

**Holmes Run Acres Civic Association
Board of Directors Meeting
May 2, 2007**



The regular May 2007 HRACA Board of Directors meeting was hosted by Bob Harris and was called to order at 8:10 p.m.

Attending: Norm Atkins, Peggy Daley, Mia Gardiner, Bob Harris, Patience Herren, Ann Johnson, Renée Klein, Brenda Mantz, Chris Rupp.

Not Attending: Betty Cagley, Amy Eggers, Mark Eggers, Vicki Hancock, James Hoffnagle, Michael Jaworek, Catherine Johnston, Barbara Karro, Joe Ponte and Victoria Schillinger.

President's Report

This is the last meeting that Brenda will preside over, and she wishes to thank the Board. She enjoyed serving as President, but wished she could have done more in getting community volunteers.

Secretary's Report.

Wrong spelling of Daley changed. Renée wanted to make it clear that she would coordinate the black-and-white printing of the *Successfully Changing Your House* publication, but not the color version. The prices were for a two-color printing. Motion moved to accept April's minutes with corrections was seconded and approved.

Treasurer's Report

Final report passed out. Tonight was the end of the fiscal year. Motion moved to accept Treasurer's report was seconded and approved unanimously.

Standing Committee Reports

• **Civic Affairs**

Fairfax Board of Supervisors held a secret meeting regarding extension of rail. Ann will e-mail us to keep us informed of further developments.

Gypsy moth spraying is coming to the neighborhood and the spraying will not harm skylights. There will be some spraying from above and some from a truck.

GMU Center for analysis predicts by 2030 there will be 72,900 new jobs in Northern Virginia.

• **Community Facilities**

Discussion of Problems with reflectors at Gallows--too much foliage, can see them in only one direction. Norm will look into this about what can be done to make turns safer.

Yard Sale: Catherine has done a fantastic job on the signs and getting ads in the Post and on www.Craigslist.com. Dot Almassy and Dot Lewis did a nice job getting addresses, making a map, and handing it out. Map can be gotten at Dot Almassy's house.

• **Membership and Hospitality**

No report.

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- **Programs and Social/Youth Activity**

May 19th is the House and Garden Tour. Patience, Brenda, Kim Meminger, and Colleen Brewer are working on recruiting people to put their houses and gardens on the tour.

Ad Hoc Committee Reports

- **Community for All Ages**

No report.

- **Emergency Preparedness Committee**

No report. Trying to set up meeting with County to update. Virginia Tech's county did not have a plan in place.

- **Historic Preservation Committee**

Discussion of plaques for houses and entrances to the Acres and what the cost would be. Also, about contributing and non-contributing (altered and no longer have original architectural features, though they may be attractive) houses and plaques. Maybe have plaque for historic houses and another one that says in the historic district. Upper Executive Avenue is not in the historic district. Chris would like to get the committee going again since he is the only member.

- **Successfully Changing Your Home**

Keith strongly urges that the publication be printed in color for maximum effect. There is the question of funding for color printing. If the Board would provide \$2,000, Keith would do fundraising to get the other \$2,000 needed. Presently there is \$1,200 allocated in the current budget. The \$2,000 would be in the next year's budget.

A motion was made to approve \$2,000 from the treasury and endorse fundraising spearheaded by Keith to be able to print 500 copies in color. Motion moved, seconded, and approved unanimously.

Maybe later the Board can approve money to print extra copies. Renée was thanked for offering to coordinate printing of black-and-white copies. Publication and fundraising will be pitched at the annual meeting. Get information on listserv and hand out fliers before then.

Other Reports

- **Directory**

No Report

- **Federation of Civic Associations:**

No report.

- **Historian**

The Runner is 55 years old and some items from the archives are falling apart and need preservation. Vivian suggested that \$500 be set aside as a donation to this project. Historic Preservation Committee was asked if they would like to help. Chris said he would like to wait until they finish the current project and get the committee going again. Then they would consider Vivian's suggestion.

- **Providence District Council**

No report.

Motion made to authorize representative of HRACA to attend meeting of Board of Supervisors and note that HRACA strongly supports competitive bidding and tunnel option for rail extension. Motion seconded and approved with one opposed.

Ann will attend meeting.

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- **Runner**

No Summer Runner. Brenda is editor for the Fall and looking for a co-editor to handle the technical stuff. The volunteer does not have to be on the Board.

- **Website**

No report.

Old Business

There was confusion in the past minutes about the language in the motion about the cell tower.

Motion moved that the Board endorse the effort by HRARA to get a cell tower. Motion seconded, and approved with one abstention.

It is expected that some in the neighborhood will object

New Business

- Annual Meeting: Both Charlie Hall (talking about development in the District) and Lynda Smyth (addressing HOT lanes) will attend. Both are running for District Supervisor. They were told that their talks cannot be political. Awards for Distinguished Citizen and Community Service will be presented.

- HRA Street Paving: No response from Kevin Thomas who was contacted in September 2006. HRACA asked to be put on the schedule for paving in 2008. Norm will follow through on this.

- CD matures May 17th.

Motion moved, seconded, and unanimously approved to roll over CD.

Meeting called to a close at 10:10 p.m.; motion made, seconded, and unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Peggy Daley
Secretary