

Greenway Downs Citizens Association
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Location: Home of Lisa French
Date/Time: October 9, 2018 8pm

Present:
Lisa French
Jeff Evans
Jenny Girard
Ranjeet Singh
Iris Trieb
Sara Kelly

Treasurer's Report (Jenny)

Old Business

Board approved meeting minutes from September 11th, 2018

Jenny notified Patrick Smaldore, McLean District Station Citizens Advisory Committee Chair and Michael Wing, Providence District aide, Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, that their public information emails which are sent to greenwaydownsinfo@gmail.com are missing the wider audience –i.e. our residents, for whom the information is very relevant. She suggested they try posting this information on Nextdoor. Thus far Mr. Wing has responded, and Jenny will follow up with Mr. Smaldore.

Lisa reported that she responded to those residents who had issues with the dead tree on Woodlawn, the overgrowth, the Cavalier sidewalk and the white boulders. Several of those issues were resolved, and she noted that VDOT owns the median strip down Woodlawn.

Ranjeet said the brush pile on the corner of Summerfield and Custis Parkway was hauled away this week, so the danger to kids and school bus is gone.

Sara reported that the last 2018 bamboo removal process was last weekend. We will pick it up again in the spring. Meantime, the permit from the Park Authority to cut the overgrowth along the creek from Marshall to Cameron is still in process (began the process in June). As of today, after being passed around to many people in different departments, and asking Linda Smyth's office for help, she was referred back to the original person who would not file for the permit without a parcel number. A parcel number that never was, nor will ever be.

Jeff has received a few more pictures for the Greenway Downs Calendar, but needs more. It was noted that if we use pictures from our group events that he seeks permission from parents if their kids are clearly identifiable.

New Business

Item 1

Many residents are upset about the anti erosion barriers that the Park Authority put in the tot lot part of John Mastenbrook Park. Lisa will send an email to determine the Park Authority's planned course of action for the hill before formalizing with a petition.

Item 2

A Greenway Downs resident brought our attention the presence of several advanced aged residents in the neighborhood that might benefit if the community association had some kind of safety monitoring or with a visit with elderly residents program. After much discussion we could not find a way for the GDCA to become involved but did note that we all make an effort to keep an eye out for neighbors in need on our own streets as best we can.

In an effort to at least get some helpful information, Sara will put an article in the spring newsletter about services available to the elderly that others might not be aware of as possible resources when we are trying to help.

Item 3

A resident, whose fence line is on Cavalier Trail between Summerfield and Cameron, is concerned about the many vehicles parking up and down this small portion of Cavalier on the grass along the fence lines because it is causing a safety issue with the kids on the bus stop. Apparently most of the owners of these vehicles work for the businesses on Lee Highway or Summerfield.

Sara proposed that we write a letter to the businesses concerned in a cooperative effort to resolve this safety issue. If the businesses do not want to work with us, we will ask Linda Smyth's office for help.

Item 4

Our streets in Greenway Downs are in sad disrepair. One resident noticed that Marshall from Arlington Blvd has been paved almost to Custis Parkway, so why has Greenway Downs not been paved?

Jenny is following up on the issue by revamping an article she wrote for the newsletter in 2015 explaining how the VDOT repaving system works, and how roads get on the list, and why we never seem to qualify.

Item 5

A resident has had issues with elementary aged kids trespassing on their property, sitting on their car bumpers in the driveway, etc while waiting for the school bus. The resident was soliciting advice about how to best handle this as a good neighbor.

We offered several courses of action. The first was to talk to any of the parents on the bus stop. The second was to contact the school about the bus stop. Sara will follow up with the resident.

No meeting for November or December. Reconvene in January- no date set

Prepared by Sara Kelly

Note: these minutes will be on the agenda for approval at our first Board meeting in 2019.

