

**GDCA Board Meeting
June 24, 2019**

Attendees:

- Sara Kelly
- Scot Walker
- Jennifer Girard
- Pat Powell
- Kevin Swatt
- Ranjeet Singh
- Dana Diaz
- Iris Trieb

May Meeting Minutes: Approved

Welcome returning Board member Scot Walker (Bolling Rd.)

Budget Report and Membership Drive: We haven't raised as much as we have in previous years. Ten percent of the homes in our neighborhood have filled out membership forms. We will take advantage of our upcoming social events to continue to advertise the membership drive.

Greenway Downs Social Calendar

Block Party

- Date: 9/14/2019 4:00 - 6:00 PM
- Rain Date: 9/28/2019 4:00 - 6:00 PM
- Theme: No theme, keeping it simple this year.
- Contact Face Painter: Sara Kelly to contact and book face painter
- Food Truck: Jenny to contact Devin for Food Truck Contracts
- Advertise for Block Help: Sara to advertise the block party on sandwich boards, nextdoor, website, and facebook.

Alternate social event ideas eg. new residents:

- Sleepy Hollow and Westlawn do one of two different new resident options:
 - A regular standing event, either monthly, quarterly, or on a regular basis. The Talk would have a theme or a speaker to talk about something relevant to the neighborhood like invasive species.
 - The neighborhood have an event twice a year, the board comes and everyone on the board invites at least two people to guarantee attendance.
- The board proposes a new neighbor happy hour called "Greenway Downs Welcomes" once on November 6 from 6-8. Each board member is required to bring two people or families to guarantee board representation. Official invitations to be sent to new neighbors.

Senior lunches:

- September 5 at Anthonys--at noon-. Contact Scot Walker at scotwalker2004@yahoo.com for questions.

Timing the Newsletter with Block Party: The newsletter will be issued the first week of September. Scot will write a hungry hippo review.

Directory: Plan to have it go out by October 1, 2019.

National Night Out: August 6

New Supervisor:

The Board plans to invite the new supervisor for a meet and greet at a meeting.

Items sent in by Greenway Downs Residents

Airbnb on Greenway

Two AirBNB code violations are occurring in Greenway Downs. The county code violations office has been contacted and complaints have been filed. The county is currently investigating both violations and working to issue notices to the property owner, who is not a resident of Greenway Downs. If residents believe a short term rental is violating the county restrictions, please use the link below to file a complaint with the county. The board will reach out to neighboring communities about this issue. Once we've communicated and received feedback, we will reach out to the Supervisors office. Code restrictions: <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/code/short-term-property-rental>

Shelves that look unstable in back of Stonescaping

A complaint was brought to the board concerning shelves in the back of the Stonescaping area. A new home cleared trees which now leaves the storage area of the stonescaping business visible to many neighbors on Greenway Blvd. A neighbor is concerned that the shelves are both an eyesore and unstable and could pose a safety hazard. As the stone scaping business is a private business, the board voted to not take action at this time.

Progress Report on May Items

Street light on Woodlawn

The resident who would like a streetlight put in on an existing pole on Woodlawn reported the following: Dominion did a site visit and determined that a light was never installed on the pole in question and suggested she contact her homeowners association or management company about light installation.

Park bench: The park bench may be a good activity for a boy scout group. The board will look into pursuing this as an option.

Update regarding 2770 Winchester by Scot

I contacted the county again (and again ad infinitum) regarding the late David McCall's house on Winchester--being slowly demolished. The problem is that the company owning it sends workers down once or twice every few months and for the next 3 months the property is a danger--with several big holes and a shell of a basement. The Richmond law says that a building permit is good for a year as long as the owners are making progress--which means a company can do "something" for a week or even a few days, and then the year-old building permit seems to be reactivated. In other words it could take literally centuries for this work to be done. Richmond, according to Mike at Linda's office seems to think developers are more important than the folks who live in the neighborhood. These are big holes and one day, a child or dog will fall in.

Route 50 Update by Scot

I checked with Linda's office regarding the sidewalk going up Route 50--wondering why all that money was not being channeled into our local infrastructure. The bottom line is it is Fed and state money and it is not a sidewalk--it is a much-needed (this from a man who has not ridden a bike in over 65 years) bike path from DC through the entire county (at least that's what I understood when I talked to the supervisor's office)

Crime Reports

The Fairfax County Police Department is committed to providing data upon request to residents concerned about crime in their neighborhoods. A representative with the McLean District asked specifically what data we would be interested in. The board has decided to request information on the following:

- Pedestrian/Traffic Incidents
- Vehicle Crash Data
- Gang Activity