

Greenway Downs Board Meeting  
January 23, 2019 8pm  
Mary Anne Painter's House

Present: Lisa French, Jeff Evans, Jenny Girard, Ranjeet Singh, Iris Trieb, Sara Kelly, Mary Anne Painter, Kevin Swatt

Next board meeting: Tuesday, February 19, 8 p.m.

**Old Business**

-Approved minutes from the last meeting.

**New Business**

**Treasurer's Report**

-The GDCA budget expenditures are slightly under the projected spending for the year. The full report will be available at [www.greenwaydowns.org](http://www.greenwaydowns.org)

-Iris will explore our options for offering on-line payments for future new memberships.

**Greenway Downs Entrance Signs**

-after much consideration regarding both the neighborhood input and the current options in the marketplace for replacing the Greenway Downs entrance signs, the Board voted to replace the sign at the top of Woodlawn and leave the one as it stands on Cavalier.

-the reason for leaving the Cavalier sign for the time being is that VDOT and Falls Church will in the near future re-align the intersection of Cavalier, Maple and Route 29. After the construction is over we can order a matching sign for that location.

-there was some discussion about relocating the Cavalier sign but it currently sits on VDOT land and there was no other place in Greenway Downs that did not either pose a driving hazard or fall on Park Authority land.

-Jenny will send board members a link to the online version of a replacement sign and find out whether the final price includes installation.

-Mary Anne will check Sisler's Stone for the possibility they do stone signs and price it out if they are an option.

**Barriers on the sledding slope in John Mastenbrook Park**

-Last fall, a Greenway Downs resident complained to the Park Authority about the wooden barriers recently erected on the banks in John Mastenbrook Park. In his complaint, the resident pointed out that kids had been sledding there for over 40 years and that the barriers would prevent such activity in the winter. With the residents permission, the Board posted the Park Authority's response to the resident's complaint at [greenwaydowns.org](http://greenwaydowns.org) (first item under John Mastenbrook Park heading) All names involved in the correspondence were redacted.

-the barriers are vexing for many residents in the neighborhood but the Board determined that the Board itself does not have any power over the Park Authority decision making process.

**Park & Stream Update**

-Sara reported that even though the Park Authority still denies outright ownership of the park along the Custis stream bed, we did receive their permission to remove the invasive species choking out the trees. The Park Authority is responsible for picking up the debris piles still there, but have not responded as yet to pick them up.

-in order to garner more help for the park projects in the spring, Sara will draft a letter that we can send to the area scout/youth groups advertising our work project days and the service hours kids can earn for helping.

### **Greenway Downs Annual Meeting Venue and Date**

-the Board will look at different venue options for the Greenway Downs Annual meeting in May.

-Sara will ask the Italian Cafe and the James Lee Community Center for availability and pricing. Though it is difficult to schedule the May meeting this far out precisely, the projected working dates are Monday, May 6, 13 or 20th.

### **Greenway Downs Newsletter and Directory**

-the spring newsletter will be published in late spring and include a flyer to advertise the annual meeting.

-typically Greenway Downs prints a neighborhood directory every two years, and the new one would be this fall. There was some discussion about waiting a year, or printing one this fall as a 3-year directory, but the directory is our cash cow for funds, so we will continue this discussion in February.

### **Greenway Downs Calendar Sales**

-there was some discussion about how to boost sales for the Greenway Downs calendar next year. Some suggestions were to make an 18 month calendar and sell at the Annual Block Party,, create a link so people can order it online rather than Jeff order them in batches, or reduce the number we gave out as prizes/awarded. The board consensus was that the Greenway Downs calendar was a worthwhile project to keep, and we will continue brainstorming at the next meeting.

Submitted by: Sara Kelly