

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

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The February 6, 2008 Board of Directors Meeting was hosted by President Ann Johnson and called to order at 8:15 pm.

**Attending:** Norm Atkins, Steve Biver, Peggy Daley, Mary Beth Gardiner, Mia Gardiner, Ann Johnson, Catherine Johnston, Brenda Mantz, John Mantz, Eric Reuter, Cindy Roy, Chris Rupp, and Dave Smith.

**Not Attending:** Michael Jaworek, Barbara Karro, Renée Klein, Victoria Schillinger (who had a baby boy 12/31/07), Rod Smith, Kimberli Stewart (who had a baby girl 1/19/08).

**Guest:** Vivian Smith, Historian.

**President's Report**

No report.

**Secretary's Report.**

Mark and Amy Eggers and Jim Hoofnagle are no longer Board members. Catherine made a motion to accept corrected minutes and Steve seconded. Vote unanimous.

**Treasurer's Report**

In January, the Board voted to send George Jenkins' family \$50. It was paid from the Association treasury. Friendship United Methodist Church was paid for the International Dinner of 2007. The pastor of the church granted the use of the church for the upcoming Town Meeting with the arborist, the International Dinner, and for this year's Annual Meeting on May 21<sup>st</sup>. He said a donation was optional, but will check with Renée about donations in past years.

**Standing Committee Reports**

• **Civic Affairs**

John Mantz reviewed the Providence Report regarding federal transit authority that balked at paying for the Dulles Metrorail project. FTA cap was \$900,000. Gerry Connolly wrote a letter to the Federal Transit Authority asking the agency to reconsider the decision, citing how Tyson's area was the largest employer in the nation. The issue of above ground rail to Tyson's is not dead yet, but may have to wait until after this year's elections. The process would then begin again. Carroll workshop is coming up on how to improve parks. 211 is the new number to dial for social services. The council is also involved in global warming.

• **Community Facilities**

Catherine Johnston reported that on March 26, 2008 Stuart Bunn, an arborist, will speak with the community about caring for trees. Flier to be sent out with *The Holmes Runner*. Bunn needs a PowerPoint projector. Does anyone have one? Dave has been busy on the web and in the library regarding trees. He wants us to think of questions for the arborist. Dave found that arborists throughout the country have differing opinions.

• **Membership and Hospitality**

No report.

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- **Programs and Social/Youth Activities**

March 22 will be the Easter Parade followed by the Easter Egg Hunt. Norm is to be the rabbit. Eggs will be hidden down at the park about 10:00 am. Children will gather at entrance and be separated by age to allow for degree of difficulty in finding the eggs. Need volunteers to stuff the plastic eggs, take them to the park, and hide them. Norm will get in touch with Kimberli to start the process.

International Dinner will be on March 8 from 7:30 pm to 9:00 pm. Cocktail parties beforehand at Board members' homes. Music by Siobhan Quinn and Michael Bowers. Silent auction will be organized by Brenda. Think of items you can offer.

### Ad Hoc Committee Reports

- **By-Law Revision Committee**

Catherine Johnston. No report

- **Community for All Ages**

No report. Barbara's mother died recently, and she hopes to become more involved now.

- **Emergency Preparedness**

No committee meetings lately, no new ideas. County website good for updates. Suggestions of special needs registry for helping those during an emergency – maybe a reverse 911?

- **Historic Preservation**

Chris suggested a plaque contest from people in the neighborhood. Someone with metal working experience would be good. There is to be an article in the new *Runner* about this. Once the home plaques are designed, think about the size of the signs for the entrance to HRA. Auction at International dinner will help raise the money for the plaque design. Give people pieces of paper to give opportunity to let imagination run free on designs. (Letterhead was designed by 4-5 people at the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner.) Catherine sent out letterhead and will try to get logo copyrighted. Mia made a motion to get current logo copyrighted. Mary Beth seconded and votes unanimous for motion.

### Other Reports

- **Federation of Civic Associations**

The January meeting was cancelled due to bad weather. No report.

- **Historian/Archivist**

Vivian Smith needs help with sorting through all the material she has. She is running out of room. *Runners*, which are all bound, can be submitted for entry to the Virginia Room (Virginia History) at Fairfax Library in Fairfax City.

- **Holmes Run Directory**

Printing of the Directory still up in the air. Norm will ask Denna what is going on.

- **INOVA Land Use Committee**

PowerPoint presentations about growth of Woodburn Mental Health Center, INOVA Hospital; and continued ability to meet community needs. Neighborhood members of Task Force were very vocal in questioning the representatives of facilities. Linda Smyth deferred many questions to next meeting when planning for facilities would be explained.

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- **Needy Family Project**  
\$800 from treasury, gifts cards for elementary school students. \$25 gift cards given out. Ann received a thank you note. People were grateful for donations.
- **Runner**  
Brenda is giving proofs of *Runner* to Mary Beth, and this issue should go to the printer soon. Directory should be out at same time as *Runner*. Area hostesses will give fliers about International Dinner and community meeting to whole neighborhood, but *Runners* will only go to Civic Association members. Need theme for next *Runner*. Maybe kids' – new and past kids – view of HRA.
- **Providence District Council**  
Rod went to the meeting and sent his report. One of the big issues is the safety of pedestrians and bicyclists, especially since they are trying to get people off the roads in cars and onto bicycles and walking. Pedestrian Task Force was disbanded last year despite 10-20 fatalities a year. Money earmarked for sidewalks, bicycle pathways, and crossings for pedestrians. Worst crash areas are Route 1, Tyson's corner, and Loehman's Plaza. County making effort to address this issue.

### **Adjourned**

Catherine moved and Chris seconded that meeting be adjourned. Vote unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 9:30 pm.

### **Next HRACA Board Meeting**

Next meeting will be at Eric Reuter's house, 3313 Executive Avenue, on March 5, 2008.

Minutes respectfully submitted by  
Peggy Daley, Secretary