and Carole Blankenship for table & food set-up, Ray Smart, Faye Drennon, + Joe Goodwin for the house awards, Elouisa Stokes Citizen Awards Chairman, Falls Church Florist who donated the floral centerpiece as they have each year for our awards night.

A good evening of fun was enjoyed by all.

Respectfully submitted,

Beverly Scott
Beverly Scott, Recording Secretary

Approved

March 27, 1975

G. D. C. A. Executive Meeting
at the home of the Scott's, 2841 Greenway

The meeting began at 8:20 with five members present. Beverly Scott conducted the meeting in the absence of Willard, who was out of town. Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Treasurer's report - \$270.05 balance in the treasury. No funds have been turned from the membership drive to date.

For the Nominating Committee, Jim Dinsmore was nominated to head that. For the next general meeting, some felt we should send out additional flyers to let people know Representative Fisher will be there. Because of the time element, we will just have the Downs announce it. For the Downs, there was general feeling that the ages of babysitters should be published along with their names.

Picnic Chairpersons will be Sandy Mann and Mary Millsback., and the date is tentatively set for June 14th. Having a children's flyer contest for it was discussed.

For the record, the general feeling about the Awards banquet was that many people were there because they knew who would receive the award. Letting the community know ahead of time seemed to make a difference in attendance.

A petition was passed around from Senator Brault asking us to nominate him again for Senate. The registered voters signed it for him.

We still need a beautification committee chairman to coordinate the cleanup day drive scheduled tentatively for April.

The meeting adjourned at about 10 p. m., and the next Executive meeting will be at the home of Elouisa Stokes on Thursday, May 8th.

Respectfully submitted,

Beverly Scott

Beverly Scott
Recording Secretary

Greenway Downs Citizens Association Meeting
April 8, 1975

not read

The meeting began at 9:20 after a question and answer period with Congressman Joseph Fisher, who was introduced by Supervisor Jim Scott.

Minutes were read of the two meetings previous, and approved.

Treasurer's Report - \$433.58. President Scott mentioned various meetings forthcoming of the county and school boards. Committee Reports - Membership should be completed soon. Mrs. Marquart reported she has to check with a few canvassers. A Cleanup Committee Coordinator is needed and we should have the annual cleaning and trash pickup sometime before the end of April.

Old Business - The massage parlor was discussed and nothing new has been brought to our attention on this. New Business - The Nominating Committee for next year's officers were nominated and the motion was passed. Committee is as follows: Chairman - Jim Dinsmore, and Karen Mariner, Don Brandt and Bernie Stull. Henry Roderiquez mentioned a large pot hole in the street between Greenway and Marshall, on Custis Parkway. Kay Powell, Devonshire PTA President, told us about the Fairfax County policy of closing schools. If this policy is approved, Devonshire is at the top of the list as one of the first to go. Our kids would probably be sent to Timberlane or Graham Road schools. Mrs. Powell made the motion that our association support the PTA to keep Devonshire open as a community school. Discussion followed on the school being open to senior citizens for lunch each day and other possible uses for the school. Mrs. Powell asked our association to send letters to the Superintendent of Schools & Mrs. Kahn, and copies to Mrs. Powell. The motion that we support Devonshire was seconded and passed.

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 p. m.

Respectfully submitted,

Beverly Scott
Beverly Scott, Recording Secretary

Treasurers Report
April 8, 1975

Balance on hand last meeting \$361.87

Receipts

Advance returned by Christmas Party 18.50

Membership dues 203.50

Sub-total 222.00

total 583.87

Disbursements

Mary Millsback for refreshments 3.47

Lois Owens for Secretarial Supplies 12.32

Ben Blankenship for Awards Night 79.50

Outstanding Citizen Glycer and February
Downs 55.00

subtotal 150.29

total \$433.58

Greenway Downs Executive Committee Meeting

at the home of Elouisa Stokes

May 8, 1975

The meeting began at 8:15 p.m. with 7 members present. Minutes were read and approved. There is a balance on hand of \$620.00 in the treasury. Picnic plans were outlined and discussed. June 14th is the date set for it. Chairpersons Mary Millsback and Sandy Mann said there will be a Father's Day theme to the picnic.

Jim Dinsmore presented the following Nominating Committee's report for next year's officers:

President - Randy Myers

Vice-President - George Schaar

Recording Secretary - Ruth Grogan

Treasurer - Elouisa Stokes

Corresponding Secretary - Lois Owans

Executive Board - Ben Blankenship & Monica Mordin

Federation Delegate - 1 year - Karen Mariner with Willard Scott as alternate

Federation Delegate - 3 year - Ellie Keys

Discussion of the nominations followed.

President Scott said there will be a new directory in the fall. He will work on it this summer. Cost of the Downs for the last issue went up to \$50.00. There was some discussion on the speeding around Custis Parkway. Meeting adjourned at 10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Beverly Scott
Beverly Scott

a Recording Secretary

Greenway Downs Meeting

May 22, 1975

The annual youth night was held at 7:30 p.m. with a small attendance, due to the bad storm. There was a short business meeting afterwards and minutes of the last meeting were dispensed with. Treasurer's report - \$646.10 balance. Old Business: The *Devonshire* PTA would like us to keep in contact and support them on the comprehensive study on closing schools. Final determination is scheduled in October with school board meetings to be held over the summer.

The slate of new officers was read. It was moved and seconded the slate of officers on the front of the last Greenway Downs be placed in nomination. Motion passed. There were no other motions. Officers were elected unanimously, and were introduced.

The picnic is scheduled for June 14, 1975. Various contests and things are planned.

Jim Dinsmore requested that the Park Authority fix the baskets on the park, both need to be improved, and are on the park agenda. Lights may be installed on the park when the county has the funds necessary for them.

President-elect Randy Myers said we should keep after the county to make sure that our community gets some of the things that the other areas in the county are getting. We were all urged to help the new President all summer and next year to achieve these goals. The meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Beverly Scott
Beverly Scott
Recording Secretary

May 22, 1975

Balance last meeting \$433.58

Receipts
126.00
210.50
\$770.08

Expenses

Sandy Mann 50.00
Greg Mordin 23.98
Nettles (Downs for April) 50.00
\$123.98

\$646.10

Eloisa Stokes
Treasurer

Greenway Downs Citizen's Association-General Meeting Tues, Sept. 23, 1975 8:15 P.M.

The meeting was called to order by outgoing President, Willard Scott who introduced incoming President Randy Myers and presented him with the president's gavel. Willard thanked everyone for their help during the past year.

President Myers informed Association members that our guest speakers were unable to speak because the Devonshire School closing was such a matter of controversy. The President then introduced Devonshire PTA President, Kay Powell, who reviewed the summary of the School Advisory Committee findings regarding the closing of Devonshire. Copies of the study findings are to be hand delivered to residents in the areas to be affected by the school closings.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.
Treasurer's report read and filed subject to audit with a balance on hand of \$906.50.

Report on membership by Committee Chairman, Willard Scott.
Ads for the directory will equal or exceed the printing cost. Willard suggests a token fee of 25 or 50 cents for non-members for directory with general agreement on the part of members in attendance.

Events Calendar includes: Park clean-up day on Sat., Oct 18. At 11:00 A.M. a County Parks truck will be available for trash pickup at the basketball court. Members request that the county remove dead trees and branches from the park. October 25 at 11:00 A.M. there will be a dedication of the Park by the County Park Service with Superintendent Jim Scott and the Falls Church High School Band. A petition to send the Safety Board to initiate the painting of crosswalks and installation of street and crossing signs for the safety of walkers will be circulated shortly. Mention of culvert and roadway problems at the intersection of Greenway Blvd. and Custis Parkway.
Mention of report of children hit by cars on Summerfield Road.

On streets and gutters progress: Taxes for our area are to be compared to such an area as Jefferson Village.

Old Business: None.

New Business: Resolution draft on Greenway Downs Citizens Association stand on closing of Devonshire School. Motion was made and seconded to approve resolution. President explained draft and after explanation it was suggested that the Executive Board institute a stronger draft to be presented (for approval) to the general membership, with the resolution to be re-written after the School Advisory Committee study is received. Resolution approval was unanimous. Copies of draft to be sent to all School Board members, the School Board Chairman, Area II Superintendent, Devonshire Principal, Devonshire PTA Pres., and the Providence District Supervisor.

There has been notice of intermediate students misbehaving at the bus stops and a fear of possible physical injury or property damage resulting. Suggestion of attention getting article in next issue of "The Downs."

Suggestion of "Association Meeting Tonight" signs to be placed in the community on the day of the meeting.

Reminder of "Downs" delivery to four homes on Marshall St. between Custis Parkway and Chestnut.

Motion was made and seconded to adjourn meeting.

These minutes submitted for approval by:

Karen Mariner
Editor "The Downs"
on behalf of Greenway Downs Citizens Association

GREENWAY DOWNS CITIZENS ASSOC. MEETING

SEPTEMBER 23, 1975

THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 8:10 P.M. IN DEVONSHIRE CAFETORIUM WITH A VERY SMALL ATTENDANCE.

PAST PRESIDENT WILLARD SCOTT PRESENTED THE ASSOCIATION GAVEL AND AN ENGRAVED GAVEL TO NEW PRESIDENT RANDY MYERS.

THE TOPIC OF THE EVENING WAS THE PROPOSED CLOSING OF DEVONSHIRE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL. OUR GUEST SPEAKER WAS TO HAVE BEEN FROM THE FAIRFAX EDUCATION ASSOCIATION, BUT, THE ASSOCIATION DECLINED TO SEND A SPEAKER AT THE LAST MINUTE DUE TO CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE COUNTY SCHOOL SYSTEM. THEY DID NOT WISH TO TAKE A POSITION FOR OR AGAINST THE SCHOOL CLOSING.

FORTUNATELY, WE WERE ABLE TO GET KAY POWELL, PRESIDENT OF THE DEVONSHIRE P.T.A., TO SPEAK AT THE MEETING AND SHE UPDATED THE SCHOOL CLOSING STUDY FOR US FROM THE MEETINGS SHE HAD ATTENDED WITH THE SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION.

A QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION FOLLOWED AND A RESOLUTION WAS PROPOSED FOR THE G.D.C.A. TO OPPOSE THE CLOSING OF DEVONSHIRE. THE RESOLUTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED AND IS ATTACHED HERETO.

SEVERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS OF UPCOMING EVENTS WERE MADE.

THESE MINUTES HAVE BEEN PREPARED FROM MEMORY.

RESOLUTION PASSED AT 9-23-75 MEETING

RESOLUTION CONCERNING STUDY TO CLOSE DEVONSHIRE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

- Whereas: Devonshire Elementary School located at Graham Road and Lee Highway and bounded to the east by Devonshire Park which is owned by Fairfax County Park Authority, and
- Whereas: This school serves the entire community of Greenway Downs in addition to the communities of Tyler Park and Devonshire Gardens, and
- Whereas: Fairfax County School Board is now undergoing a study to determine the feasibility of closing Devonshire Elementary School in June 1976, and
- Whereas: Fairfax County School Board proclaims that closing Devonshire will provide a substantial savings to the taxpayer, and
- Whereas: Fairfax County School Board policies have provided for community schools within walking distances of the students' homes, and
- Whereas: A large portion of the Devonshire students now walk to school

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. Greenway Downs Citizens Association opposes such action to close Devonshire Elementary School.
2. Greenway Downs Citizens Association opposes the loss of its community school.
3. Greenway Downs Citizens Association opposes the burning which would be a result in the relocating of children.
4. Greenway Downs Citizens Association opposes the closing of Devonshire Elementary as detrimental to the property values of the community as a whole.
5. Greenway Downs Citizens Association does not feel that evidence supports a substantial tax savings when weighed against the assets and advantages of our community school.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Greenway Downs Citizen's Association

Executive Board Meeting

The October Executive Board meeting was called to order by Randy Myers at his home on October 4, 1975, at 8:20 p.m. The next meeting will be held on October 21. It will be Candidates Night and all the candidates for the November election will be there.

October 18 will be Park Trash Day ~~is~~ from 10 - 12 a.m. The Fairfax County Park Authority will send us a truck to pick up the trash we haul out of the park.

On October 25, the Greenway Downs Park will be dedicated by the Park Authority. Mr. Jim Scott, Providence Supervisor and Mr. Mastenbrook, head of the Park Authority, will be there. Mr. Myers tried to get a band for the occasion but was not successful.

The November meeting will be held on November 18.

On November 22, we will hold a Health Fair at Devonshire School from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. We need two volunteer doctors and several volunteer nurses. The equipment, etc., will be provided by the University of Maryland. It was suggested a nursery be set up. There will be some cost involved. Mrs. Stokes moved that the Association spend up to \$50 on a Health Fair to be held on November 22. Mrs. Mariner seconded it and it was passed unanimously.

The meeting was ~~passed~~ adjourned at 10:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Elouisa S. Stokes

Recording Secretary Pro Tem.

R. MYERS 9-27-76

GREENWAY DOWNS CITIZENS ASSOC. MEETING

OCTOBER 21, 1975

THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT ABOUT 8:15 P.M. WITH A LARGE CROWD IN ATTENDANCE.

THE TOPIC OF THE MEETING WAS A CANDIDATES NIGHT TO INTRODUCE THE CANDIDATES FOR THE PROVIDENCE DISTRICT SUPERVISORS SEAT.

PRESIDENT RANDY MYERS INTRODUCED DEMOCRATIC INCUMBENT JAMES SCOTT, REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE PETER SCOTT, INDEPENDENT CANDIDATE FRANCIS SPEH, INDEPENDENT CANDIDATE HERSCHELL DAVISON II AND INDEPENDENT CANDIDATE THOMAS SCHAAP. ANOTHER INDEPENDENT CANDIDATE JAMES McGRATH II COULD NOT ATTEND.

THE FORMAT OF THE MEETING ALLOWED EACH CANDIDATE TO GIVE A TEN MINUTE SPEECH ON HIS QUALIFICATIONS AND HIS CAMPAIGN PLATFORM. THIS WAS FOLLOWED BY A LIVELY QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION FOR THE CANDIDATES. THE HIGHLIGHT OF THE EVENING WAS THE ANNOUNCEMENT BY JAMES SCOTT THAT HE WOULD HELP OPPOSE THE CLOSING OF DEVONSHIRE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL.

REFRESHMENTS WERE SERVED BY MARY MILLSBACK AFTER SEVERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS OF UPCOMING EVENTS.

THESE MINUTES HAVE BEEN PREPARED FROM MEMORY.

Treasurer's Report
October 21, 1975

Balance last meeting \$ 905.61

Deposits

23.00

sub-total

928.61

Withdrawals

Mary Missback refreshments

6.91

Fairfax County Federation of Citizens Assn.

25.00

Jerry Nettles (The Downs)

50.00

Arthur Stokes (gavel)

9.68

sub-total

91.59

Balance to date

846.92

R. MYERS 10-4-76

GREENWAY DOWNS CITIZENS ASSOC. MEETING
DECEMBER 19, 1975

THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:30 P.M. WITH MANY CHILDREN, SEVERAL ADULTS AND SANTA CLAUS IN ATTENDANCE, UNBERKNOWST TO THE CHILDREN,

THE TOPIC OF OUR MEETING WAS OUR ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY. EACH FAMILY WAS ASKED TO DONATE CANNED FOOD WHICH WAS PRESENTED TO THE FALLS CHURCH FOOD CUPBOARD.

THE DEVONSHIRE JUNIOR GIRL SCOUT TROOP #857 PRESENTED A PROGRAM WHICH INCLUDED A MUSICAL ENSEMBLE OF CAROLS AND THE PLAY "T'WAS THE NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS". "KEVIN THE MAGIC MAKER" PROVIDED FURTHER ENTERTAINMENT AND MADE SANTA CLAUS MAGICALLY APPEAR. SANTA CLAUS LISTENED TO EACH CHILD'S WISHES AND GAVE EACH A TOY OUT OF HIS BAG. THE EVENING CONCLUDED WITH REFRESHMENTS AND A GROUP CHRISTMAS CAROL SING-A-LONG.

THANKS TO MARY MILLSBACK, SHERI BRANDT, MARY MILLER, COL. AND MRS. COOK, PAUL MILLSBACK, ELOUSA AND ART STOKES, TRUDY DINSMOOR, KAREN MARINER, RANDY MYERS AND OTHERS FOR PROVIDING A VERY ENJOYABLE EVENING.

THESE MINUTES HAVE BEEN PREPARED FROM MEMORY

GREENWAY DOWNS CITIZENS ASSOC. PARK DEDICATION

THE GREENWAY DOWNS PARK DEDICATION HAS BEEN RESCHEDULED FOR SATURDAY, NOV. 1ST AT 11:00 AM. PLEASE COME AND SEE OUR LOVELY PARK AND PERHAPS LISTEN TO THE WHITTIER BAND.

HEALTH FAIR

WE HAVE A FEW VOLUNTEERS FOR THE COMMUNITY HEALTH FAIR ON SATURDAY, NOV. 22ND FROM 10:00 AM TO 4:00 PM. HOWEVER, WE NEED MORE. WE ALSO NEED PEOPLE TO CALL NOW FOR APPOINTMENTS. SO FAR, TWO PEOPLE HAVE CALLED. THESE SERVICES ARE NOT CHARITY AND YOUR TAX DOLLARS HAVE HELPED TO PROVIDE THEM SO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THEM. WE CAN ONLY ASSUME FROM THE LACK OF RESPONSE THAT EVERYONE IN OUR COMMUNITY IS EITHER IN PERFECT HEALTH OR ARE AFFLUENT ENOUGH TO AFFORD ALL OF THE TESTS PROVIDED FROM A PRIVATE PHYSICIAN. OUT OF ABOUT 1,000 PERSONS IN OUR COMMUNITY, WE HOPED 200 (THE MINIMUM FOR A HEALTH FAIR) WOULD ATTEND. OTHERWISE, THE FAIR WILL HAVE TO BE CANCELLED OR OPENED TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC.

HELPING HAND

WOULD YOU LIKE TO CONTRIBUTE MEAT, FRUIT AND CANNED GOODS TO A NEEDY DOUBLE AMPUTEE AND HIS WIFE WHO FACE TREMENDOUS MEDICAL BILLS, LACK OF MONEY AND FOOD AND BUREAUCRATIC RED TAPE IN GAINING PUBLIC AID? IF SO, CALL KAREN MARINER 536-1991.

BUSING

DID YOU KNOW THAT SUPT. OF SCHOOLS MR. DAVIS IS NOW SEEKING APPROVAL OF A SCHOOL BUS FARE NEXT YEAR?