

**Holmes Run Acres Civic Association
Board of Directors Meeting
October 3, 2007**



The October 2007 Board of Directors meeting was hosted by Cindy Roy and was called to order by President Ann Johnson at 8:10 pm.

Attending: Kim Stewart, Steve Biver, Norm Atkins, Ann Johnson, Victoria Schillinger, Michael Jaworek, Cindy Roy, Peg Daley, Barbara Karro, Chris Rupp.

Not Attending: Mia Gardiner, Catherine Johnston, Dave Smith, John Mantz, Mary Beth Gardiner, Rod Smith, Renée Klein.

President's Report

No report.

Secretary's Report

September minutes were approved with minor edits. July minutes to be approved at the November meeting.

Treasurer's Report

No report..

Standing Committee Reports

- **Civic Affairs**
No report.

- **Community Facilities**
Eric Reuter reports that preliminary quotes for neighborhood entrance signs have come in between 2K and 8K. Eric reports that we could do repairs to the current signs instead of replacing if cost is an issue. The letters on the sign are in decent shape.

- **Membership and Hospitality**
There were about 28 attendees to the Block and Area Leader Appreciation Tea. Thanks to Mia Gardiner and Steve Biver for co-hosting and to Gina Biver, Ann Johnson and Catherine Johnston for bringing treats to go along with the six types of tea served. We've collected 20% of neighborhood so far for HRA Membership drive. October 20th is the deadline.

- **Community and Social**
Michael Jaworek has one sun canopy lined up but is trying to get another for Day in the Park. Michael will get food supplies and George Cox will work the grill. Plug-in for band will be out of Eric Reuter's house. John Mantz to use his truck to pick up tables and chairs but needs a few volunteers to help unload. The band is Honky Tonk Confidential and first set to start at 1:00. Canine competition to be led by Brenda Mantz. Pies for pie competition should be brought to the info table. Norm will get straw and set up the money in the straw game at 3:00. Volunteers are needed for cleanup around 4:30, and a few coolers are needed for drinks. Bring books and DVDs to contribute to book sale.

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- **Youth Activities**

Kim Stewart to set up face painting area but still looking for a volunteer to do the face painting. There will also be kids games. Town Hall Meeting with Principal of Woodburn School will be held Wed, October 10th at 7:30 in the cafeteria.

Ad Hoc Committee Reports

- **Community for All Ages**

Barbara Karro gave background information on Community for All Ages to bring new members up to speed on this Committee and its purpose. Brenda will research three communities that have a mission to age in place and efforts will go toward re-energize this Committee.

- **Emergency Preparedness**

The EPG Committee hosted a September meeting with Jim Person and Ellen Kamilakis from the Fairfax County Office of Public Affairs, Emergency Management. Information on county emergency services will be available at the membership table at Day in the Park. Mia Gardiner suggested hosting these representatives to speak about the Citizens Corps and other county programs for the HRA Annual Meeting agenda.

- **Historic Preservation**

No report.

Other Reports

- **Federation of Civic Associations**

No report.

- **Historian**

Vivian Smith could not find any pictures of past HRA neighborhood entrance signs. She did uncover pictures of neighborhood homemade street signs that were in use until 1957 when the county started producing street signs. Vivian has also checked with Fairfax County in order to determine whether we could store some of our HRA historic items in the Virginia Room of the library. Vivian will pick this discussion back up in February once the library move is complete.

- **Holmes Run Directory**

Norm Atkins will be leading the Directory ad sales again which is what pays for the *Runner* and the Directory printing. Norm has a list of current advertisers for distribution to Board members for help with ad renewals and solicitations.

- **Providence District Council**

Rod attended the recent Providence District meeting which discussed the Merrifield Town Center development. This is to occupy 36 acres of land behind the current movie theatre location. Ground will be broken in 2008. The project is scheduled to finish by 2013 and will be modeled after Shirlington. Concern of the meeting was how to blend office/retail/residential which the developer has agreed to focus on; however, he felt that this is limited by the market. The project will be 4- or 5-story condos with the movie theatre being relocated to the back of the property. There will be 2 small parks within property. Whole Foods has been contacted, and the developer wants a hotel to be included on the property.

- **Runner**

No report but please submit November *Runner* articles.

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- **Website/Listserv**
No report.

Old Business

- None.

New Business

- Cindy Roy has volunteered to lead the Needy Family Project. A motion was put forth and passed to appoint Cindy.
- President Ann Johnson also brought up a neighborhood suggestion that we proactively promote HRA. This topic will be more fully discussed at the next meeting.

The meeting was called to close at 9:36 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Victoria Schillinger
Secretary