

GDCA Board Meeting Minutes
September 11, 2018
8:00 PM
Home of Lisa French

Attendees:

- Jeff Evans
- Lisa French
- Keven Swatt
- Jenny Girard
- Sara Kelly
- Iris Trieb
- Ranjeet Singh
- Dana Diaz
- Mary Ann Painter

Old Business

Approve minutes from last meeting - Approved

New Business

Treasurer's Report – Jenny

Newsletter Expenses were low, total of five ads from neighborhood businesses. After an analysis/estimate of what the Koozie fundraiser would cost we decided to just go with Newsletter fundraising.

Social Committee update - Sara

Block Party will be rescheduled for September 29 because of the hurricane. The social committee will communicate to the neighborhood through Nextdoor, the listserve and our website. *(note: as of Sept. 13th the Block Party organizers decided not to reschedule due to a better weather forecast)*

Newsletter report – Sara

Newsletter has been given to neighborhood businesses in addition to residents

Park update - Sara

1. Bamboo – We're on track to complete on schedule, dumpster scheduled to be onsite at John Mastenbrook Park. Unfortunately, the dumpster will be there during the block party, but we don't have any control over the dates the dumpster will be there.
2. Letter to Linda Smythe – The goal this summer was to get a permit from the Park Authority to clean out invasive vines along the Custis Parkway streambed. In 1993 our stream/park fell under a federal overlay called a "Resource Protection Area." The PA has to make application to the state, and the application requires a parcel number. That portion of the park never had a parcel number and thus the impasse. Sara is writing a letter to Linda Smythe's office asking them to help us get past this problem so we can proceed.

Reroute county/gov. information that come to our Gmail through Nextdoor – Sara

There are two agencies that are sending their information to the greenwaydownsinfo@gmail.com: the mosaic district planning project and the McLean District Station Citizens Advisory Committee. Ordinarily we are responsible for disseminating this information to Greenway Downs residents, but this is too cumbersome. A member on the board needs to get in touch with each and suggest that they instead post the information on NextDoor as opposed to sending information to greenwaydownsinfo@gmail.com. Jenny has volunteered to write each entity to suggest that they post NextDoor as opposed to emailing the GDCA board.

Submitted questions from Greenway Downs Residents

1. Has there been any discussion on the number of rental properties within Greenway Downs? I'd be curious as to how many there are in GDCA, especially since the general Falls Church/DC area is so transient. Sara will respond to the resident who inquired. The board doesn't have this information readily available but may be able to answer none the less.
2. My question is about the dead tree in the median on Woodlawn and what should be done about that. It is in front of my house at 2818. It has been dead for a year, and probably should be cut down. Another had died a few years before and now just a stump remains. She we/someone attempt to replant another Dogwood there? This tree is on land that is owned by VDOT. Lisa will inform the resident that they may direct their inquiry to VDOT.
3. The median is growing wild and is a mess on parts of the Lee Hwy (North) side of Cavalier. I have cut back a few bushes growing into the road, but is there a plan for this at all? This land is owned by VDOT. Lisa will inform the resident that they may direct their inquiry to VDOT.
4. One other point, the sidewalk on Cavalier is in a very sad state. Vegetation is growing over a lot of it, and there are parts in pretty rough shape. Is there anything to be done about that? This land is owned by VDOT. Lisa will inform the resident that they may direct their inquiry to VDOT.
5. A resident has complained of the white boulders on cavalier trail stating that they cause a visibility issue. Lisa to respond to the resident with a request for a photo so we can be sure we respond appropriately.

General Issues not on Agenda

Brush on Custis between the Summerfield – Ranjeet

Three residents have approached with questions about the brush that is on Summerfield and Custis that is posing a safety concern. The brush is impeding the roadway and someone has now come out and placed cones around it. Kevin will send a photo to Lisa to send to Linda Smythe's office. Ranjeet to send a blurb about the near miss school bus accident so Lisa can inform Linda Smythe.

Next Meeting Scheduled for: October 2, 2018 8:00 p.m.

