

Greenway Downs Citizens Association Annual Meeting

Wednesday, May 27, 2015
Graham Rd. Elementary School Cafeteria
2831 Graham Rd. Falls Church, VA 22042

Attending Board Members Present:

Bob Mansker	President
Ross Farnham	Vice President
Bruce MacNair	Secretary
Paul Hart	Treasurer
Scot Walker	Member
Ahmed Selim	Member

Upon arrival meeting attendees wrote their name, address and emails on an attendance sheet and picked up membership application forms.

Bob opened the meeting at 7 pm with a brief introduction and presented a slate of incumbent Board members who wished to remain on the slate.

Bob Mansker
Ross Farnham
Paul Hart
Scot Walker

The following nominations to the Board were introduced as follows:

Sara Kelly from West George Mason—with a few remarks about her organization of the WGM neighborhood dinners.

Jenny Girard from Lee Hwy—with a remark that the Board was pleased to finally have a representative from Lee Highway.

Lisa French from Marshall—who had served on a previous Board

Asha Beh of Woodlawn—who was not present

Upon calling for a vote from the membership present, the slate was approved and passed by the membership present.

Scot Walker called for the new board to step out for a few minutes to conduct business, and Sara Kelly called for Mr. Paul Garcia to make his presentation on the Neighborhood Watch Program. Mr. Garcia was a few minutes late, so Mr. Ed Kelly stepped in with a sign-up sheet and solicited some information from the membership until Mr. Garcia took over.

The new Board exercised Article VII, sec. 1 and elected the new officers as follows:

Bruce MacNair	President
Ross Farnham	Vice President
Scot Walker	Treasurer
Sara Kelly	Secretary
Bob Mansker	Member
Paul Hart	Member
Lisa French	Member
Jenny Girard	Member
Asha Beh	Member

The new Board was introduced to the membership and the meeting turned over to Bob Mansker.

Bob Mansker introduced the guest speaker, BJ Frank, Chair of the Speakers Bureau, Fairfax County Master Gardeners Association.

She had a very informative slide-show presentation on such topics as gardening with less effort and using our natural resources more wisely. This included avoiding invasive species, selecting disease resistant varieties to avoid chemicals, and using some very ingenious ways to keep the deer from eating the garden. The presentation was well received and elicited some questions from the audience.

The floor was turned over to Paul Garcia. Mr. Garcia has worked with the Neighborhood Watch Program for many years and spoke about the various ways we keep our neighborhood safe.

- 1 "window watching" i.e. , keeping an eye out for your immediate neighbors, especially when they are away.
2. the fact that residents are out walking their dogs and can report immediate issues using cell phones.
3. walkers and joggers with cell phones.
4. The neighborhood car patrol program. In the past 10 percent of the neighborhood participated, today it is about 1 percent.

Mr. Garcia proposed that each street have one representative to help organize, and he already had one for Summerfield. He was able to garner several more people at the meeting and Sara Kelly told him she would find a way to spread the word to the community. Mr. Garcia is actively seeking a new coordinator for the program.

The floor was opened up for further Community business:

Scot Walker spoke about the commuter issue on the Cavalier Trail end of Greenway Downs. Apparently, Sisler's Stone will not allow its employees to park on the premises, so that puts parking back into the neighborhood. The workers from the construction on the Falls Church side of Lee Highway also park up in Greenway.

Scot listed four options to combat the problem:

1. Call police if cars are parked closer than 15 feet from a corner
2. Approach owners of the businesses at Lee Highway and Cavalier Drive to plant a hedge along the road to keep cars from parking on that side of the street.
3. Turn Cavalier into a one-way street.
4. Begin the process of applying for restricted residential parking, which involves the GDCA writing a letter to the County, a survey, and 6-9 months process.

Sara Kelly shared a Greenway resident concern that some maps show Greenway Blvd as a through street, but in fact it is not. Trucks try to use it as a cut through. There is a fear that when VDOT puts lights on Lee Highway it will impact Greenway. A resident on Greenway followed up to say he had explored the problem at an earlier date but was not able to fix it. Apparently, years ago, there was a small car bridge across the creek, but was torn down and never replaced.

Bob mentioned that VDOT controls all the streets and that it has been a battle to get a commitment from them to re-pave the roads in our community.

There was some discussion about finding Block Captains and work to produce the new 2016 Directory.

A member pointed out that some residents are not users of the internet and do not get any information. Sara Kelly said she was interested in re-establishing a GDCA Newsletter and would personally deliver to any resident who elected not to receive it electronically.

With no further business to discuss, Bob Mansker adjourned the 2015 Annual Meeting of the Greenway Downs Citizens Association.

Submitted by Sara Kelly