

MINUTES

COUNTRY CLUB HILLS GENERAL MEETING (15 JAN 1997)

President Ted Davies called the meeting to order and welcomed the 23 community and board members in attendance.

Secretary Jill Butterfield read the minutes from the previous General Meeting (25 Sept. 1996) and CCHCA Board Meeting (5 Nov. 1996).

Treasurer Liz Bever submitted her report showing a balance of \$708.90. A copy of that report is appended to these minutes.

John Lacy, Vice President for Civic Affairs, submitted the results of a community survey concerning possible modifications to Old Lee Highway. The only strong recommendation to emerge from the survey was in support of a right-turn light at Old Lee Highway and Layton Hall Drive. A general discussion ensued about the difficulty of culling significant data from an admittedly unscientific survey.

Dates for upcoming meetings on the Comprehensive Plan (1/28) and Council of Civic Associations (1/23) were provided.

Patrice Earley, Vice President for Social Activities, reported that 12 children (1/2 the number from last year) were visited by Santas Bill Allbright and Bud Earley. The Egg Hunt is the next planned social event.

Vice-President for Block Captains, Sue McKenzie, noted the addition of 2 new block captains: Liz Bever and Irene Denhart. Patrice Earley will coordinate Area III captains in place of Sethe Eckstein. 2 block captains are still needed.

Arthur Hall, Vice President for Membership, estimated membership at 156. He requested input for improving our directory, and raised the possibility that we might seek ads from local businesses that have provided good service to community members.

Jim Muccio, Vice President for Publications, noted that a December newsletter had been issued, and offered the hope that newsletters would be issued at least quarterly. A newsletter promoting the membership drive should come out soon.

Hildie Carnie, Social Committee, requested some directories to provide to new residents. Sue McKenzie will get them to her.

The **Holiday Home Decoration Contest** was won by Bob and Shirley Prost @ 10121 Farmington (individual) and by Brookwood Drive (block). Results will be published in the Fairfax Observer.

In **Unfinished Business**, recent developments in Farr Tract issues were discussed, including the wide-spread opposition to density above 4/acre, and continuing concerns about soft language in the Planning Commission report about requirements for single-family housing and about traffic volume.

The recommendations from the **Elementary School Task Force** to the School Board will be the same as those anticipated in the report given to the Board 5 Nov. 1996. Any bond issue to support any recommendation must be started by the end of February.

New Business:

Budget presentation (appended). Although not required in the by-laws, the Board drew up a budget for FY 1997 at its November meeting. In doing so, the Board recognized the need for a dues increase from the current \$5 per household. It was their opinion that the apparent current solvency of the Civic Association is due to this being an "off" year in terms of publishing the directory, and that dues had been at an artificially low level in the past two years to attract membership and because the very-old by-laws prohibit an increase above \$5 per household. **The issues of amending the by-laws to require the Board to prepare a budget, and to allow the Board flexibility, up to \$10 per household, for setting dues were taken up later, by vote.** In a general discussion of raising dues, some expressed the fear that raising dues will lose members and the hope that proposed advertising revenue from the new directory will increase the Association's income. Others were of the opinion that CCHCA membership is "a bargain @ \$20" and that the success of the Civic Association should not be dependent upon expected advertising revenues. An informal vote (Board members abstaining) showed 3 members in favor of keeping dues at \$5, and 2 members in favor of an increase.

The proposed by-laws amendments were summarized, and voted on in turn:

The proposed amendment to **Article VII, Section 2**, eliminating the need for a formal Nominating Committee, failed by a 9-18 vote. ✓

The proposed amendment to **Article VIII, Section 10**, requiring the Treasurer to submit an annual draft budget to the Board for approval, was passed by a large majority. ✓

The proposed amendment to **Article X, Sections 2 and 3**, changing the date of the Annual meeting to April/May, and requiring one additional general meeting in Sept/Oct, passed 11-18. ✓ *passed*

The proposed amendment to **Article XI, Section 2**, setting dues at "no more than \$10 per fiscal year payable no later than 31 March of that year" passed by a majority vote.

The proposed amendment to **Article XI, Section 3**, eliminating the "assessment" capabilities of the membership, failed. ✓

The proposed amendment to **Article XII, Section 6**, requiring the preparation of an annual budget by the Board of Directors, to include the setting of annual dues, was approved by a majority. ✓

A slate of nominees for election to the **Board of Directors** was presented by the **Nominating Committee**.
Nominated and elected were:

Jim Muccio - President
Ted Davies - VP for Civic Affairs
Patrice Early - VP for Social Affairs
Sue McKenzie - VP for Block Captains
Arthur Hall - VP for Membership
Jill Butterfield - Secretary
John Lacy - Treasurer

There is currently a vacancy in VP for Publications.