

**Holmes Run Acres Civic Association
Board of Directors Meeting
December 12, 2007**



The December 2007 HRACA Board of Directors meeting was hosted by Ann Johnson and was called to order by President Ann Johnson at 8:20 p.m.

Attending: Norm Atkins, Mia Gardiner, Ann Johnson, Renée Klein, Brenda Mantz, Cindy Roy, Victoria Schillinger.

Not Attending: Steve Biver, Peg Daley, Marybeth Gardiner, Michael Jaworek, Catherine Johnston, Barbara Karro, John Mantz, Eric Reuter, Chris Rupp, Dave Smith, Rod Smith, Kim Stewart.

President's Report

Ann Johnson reported that she has been corresponding with Jeff Regan, head of Gang Prevention for Fairfax County. He took a look into the graffiti report and at traffic stops in and around Holmes Run Acres but hasn't found any patterns of gang activity. He is open to hosting neighborhood meetings or an information session on the gang prevention topic.

In regards to the recent Fairfax County real estate data collection effort, Ann Johnson spoke to a Mr. Greenleaf, the Supervisor of Tax Data with Fairfax County. He said this surveying is done once every six years and was very open to hearing thoughts on how to improve the process and the communication leading up to the survey.

Ann also received a call from Linda Smyth's office regarding potential upcoming expansion proposals for the mental health facility on Woodburn. She wanted to give Ann a heads up and also invited a member of the Board or neighborhood to her office's annual holiday party to be held December 18 from 3-5 p.m.

Secretary's Report.

November minutes were approved with an edit to the Treasurer's report. Correct amount collected for the Directory advertisements as of the November minutes was \$2,560.

Treasurer's Report

\$3,920 has been collected year to date for the Directory ads which is \$875 off the budgeted number. Membership revenues were \$200 off the budgeted number (10 fewer home memberships collected than in 2006). Year to date income is \$11,696 and year to date expenses are \$10,122. Treasurer to give \$800 to Cindy Roy who is the Board Member heading up the Needy Kids holiday project through Woodburn School.

A motion was made and passed to accept the Treasurer's report as presented.

Standing Committee Reports

- **Civic Affairs Committee**
No report.
- **Community Facilities Committee**
Dave Smith and Eric Reuter are working together on neighborhood road repair/resurfacing efforts.

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- **Membership and Hospitality**
No report.
- **Programs and Social**
No report. International Dinner is the next community event and will be held in the spring.
- **Youth Activities**
Santa visited 10 homes in the Acres on Saturday, December 8. Activities were coordinated by Kim Stewart and John Mantz was fully into character and even had parents submit “secrets” that would make the visits extra special. Kim suggests hosting an all ages bowling event before spring.

Ad Hoc Committee Reports

- **Community for All Ages**
No report.
- **Emergency Preparedness**
Mia Gardiner reports that she has made contact with Jim Person from Fairfax County and found out that we do have reverse 911 service in the county. This service sends a call via telephone lines out to the community in the event of an emergency. Mia is also looking into the possibility of hosting a Citizens Corp presentation/information session in the neighborhood. The idea of having an arborist come speak to the neighborhood was also discussed given the winter weather and the potential danger from trees falling.
- **Historic Preservation**
Information about historic plaque design will be posted to *The Runner*.
- **Successfully Changing Your Home**
The color PDF file has been posted to the website. Discussion occurred about printing options and costs. Final suggestions to be submitted to committee who developed guide for their decision.

Other Reports

- **Directory**
57 ads were secured for the Directory this year under the leadership of Norm Atkins. There are a few outstanding payments yet to come in. Denna Affholder is busy doing the lay out and design of the Director. Thanks to Norm, Denna and everyone on the Board and neighborhood who helped with the HRA Directory ad sales efforts.
- **Needy Family Project**
Cindy Roy is heading up efforts for HRA to support the Needy Kids/Family Project. She reports that HRA is donating \$800 and will be purchasing gift cards (the suggested/requested gift by the school) to be presented to needy families with children attending Woodburn School.
- **Federation of Civic Associations**
No report.
- **Historian**
No report.
- **Providence District Council**
No report.

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- **Runner**

Brenda Mantz reported that January 9th is the Winter Holiday Runner deadline. The topic is "Green Acres," and there has been a lot of interest so far in this environmentally friendly name.

- **Website/Listserv**

No report.

Old Business

- None.

New Business

- Discussions were had around hosting a neighborhood event that is kid-focused, such as a sleep-over during the International Dinner night or a camp-out in Luria Park. Ideas will continue to be discussed given the increasing number of children in the neighborhood.

Meeting called to a close at 9:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Victoria Schillinger
Secretary