

**Holmes Run Acres Civic Association
Board of Directors Meeting
February 7, 2007**



The February 2007 Board of Directors meeting was hosted by Amy and Mark Eggers and was called to order at 8:10 p.m.

Attending: Betty Cagley, Peggy Daley, Amy Eggers, Mark Eggers, Mia Gardiner, Vicki Hancock, Bob Harris, Patience Herren, James Hoofnagle, Michael Jaworek, Ann Johnson, Catherine Johnston, Renée Klein, Brenda Mantz, Joe Ponte, Victoria Schillinger.

Not Attending: Norm Atkins, Chris Rupp, Barbara Karro.

President's Report

No report. However, Brenda Mantz notified the Board that she will be going off the Board at the end of the term and that the Board should begin thinking about nominating a new President.

Secretary's Report

There was a motion made to accept the January minutes with a correction to the attendee list.

Treasurer's Report

Renée Klein reported that between November 20 and February 7 we collected \$760 in advertising and \$440 in membership monies. The CD matures on February 17, but there will be no change made.

Standing Committee Reports

• **Civic Affairs**

Joe Ponte reported that on February 6 federal transit officials stated that the Commonwealth of Virginia has until May 2008 to submit a plan on the extension of the Metrorail to Dulles. The Governor will re-evaluate taking the plan from four miles of elevated track to an underground tunnel out to Dulles. The state could still qualify for federal funds if its final plans and pricing are filed by May 8, 2008.

Although adding the tunnel to the plans could result in a delay of 6-18 months, supporters of the tunnel argue that cost escalations caused by the delay are not an issue since the underground line would cost no more, if not less, than the elevated rail. Governor Kaine has six more weeks in which to make a decision regarding switching plans and still be eligible for \$900 million in federal funding.

• **Community Facilities**

No report.

• **Membership and Hospitality**

Amy Eggers reported that over 500 Directories (two per household) have been distributed to Area Heads along with the *Winter Runner*. There is a flier included with the *Runner* for mulch sales for Falls Church High School. Directory advertisers will get a copy of their ads but not a copy of the Directory in order to protect private contact information of HRA residents.

• **Community and Social**

Michael Jaworek reported the following dates for spring events: International Dinner on March 10, Easter Egg Hunt on March 7, Spring Clean-up and Yard Sale on May 5, HRA Civic Association

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Annual Meeting on May 16, and House and Garden Tour on May 19. The tour will be held every year now instead of every other as in the past. There was a suggestion that we consider co- or cross-promoting our House and Garden Tour with another local mid-twentieth century contemporary community, Pine Springs, which was built by the same builders as HRA.

Ad Hoc Committee Reports

- **Community for All Ages**
No report.
- **Emergency Preparedness**
Mia Gardiner reported that the January EPG meeting was not held, but she is attempting a February meeting to include the Fairfax County Emergency Preparedness contact as a guest. A copy of the Fairfax County Safety Warnings has been posted to the listserv.
- **Historic Preservation**
The group discussed making contact with realtors who work in the area and neighborhood to get the word out regarding Holmes Run Acres' designation as a historic district.
- **Successfully Changing Your House**
Writing for the publication is complete; however, the committee is working on additional photos and sketches that will improve the visual appeal of the piece.

Other Reports

- **Federation of Civic Associations**
Ann Johnson attended the January meeting in Betty Cagle's place. The deputy superintendent of Fairfax County Schools, Dr. Richard Monluszky, and the CFO, Janet Oleszek, made presentations. The proposed budget for Fairfax County Schools was handed out in the January meeting and represents more than 50% of the count's general fund expenditures. A bond has been approved for renovations to Woodburn Elementary School.

The Federation also discussed photo red lights. The Federation is against their use and supports the return of the photo red light legislation because it includes a clause that gives communities the option of implementing at their discretion.

The next meeting is February 15 at Spring Hill Elementary, and the topic will be growth.
- **Historian**
No report.
- **Providence District Council**
Ann Johnson reported that the January meeting topic was homelessness in Fairfax County. Representatives from Reston Interfaith Shelter as well as from the Fairfax County Health Department were in attendance and presented a plan to end homelessness in Fairfax County within ten years. A link to the website to review the plan can be found in the Winter *Runner* article written by Ann Johnson.

Upcoming issues for the zoning committee are limiting the size and length of time that a portable storage unit can be used in residential neighborhoods and limiting the length of time that a house can be in construction.

Mia Gardiner will be hosting a tea on February 23 for the 20 original Holmes Run Acres neighbors still living in the Acres in order to facilitate their involvement in the Provident Perspective project.

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Charlie Harris will be attending the March meeting of the Holmes Run Acres Board.

- **Runner**

Vicki Hancock reported that the Winter issue has been distributed to Area Heads. The Board discussed potential themes for the Spring issue, and Board members were asked to continue to help recruit submissions for the *Runner*, especially from new residents.

- **Website/Listserv**

Brenda Mantz will be checking in with Mary David in order to ensure that the neighborhood website is up-to-date given that it will be provided in an article in the Providence District March newsletter.

Old Business

- None.

New Business

- Board elections are coming up, and the Vice President asked for volunteers to participate in finding interested Board members for the next term or for counting ballots.
- Ann Johnson received a call from Linda Smyth's office and was asked to write an article about Holmes Run Acres. The article is 500 words and will appear in the Providence District's March newsletter. The HRA website is mentioned.

Bob Harris is unable to host the March Board meeting, so Mia Gardiner offered to host on March 7. The meeting was called to close at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Victoria Schillinger
Secretary