

**Holmes Run Acres Civic Association
Board of Directors Meeting
August 6, 2008**



The August 6, 2008, Board of Directors Meeting was hosted by Steve Biver and called to order at 8:10 pm.

Attending: Ann Johnson, John Mantz, Bill Schenck, Scott Birkhead, Janet Schreiber, Steve Biver, Carrie Schorri, Mary Beth Gardiner and Peggy Daley.

Not Attending: Michael Jaworek, Barbara Karro, Cindy Roy, Catherine Johnston, Brenda Mantz, Rod Smith, Betsy Boynton (alternate), Norm Atkins, Renee Klein, Mia Gardiner, Dave Smith, Cathy Cox and Paul Kulwatno.

President's Report

Two women ostensibly selling magazine subscriptions took up most of Ann's time. Many in the neighborhood thought that Neighborhood Watch should call police. A witness needs to make that call. Some neighbors said that they called the non-emergency number for the police but were not taken seriously. Ann finally did get through and the police came to talk to her. If this happens again, we should ask for them to show their solicitor's license and if they do not have one it is a scam. Notify police on the non-emergency number of the appearance of vendors without licenses.

Secretary's Report.

A motion to approve the June minutes was made by Bill and seconded by John. The vote was unanimous. Bill took the July minutes and with the exception of some typos the motion to accept the minutes was made by John and seconded by Peggy. The vote for approval was unanimous with correction of typos.

Treasurer's Report

No report. Cindy and Renee have met and Renee was going to hand over the books to Cindy. Neither could attend this meeting.

Standing Committee Reports

- **Civic Affairs**

No report.

- **Community Facilities**

Scott gave us an update. There were several sink holes on Holmes Run Drive that were fixed the day after being reported. Re: the potholes in the streets, Dave wrote a letter on July 23rd with a map detailing the areas of concern and received a response on July 27th from VDOT saying they will inspect the roads and get back to him. National Night Out was a big success with 25 people attending. Police did not come this time.

- **Membership and Hospitality**

Membership drive will begin on September 1st. Steve passed around the new membership form. It has 2 sides. It is much condensed and easier to read. A flier will also will be enclosed about

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membership in the community. They are trying to get the Runner and membership drive coordinated so they can let people know about coming membership drive. A question was brought up about the pet registry and it was suggested that the form be put on-line. The checks for membership will go directly to the treasurer this time. Sign replacement donations should be separated from the membership fees. The board and volunteers will make follow up calls to those who were previously members but did not join this time.

- **Programs and Social/Youth Activities**

Day in the Park will be announced on the back of the next *Runner* plus a flier about it will be put out. Renee will do the Day in the Park flier this time, but will not be able to do it in the future. Halloween will be the next youth activity.

Ad Hoc Committee Reports

- **By-Law Revision Committee**

No report.

- **Community for All Ages**

No report.

- **Emergency Preparedness**

No report. The committee is still looking at the issue of a traffic light at Hemlock and Gallows.

- **Historic Preservation**

The committee is focusing on replacing the old signs now. Janet and Paul will co-chair the committee.

- **Neighborhood Enhancement Partnership Program**

A flier was sent to the community re: an upcoming charette (a collaborative session in which a group of designers drafts a solution to a design issue. They serve as a way to quickly generating and reaching consensus while integrating the aptitude and interest of a diverse group of people) to be held on August 17th at Catherine Johnston's house unless a larger venue is necessary. An announcement of the availability of a grant from Fairfax County for this purpose was included. Linda Smyth, our Providence District Supervisor notified HRA about a Fairfax County Neighborhood Enhancement Program which could provide an opportunity for a grant of up to \$5,000. We much match the funds for whatever amount we request and must contribute 25% of the matching funds in the form of volunteer labor to quality for the grant. In order to qualify for this grant we must agree on a design and construction materials, get price quotes and board approval by September.

Other Reports

- **Federation of Civic Associations**

Meetings will resume in September, no summer meetings.

- **Holmes Run Directory**

The committee will begin working on ads for the directory. Haleh will be taking over the Directory. Norm will write down and pass on the information to Haleh. He has done this for such a long time that he has a great deal of information that would be difficult to pass on verbally.

- **INOVA Land Use Committee**

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- **Runner**

The Runner is to be out any day now; the membership drive will be mentioned.

- **Website/Listserv**

Minutes will now be put on the HRA website in a PDF file.

New Business

Steve has talked to Mia about the Block Head tea and she will get back to him. Everyone seems to enjoy the teas and Mia does a very nice job.

Adjourned

Adjournment of meeting was at 9:15 pm. Motion made by Janet and seconded by Scott. Vote is unanimous to adjourn. Next meeting is September 10, 2008 at 8:00 pm. The host is to be announced.

Minutes respectfully submitted by

Peggy Daley, Secretary