

Country Club Hills Civic Association

Board Meeting

March 19, 2003

The meeting was called to order at 7:40 PM at the home of Lisa Whetzel. Present were Katie Gagen-Baxter; Steve Lane, Hildie Carney, Nancy Jones, Lisa Whetzel, Olivier Long, and Paul Sullivan. Jill Toth, Debbie Lane, and Sharon Leasure asked to be excused.

Reports:

VP-Civic: Olivier Long

Olivier made many suggestions for different ways to engage the public and to make information available to the residents of CCH. He will look into developing a website on his company's server temporarily until we can get onto the City website.

VP-Block Captains: Hildie Carney

Hildie told us that according to the plans being developed for the Blenheim property, there will be an extra lane in front of Blenheim that will allow buses to pull into the property. Hildie was asked to prepare a blow up of the plans from the Blenheim report to use for incorporation into a presentation given by the Board at the General meeting in May.

The Board voted to pay \$35.00 for membership in the Historic Fairfax City, Inc.

VP-Membership: Jill Toth

In Jill's absence, President Sullivan lead discussion concerning the next General meeting which will be May 5, 2003 at 7:00PM at the John C. Wood Complex. There will be a "meet and greet" time from 7:00 PM to 7:30PM after which the General Membership meeting will begin. It was recommended that a representative from the Police and Fire Department, a Blenheim representative, as well as City Councilmen be invited to attend our May General meeting "Meet and Greet" time (7:00PM to 7:30PM). Katie agreed to contact the Police rep. At this meeting, there should be blow-ups of the Blenheim property plans and the Plans for Old Lee Highway renovation for citizens to view to show what issues the CCH Board has been involved with.

VP-Publications: Steve Lane

Steve reviewed items for inclusion in this edition of the newsletter which he hopes to finalize quickly in time to advertise the General meeting and the other activities scheduled.

VP-Social Activities: Debbie Lane and Lisa Whetzel, Committee Chairperson

Lisa reported that the community yard sale will be advertised and held on May 17, 2003 from 9:00AM to 2:00PM. This yard sale is in coordination with Old Lee Hills so there should be good visibility. '-

Then, it was decided that at 3:00PM to 5:00PM on May 17, 2003, following the yard sale, there will be an ice cream social for the purpose of socializing and obtaining new members. A rain date for both events was made of May 18, 2003. Lisa will call Old Lee Hills to see if that is agreeable to them. A budget of \$70.00 was approved for the ice cream social function.

Lisa requested \$100 be set aside as a budget for the Easter Egg Hunt on April 19th from 10:00 to 11:00AM at the common area of CCH. Board approved the expenditure.

Lisa also showed the Board her idea of new signage for events for the three entrances. Plexiglass will protect the poster board. Three signs and plexiglass will run about \$109.00. The Board approved \$140 budget to include poster board and pens.

Treasurer: David Oliver (absent)

Secretary: Nancy Jones

The minutes from the 1/16/03 meeting will be corrected as discussed and a revised final copy will be emailed to all.

Committee-Welcoming: Sharon Leasure (Excused)

Committee –Historian: Ingrid Annibale.

Ingrid requests that an item be placed in newsletter requesting that any historical items concerning CCH be given to Ingrid for incorporation into our scrapbook.

Committee – Crime Watch: Katie Gagen-Baxter

Katie made contact with Sergeant Tucker who reported that there were very few “crimes” in our community of Country Club Hills. There were two crimes last year - a burglary and an unlawful entry – but no items were taken in either instance. Sergeant Tucker recommended that citizens continue to report any suspicious activity to the non-emergency number for the City of Fairfax.

A city policeman has moved into CCH recently. Katie will contact police to see if they would be willing to attend the General meeting “meet and greet” time (7:00-7:30PM).

Old Business:

Paul reported that Jill, Steve, Lisa and Paul attended a Council meeting with Mayor Lederer to go over the plans for revitalizing the common area on Spring Lake Terrace for our residents. The plan was met with great enthusiasm and City Manager Sisson said that he will try to incorporate the money for this upgrade in the budget. The Council gave approval to CCH to retain the \$1500 remaining from last year’s City grant of \$3000 to use toward the improvement of the common ground. President Sullivan expressed the Board’s thanks to Lisa and Jill for the wonderfully designed presentation that was made to the Council. The Council also took the email received from President Sullivan as a solicitation for next year’s grant money.

The Rebel Run property originally slated for a hotel under private ownership has now been purchased by the City of Fairfax for open space use only.

The Board is urged to send emails to the City Council thanking them for their support of our Civic Association efforts.

The renovation of Old Lee Highway remains still under study. \$75,000 for a professional study is being considered.

New Business:

The Board requests Hildie look into seeing if the City would be willing to reproduce about 50 copies of the old directory to have available from now until November when the new directory will be available and also 50 copies of the revised by-laws to have available at the General meeting in May.

Meeting adjourned at 9:40PM.