

Greenway Downs Citizens Association
General Business Meeting
Devonshire School
May 23, 1978

The meeting began at 8 p.m. and was well-attended. The treasurer's report was read by President Bernie Lucas. She also mentioned the need for contacting residents to inform them of meetings. One or two people on each street are needed to take care of fliers. She said a telephone committee works well for informing people.

The next item of business was the election of officers. A motion was made and seconded that the proposed slate of officers be accepted as presented by Randy Myers of the Nominating Committee. A vote was taken and the motion carried. The new officers are:

President	Bernie Lucas
Vice President	Alfred Thompson
Treasurer	Elling Reich
Recording Secretary	Martha Sowers
Corresponding Secretary	Lois Owens
Federation Delegates	Henry Rodriguez
	Randy Myers
Directors	Michael Arm
	Charles Reynolds

The President then introduced Jim Scott, our representative to the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, as guest speaker. Mr. Scott spoke about a new county program, an improvement program for older neighborhoods such as ours, built before the county required developers to install curbs and gutters. He stated that the community does not have to accept this program but it is available if we are interested. He stressed the flexibility of the program. He said the people on each street can make up their own minds about which improvements they want and which they don't want. It goes on a street-by-street basis. If only one street in a neighborhood wanted to participate, it would be able to do so. As few as 20 contiguous houses can participate.

\$300,000 is now budgeted to start such a program. If demand is large, perhaps a bond referendum could be floated for a county-wide program.

60% of the community must petition for the improvements.

He then introduced Marty Crahan of the County Urban Development Office who explained the program in further detail. Mr. Crahan said the county had been a long time developing the concept and the final proposal was only recently approved by the Board. Neighborhoods which participate who can afford it are asked to bear part of the cost. (Greenway Downs can afford it.) The cost to each property owner is tied to property tax assessments. Payments can be spread out over a ten-year period and paid along with property taxes. Sidewalks, curbs, gutters and driveway

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entrances are improvements for which people can expect to share the cost. Streets and storm drains are paid for by the County.

Mr. Scott emphasized that we are getting first crack at the funds.

There followed a question-and-answer session. A ballpark figure was 10 to 15% of the overall cost, over a ten-year period along with a tax assessment twice yearly. Mr. Crahan loosely quoted the specific cost at \$15 a linear foot for a sidewalk at 6% interest (payable to the County) at \$900 to \$1,000 or \$100 per year; \$50 at each tax assessment time.

As to corner lots, the cost is figured on the street side of the lot to start with; on the long side the County will pay completely 75% of the first 150 feet.

We are to use the Citizens Association to go about getting this aid. The president of the Citizens Association would sign a letter of interest signifying that portions of the community were interested and it would be up to the citizens to develop things as they see fit. The plan would be sent by a committee to the County. The County's staff would go through the civic association. How the project is worked out is then set up by the civic association in subcommittee, street by street through the representatives from each street. It must be presented through the civic association.

A brochure will be made available to the communities that show interest. It will be available in the fall.

The President asked for a show of hands as to how many were interested in some form of improvement. About half raised their hands. Street representatives are as follows:

Marshall St.	Monica Mordin - Frederick Mordin
Greenway Blvd.	Mrs. Keys
Monroe St.	Mr. Sharp or Charlie Reynolds
Summerfield St.	Mrs. Swijter
George Mason Rd.	Randy Myers
Cameron Rd.	Mr. Arm

The meeting ended around 10:30 p.m.

Respectively submitted,

Martha Sowers

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Recording Secretary

GREENWAY DOWNS CITIZENS ASSOCIATION

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SPECIAL BULLETIN

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Next Tuesday, May 23, 1978
Devonshire School Cafeteria
at 8 o'clock

GUEST SPEAKERS:--Mr. James Scott, our
Fairfax County Supervisor
and a representative from the County's
Department of Housing and Community
Development.

FOOTAGE

SUBJECT:--NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (formerly called FRONT ~~BACK~~ IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM) recommended by a Citizens' Task Force, and approved in principle by the County Supervisors. Our representative is Mr. Randy Myers of George Mason Road. Mr. Scott will attempt to have the Board of Supervisors approve funds for the start of the Program Countywide as suggested by the County Supervisors' Citizen Task Force.

THE PURPOSE is to aid in revitalizing older yet stable neighborhoods of predominantly single homes --- Financing to be shared by the homeowners, the County, and the State.

PARTICIPATION in the Program must be initiated by citizen organizations. Residents must prepare a Neighborhood Plan for the Supervisors' approval, must be willing to dedicate rights-of-way and easements, and must be willing to share the cost of such improvements as:-- SIDEWALKS AND TRAILS -- CURBS AND GUTTERS -- DRIVEWAY ENTRANCES -- STORM DRAINAGE SYSTEMS -- ROAD PAVING AND WIDENING -- STREET LIGHTS -- STREETScape IMPROVEMENTS(landscaping, tree planting, etc.)

Cost of SIDEWALKS, CURBS AND GUTTERS, and DRIVEWAY ENTRANCES will be shared by the County and landowners. Cost of other improvements will be financed with public funds. (Virginia Law authorizes the County to assess property owners for part of the cost of certain public improvements.)

A sliding scale has been developed, based on the County's median housing value. The proportion of the owner's cost will vary depending on the average assessed value of housing in the neighborhood where improvements are constructed. On corner lots the County will assume an additional percentage of the cost. Assessments will be entered on County Tax Records, and payments will be due when real estate taxes are due, without penalty if paid by the date the real estate bill is payable without penalty.

Improvements can be undertaken if all landowners with property abutting the improvements sign individual agreements. In the absence of agreements of all owners, the Supervisors can order improvements after receiving a petition signed by at least 60% of the owners---OR by a 2/3 vote of the Board of Supervisors AFTER a public hearing to allow abutting landowners to be heard.

IMPORTANT MEETING next Tuesday, RIGHT?? RIGHT!! WILL YOU BE THERE??

There will also be a short business meeting which will include Election of Officers: Nominees---For President, Bernie Lucas(incumbent)--For Vice President, Alfred Thompson--For Treasurer, Elling Reich(incumbent)--For Recording Secretary, Marty Sowers(incumbent)--For Corresponding Secretary, Lois Owens(incumbent)--Board Members for 3 years, Michael Arm and Charles Reynolds.

(As submitted by Nominating Committee:-- Elling Reich, Chairman,
Elouisa Stokes, and Randall Myers.)

We will discuss plans for our Annual Picnic, sometime in June. Our Annual Outstanding Citizen Award will be presented at a Dinner scheduled for early fall.

I urge you --- everyone --- to attend Tuesday's meeting.

This should be a matter of utmost concern to all of the homeowners in Greenway Downs. The meeting will start at 8---
with our two speakers FIRST on our agenda. Bernie Lucas, President

Executive Committee Meeting
Bernie Lucas' House
June 22, 1978

The president began the meeting at 8 p.m. The secretary read the minutes.

Discussion followed. Someone wondered if the Park Service would replace the missing bridge (washed out by a storm). The burned-out houses were then discussed. The Cameron Road house is to re-open as a health spa. The County seems unable to take action to prevent this. The Winchester Way house lot is for sale. The grass needs to be cut and Bernie Lucas will check with Mrs. Keys to see where the owner is now so that this can be done. *Harper House*

There will be a membership drive in the fall.

The topic of a picnic came up. It was noted that the barbeque grills were missing. The Park Service has taken them to do some work on them but they have been gone for a year. Number to call is 321-7322 after 3:00 p.m. There will be more discussion after July 15. An Awards Dinner will be held this fall.

Eloisa Stokes is getting flack from neighbors about the proposed development of Squirrel Woods under the Park Bond Referendum. The people on Custis Parkway close to the site do not want any more traffic. There are no parking places so a tennis court would not be practical and it would draw too many people into the area. Landscaping and a better sledding hill for children is about all the development they want to see. Eloisa suggested that things for small children be included such as a small log cabin and other play equipment such as is found at Round Tree Park.

Elling Reich wanted to know if the federation dues had been paid.

Mary Millsback mentioned that the Citizens Association used to pay a certain amount of money to the boy scout troop as a form of sponsorship, through 1974, \$10 to \$60 depending on the number of boys. She wondered why this payment had been stopped. (The payment covered gas, electricity, insurance, etc. at the Scout House.) The secretary was asked to check the records to see if paying this bill had been voted down.

The discussion turned to membership. Mary Millsback wondered what would be a new plan to welcome new neighbors. Elling Reich suggested that the chairman of the Membership Drive Committee should attempt to get a person on every street to handle the drive and to have in his possession the necessary complimentary bulletins to give to every new person who moves in on his street. He should meet the new people.

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Randy Myers didn't get some money back that was due him from the Membership Drive. (From helpers?)

As for the Award Dinner, it was suggested that the name of the honoree be published in advance and a special invitation be sent to him.

Respectively submitted,

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