

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

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The November 2007 Board of Directors meeting was hosted by Mia Gardiner and was called to order by President Ann Johnson at 8:10 pm.

**Attending:** Kim Stewart, Mia Gardiner, Steve Biver, Norm Atkins, Ann Johnson, Victoria Schillinger, Cindy Roy, Peg Daley, Brenda Mantz, John Mantz, Catherine Johnston, Renée Klein, Rod Smith, Mary Beth Gardiner, and Dave Smith.

**Not Attending:** Michael Jaworek, Barbara Karro, Chris Rupp, Eric Reuter.

**Guest:** New neighbor.

**President's Report**

Ann Johnson reported that she sent an email to Neil Arnold, the Gang Prevention unit of Fairfax County Police regarding the possible gang graffiti found recently in Luria Park. Ann says we may be able to host an information session in the community regarding gang prevention. Ann also sent an email to Principal Chapman at Woodburn School making her aware.

In regards to the recent Fairfax County real estate data collection effort, Ann Johnson asked Linda Smyth why we weren't notified of this effort before the surveyors came to the neighborhood. Linda Smyth is looking into the matter.

**Secretary's Report**

October minutes were approved with minor edits.

**Treasurer's Report**

\$3500 in Directory advertisements has been collected so far which means we are short of last year's revenue number by more than \$1,000. \$5,180 was collected in the Membership Drive (260 homes) which is about 10 homes short of last year. Scott Birkhead will need new Day/Night Watch signs which will come out of Civic Affairs Committee budget. Renee Klein also asked about renewing the membership with the Federation of Civic Associations and it was decided that we would renew. Brenda Mantz reminded the Treasurer to send a check to United Methodist for the International Dinner. A motion was made and passed to accept the Treasurer's report as presented.

**Standing Committee Reports**

• **Civic Affairs**

John Mantz suggested that the Board put out an email to the neighborhood asking for neighborhood volunteers to attend the Providence District and the Federation of Civic Association meetings. Peggy Daley volunteered to attend the Federation meetings if she can find a ride to the meetings. As a point of note, 30% of Providence District registered voters came out to vote in this week's local election. John Mantz will consider writing an email or a *Runner* article describing some of the diverse county programs and meetings available for neighbors to take part in.

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- **Community Facilities**

Dave Smith has written a letter to the county in order to attempt to get short term road repairs made and a longer term road repair plan underway for HRA.

- **Membership and Hospitality**

Steve Biver reports that 260 household memberships have been collected in this years membership drive including 12 new families this year. Some past members may have been lost due to the number of houses on the market. Terry Cole has been added as a new block host. A big thanks to Steve for running this year's membership drive and to the Block and Area Leaders for their role in the materials distribution and membership drive.

- **Community and Social**

No report.

- **Youth Activities**

Santa Visits will be scheduled for Saturday, December 8th. About 25 children took part in the Halloween Parade despite the weather. The ice skating party will be taken off of the schedule given the poor turnout. Other youth activity ideas are open for discussion.

### **Ad Hoc Committee Reports**

- **Community for All Ages**

No report..

- **Emergency Preparedness**

The EPG had a table at Day in the Park. Mia Gardiner encourages Board members and community members to join Fairfax County CEAN (community emergency alert network). Mia is also checking with the county in order to find out more about potential use of reverse 911.

- **Historic Preservation**

No report.

### **Other Reports**

- **Federation of Civic Associations**

Peggy Daley will attend the next meeting as long as she can find a ride.

- **Historian**

Vivian Smith brought some of the architectural articles from through the years as well as the first few Runners for Board members to review.

- **Holmes Run Directory**

We have received payment for 32 ads so far. There were about five Directory ad cancellations this year. Chris Rupp and Norm Atkins have been diligently following up on leads for service providers and encourage all neighbors to bring ideas regarding service providers they've been happy with and who would want to advertise in HRA.

- **Needy Family Project**

The last documented needy family effort involved charitable contribution to three organizations/ programs. Cindy Roy is getting started with her plans for the 2007 project and will decide with the Board's involvement what this year's contribution and charities will be.

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- **Providence District Council**

Rod Smith is unable to consistently attend the Providence District Council meetings which are usually Tuesday nights. Rod will work with other Board members in order to find back up.

- **Runner**

Brenda Mantz and Mary Beth Gardiner reported that the holiday *Runner* should be out soon after Thanksgiving. Santa Visits will be advertised via the listserv and also in the *Runner*. All *Runner* articles need to be submitted by November 11.

- **Website/Listserv**

No report.

### **Old Business**

- None.

### **New Business**

- Norm Gottlieb contacted Catherine Johnston in order to suggest that she be the liaison between HRACA and HRARA regarding the cell phone tower matter and other items that arise with HRARA. It has been determined that the tower would not have an impact on the historic designation. Catherine brought a very extensive report for the Board's review which was completed by Baxter Consultants and includes a history of the HRA area as well as pictures showing the height of the tower. A motion was made and accepted to appoint Catherine Johnston as the liaison between HRACA and HRARA.

The meeting was called to close at 9:56 p.m. Next meeting is December 5<sup>th</sup> at Ann Johnston's house.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Victoria Schillinger  
Secretary