

**CCH Semi-Annual Meeting
Wednesday, October 19, 2005**

7:30 PM

City Council Members in Attendance:

Scott Silverthorne: Excellent community association. Community spirit and involvement are a great job.

Mayor Robert Lederer: Review the Old Lee Highway Study. There was a brief work session, and there will be another. Speak to Karen Chester in the main office if you want a copy of the study.

City Council Member Joan Cross: We should also expect some outreach in the community.

Special Guest in Attendance:

Polly Hecker is the artist of the Blenheim painting, and a guest at the meeting.

CCH Owners and Residents in Attendance:

Judy Siu
Susan Miller
Michelle Rummel
Matt West
Joe Harmon
Tom Sparks

CCH Officers in Attendance:

Katie Baxter-Gegen (katiepbq@yahoo.com)	Social VP
Dia Pullen (diapullen@cchca.org)	Treasurer
Olivier Denier Long, Esq. (CCHCA@yahoo.com)	Secretary
Ernie Klimonda (eklimonda@cox.net)	Historian E Communications Beautiful Signs Directory

Lisa Whetzel (whetzelink@cox.net)	President
Hildie Carney (Hilcarn31@aol.com)	Membership VP

Ernie Klimonda presents a report on membership.

Discussion of flowers around entrance signs.

CCH is looking for a **Beautification VP** to devise process for addressing unsightly and unsafe situations in neighborhood.

Hildie: 322 homes in Country Club Hills. 201 members or 62%.

The membership drive was a natural corollary of directory maintenance. We have also received \$200 of directory advertising.

Blenheim Renovation is advancing. The 1950 addition has been removed. Polly Hecker did her painting before the renovation began. The prints are fundraising products for Historic Fairfax City, Inc.

Katie Baxter-Gegen: Great attendance at Labor Day picnic. We also had an end-of-Summer pool party. The pool date might be moved to earlier in the Summer. We had more attendees than Old Lee Hills.

S'More's and Songs at the Pavillion, with live music. Children and adults.

October 31, 1730-1830 will be the **Halloween Kickoff**. Everyone in costume. Pizza will be served with water.

Santa will be December 20th and 21st for 10-minute time slots. Might be fun thing with grand kids.

Luminaries again this year around the 17th and 18th, the Saturday and Sunday evenings.

Woodie's Ice Cream, band, and burgers free on the 29th. This is the third year. The mayor and council cook the food. Location is between Carlos O'Kelly's and Papa John's, off of Main Street.

CCH is looking for a biographical piece on a long-time resident. the next candidates might be Harold and Rose Gerson, original owners from 1955. Michelle Rummel will do the story.

Newsletter submissions should go to **Jenny Sisson-Cox**. Her address is on the Website.

Dia Pullen: Balance is \$5300. \$2600 restricted balance as grant money. \$1800 was

spent on planting. We will re-apply for a City grant. As more groups apply, the award declines.

Membership year counts from May 1 to April 31.

+++ ODL to bring September Minutes to November meeting.

Planting last Saturday was about 50 plants, including three trees. Jenny Sisson-Cox is a professional landscape artist, so she assisted in selection of native hardy plants. Drop-off of 6-7 inches will be filled in the Spring, to round out the area behind the Pavillion. Available plants last weekend were too big for that purpose.

City will aerate seed, fertilize and mow.

Parks and Rec on 13 Oct 05 agreed to put a sign up by the park. The naming of the park may not be "The Commons" as CCH Board requested. City requires name of neighborhood be on the sign, so the sign will say CCH Commons. But CCH will continue to simply call the area "The Commons".

Volunteers are needed to water the new plantings in The Commons.

The Fabers will receive \$10 a month in exchange for making their water available. CCH needs to provide hoses. Hildie will donate one or more hoses.

There were 31 volunteers last weekend, including children.

Matt West (mtwest@verizon.net, 703-359-4652) describes the work of **CERT Teams** (Community Emergency Response Team). Training is ten weeks for a couple of hours a week. FEMA has a 7-8 hour online CERT training course. Ideal number of participants (including Old Lee Hills) would be 10-15 people.

Polly Hecker visited the nursery school in the neighborhood, on Morningside Court. The problem is the parking. There is also a blind child. The house is full of tiny furniture. Cars are everywhere except in the nursery school driveway.

Lisa Whetzel: The house is licensed.

Woody Davenport is a neighbor of Ernie, with a one-month old child.

Old Lee Hwy Traffic will become two lanes in each direction, with turn lanes. One resident indicates this will be substantial traffic.

Traffic Committee Task Force volunteers are Woodie Davenport, Susan Miller and Hildie Carney.

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