

**Holmes Run Acres Civic Association
Board of Directors Meeting
January 9, 2008**



The January 2008 Board of Directors Meeting was hosted by Catherine Johnston and called to order at 8:15 pm.

Attending: Norm Atkins, Steve Biver, Peggy Daley, Mary Beth Gardiner, Mia Gardiner, Ann Johnson, Catherine Johnston, Dave Smith, Rod Smith, and Kimberli Stewart.

Not Attending: Amy Eggers, Mark Eggers, James Hoofnagle, Michael Jaworek, Barbara Karro, Renée Klein, Brenda Mantz, John Mantz, Eric Reuter, Cindy Roy, and Victoria Schillinger.

Guest: Keith Gardiner; Vivian Smith, Historian.

President's Report

Ann received a call from Linda Smyth on issue of INOVA Fairfax Hospital Land Use Committee; regarding expansion of INOVA Hospital campus, and Woodburn Center for Community Mental Health. Neighboring communities need to be notified and can offer comments to the committee. Neighbors' approval must be accepted for expansion. Taking of land for expansion and increased traffic are pertinent issues. Civic Association participation could be helpful. Catherine and Peggy will be representatives and alternates. Norm moved and Dave seconded the motion to appoint Catherine and Peggy as representatives to the Task Force. Vote unanimous for motion.

Ann announced notice of one-day workshop on "Maximizing the Success of Your Programs and Events," passed out flier for those who might be interested in attending.

Secretary's Report.

Motion moved to accept December's minutes. Accepted by unanimous vote.

Treasurer's Report

No report.

Standing Committee Reports

- **Civic Affairs**
No report.

- **Community Facilities**

Dave reported that VDOT will do repairs, of some kind, in the spring, weather permitting. VDOT reports that other communities are in worse shape.

Dave did a lot of research on trees and the dangers they present to the property and electricity in HRA. Trees were recently trimmed over the road but slant of trees still offer the chance for property damage. Dave is collecting data for the university and consulting with George Graine for strategies. Topping trees not enough, need to know more about fertilizing and strengthening roots. Rod had tree damage ever after consulting an arborist and following suggestions. Stuart Bunn is an arborist who talked to Rod and had spoken to HRA five years ago about trees in the community. The Board felt it would be good for him to come speak again. Rod will contact Bunn about speaking, and Ann will

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check out Woodburn Elementary for community meeting sometime in March. Thanks to Dave for the work he has done on this issue.

- **Membership and Hospitality**

No report.

- **Programs and Social/Youth Activities**

Michael, who is involved with International Dinner, was not here. It was suggested that he contact Vicki Indre as she has done such a fine job in the past. Another auction was mentioned.

Ad Hoc Committee Reports

- **By-Law Revision Committee**

No report

- **Community for All Ages**

No report.

- **Emergency Preparedness**

No report.

- **Historic Preservation**

No report, but need letterhead and stationery. Catherine has on JPEG file and will send to Board members.

Other Reports

- **Federation of Civic Associations**

No report, but Peggy will be able to attend as meetings are close by. Alternates sent as necessary.

- **Historian/Archivist**

No report.

- **Holmes Run Directory**

Norm is trying to pin Denna down to a date to get Directory to the printer. We are overdue, and advertisers are complaining.

- **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.

- **Needy Family Project**

Went very well. Received formal thank you.

- **Runner**

Mary Beth noted that the deadline for Green Acres issue is today, but deadline will be extended to Friday to accept input – arborist will fit right in.

- **Providence District Council**

Rod will be attending on January 15; issue of pedestrian safety on agenda.

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- **Website/Listserv**

No report, but concern recently raised about privacy issues since listserv goes is available outside of HRA. Mary had one complaint that something needed to be posted stat but unable to do so. Two pieces of spam have been received. HRA Google Group now changed to "request permission to join" instead of automatic approval. Mary, Ann, and Catherine can provide approval. If outsiders wish to put up issues, they need to go through the approval process.

Old Business

None.

New Business

Norm reported that one of our neighbors, Martha Powell, had a fire in her home and has found housing in the neighborhood. She and the community are happy that she was not harmed.

Catherine made a motion for the Civic Association to send flowers/contribution to charity of family's choice in respect to George Jenkins recent death. Mary Beth seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Money in the amount of \$50 to be taken from the Association treasury and will be given to the family for their choice of charity. Since George was such a part of the neighborhood for 20 years, our interactions with him are planned to be the theme of the next *Runner*.

Ideas were solicited for speakers for Annual Meeting. Mia suggested emergency preparation.

Mia went to Linda Smyth's Christmas party and had an interesting conversation regarding school board wanting traffic light and VDOT saying it was unnecessary. Mia told not to give up on traffic light.

Adjourned

Catherine moved and Rod seconded that meeting be adjourned at 9:10 pm. Unanimous approval.

Minutes respectfully submitted by
Peggy Daley, Secretary