

Greenway Downs Citizens Association

Board of Directors Meeting

Location: Home of Lisa French
Date/Time: Wednesday, November 9, 2016

Lisa
French
Kara Klousia
Sara Kelly
Asha Beh
Dana Diaz
Lisa Welde

Old Business:

Board Vote: Approved Board Meeting Minutes dated September 14, 2016

Summerfield Traffic Study

Claire Soliman, on Summerfield, requested that the Board submit the paperwork to order a traffic study on Summerfield.

Lisa F. said she is currently working on getting the paperwork/information from Bruce to effect the traffic study, and she when she does she will sign it and send it on.

Lisa W. lives on Summerfield and will try to keep tabs on the issue because when the county decides what kind of measures the street is eligible for, the residents on the street will have to take charge of the leg work needed for signatures and county meetings.

Falls Church Condo Association/petition

Asha reported that the Falls Chase Condo Association (across Route 29 on the Falls Church side) indicated they were interested in connecting with us over possible common interests, especially Route 29 issues.

If the FCCA invites us to for a informal meeting the Board is open to it.

Asha is their point of contact.

Park Update

Sara reported that quite a bit of bamboo had been cut out of John Mastenbrook Park with volunteers, but that we needed more people to complete the task.

Several suggestions are to reach out to scouting troops because we can offer service hours—and Vine Church offered to help if we gave them enough notice.

Sara's goal is to get the bamboo cut out of the park and then ask the Park Authority to keep it mowed down.

New Business:

Treasurer's Report

Sara presented the treasurer's report for Jenny. Our current balance is \$8,671. The social committee plans to meet November 10 and will send Jenny an accounting for money needed for the December GDCA events.

GDCA relationship with Business community

This is a work in progress and the goal is to coordinate GDCA members in their approach to soliciting business/advertising—Jenny will follow up with Lisa on this issue.

Issues with Next Door

Sara, who is lead on Nextdoor, reported that the community social network has a few issues – including abuse of the airwaves and over use. This drives people away from Nextdoor, and makes the network less useful for the GDCA to use as an informational tool.

Lisa Welde agreed to become a lead. This make three active leads to help resolve flagged issues.

Sara is working with Craig Rozler, the active JV lead, to improve the network.

Kara suggested it might work better for Greenway Downs to separate for Jefferson Village on Nextdoor.

Sara said that JV set up Nextdoor without consulting —and so when the Board took over from Bob- Sara asked JV to add put identity on it —and they did.

Lisa W. said she would find out if it was possible to separate—

Neighborhood crime & safety

Asha followed up on the reports about the pit bull attack on Woodlawn last week. The Board concluded that as the GDCA we cannot really do much except maybe raise awareness about things like leash laws—but the pit bull attack problem was more about Fairfax County budget cuts to animal control—the pit bull in question had already been cited for attack but never removed from the neighborhood, despite citizen complaints.

Asha reported that she witnessed 2 cases of public urination. The first were several young men on Marshall, the second a man aiming near the creek on Custis. She confronted the person on the second occasion, but did not report it.

Overall, other than a rash of recent car break in, reported crime in the neighborhood has remained low.

GDCA Board reorganization strategies

After Bruce Macnair stepped down in September as president and board member-- Sara had contacted Garrette Turner on Winchester because Garrett had indicated to Jenny that she might be interested in serving on the Board.

Sara (does not know Garrette) was not able to talk to her before the meeting.

Several Board members know Garrette and will contact her. If she is willing to serve on the Board, Sara will send her the Board minutes so she can “catch up.”

Board Vote:

All present voted in favor of Lisa French’s suggestion that Kara serve as co-vice president to help alleviate the workload in the absence of a president.

Prepared by Sara Kelly
Amended: Asha Beh 11/13/16