

Country Club Hills Civic Association
Annual Meeting
May 21, 2002

The meeting was called to order by **Acting** President, Hildie Carney. She introduced newly elected mayor Rob Lederer. Mr. Lederer addressed the membership briefly mentioning that he was aware of our concerns over the building of a 4-story Holiday Inn Express at the corner of Rebel Run and Route 50. The City Council is aware and addressing the issue. He plans a series of outreach meetings during the summer and town meetings in the fall as a way of staying in contact with citizens on pertinent issues.

CCH has been contacted by Master Police Officer, Pam Nevlud. Officer Nevlud has offered to address the general membership and be available to all residents if there are any questions or concerns. She can be reached at 703-385-7924 or 703-691-2711 voicemail.

The new Country Club Hills signs have been erected. They are plastic and should last a bit longer.

Patrice Winter was successful in applying for and receiving a \$3000 grant from the city for use by CCH. It is unclear what restrictions are attached to the money. One suggestion is to light the new CCH signs.

Reports received:

Civic Chairman - Absent

Block Captain - Absent

Membership - Absent

Publications - Steve Lane ---Steve was congratulated on a well done Newsletter.

Debbie Lane, VP Social Activities reported that CCH will have the annual yard sale on June 8, 2002. Residents can set up their tables on the common area on Spring Lake Terrace or join with their immediate neighbors at their own homes. Old Lee Hills is having their yard sale also. Advertisements will be in the Post and Journal.

We are looking into having CCH children ride bikes in the 4th of July parade. Other events might be a swim party in August, Halloween, and an Easter Egg Hunt.

Jill Toth, Welcoming Committee, reported that she contacted 5 new families over the year and welcomed them to CCH with welcome packets from the city and some small favors as available (small plants, arts and crafts items, etc.) Tom and Michelle Peterson and daughter Clare were mentioned by a CCH for special welcome as new neighbors.

Nominations were taken for new officers for the 2002-2003 slate. The following residents were elected:

President - Paul Sullivan
VP Civic Affairs - Patrice Winter
VP Block Captains - Hildie Carney
VP Membership - Jill Toth
VP Publication - Steve Lane
VP Social Activities - Debbie Lane (**Committee Chair – Lisa Whetzel**)
Crime Watch - No nomination - position remains open
Secretary - Nancy Jones
Treasurer - David Oliver
Welcoming Committee Chairperson - Sharon Leasure

Following the election, the new board and President Paul Sullivan took over their new tasks for the remainder of the meeting.

New agenda items were called for by Paul.

1. Suggestion for the appointment of a CCH historian to compile and maintain items of historical interest pertaining to CCH. Recommendation to purchase several scrapbooks for these items. Three residents volunteered to participate. Ingrid Annibale volunteered to be the contact person, with Joyce Skoglund and Sharon Leasure participating. They also will try to find original documents such as the original bylaws.
2. Suggestion for a website for CCH. It may require software and hardware which has budgetary impact. Discussion ensued with concern about the necessity of the website and whether it would be worth the work involved. Jill Toth volunteered to work with Patrice Winter to develop an email tree.
3. Discussion concerning the new directory which was distributed at this Annual Meeting. It is already out of date and it is evident that there must be a quick update. The membership recommended that a simple update (supplement) be developed and at a future date, reprint a full directory. The budget is questionable for another full directory at this time.
4. The Picnic and Block Party were discussed and the dates being considered are either the week before or after Labor Day from 4 PM to about 7-8 PM. There was a suggestion that perhaps we charge for these event over and above the membership dues. The latest functions sponsored by CCH were outstanding. Membership drives can be held at these events also. President Sullivan requested that the chairs compile an estimate of the budget needed for the picnic and other such events for the year so we can make a decision on whether to charge for special events.
5. President Sullivan read a letter from the City of Fairfax awarding \$3000 in grant money. The grant will be delivered at a meeting on May 28, 2002 at the City Council meeting. The grant is from the Taskforce for More Livability in Fairfax. No restrictions

on expenditure were mentioned in letter so we need to get a copy of the submittal requirements. The floor was opened to discussion on the use for the \$3000.

There was a suggestion that perhaps the Commons Area could be modified for some basketball hoops since the city doesn't want hoops on the street. Also there was a question about the ownership of the wooded area and the Common Area so that we know what we can and cannot do to this area. It was recommended that the board solicit input from the general membership. Lighting the three CCH signs was mentioned again. However, it is unclear as to who would provide the power and pay the electric bill. It was recommended that this question be referred to the CCH membership after we understand the restrictions of the Grant. The treasurer was tasked with chairing an ad hoc committee for figuring out requirements of the grant and holding any expenses to the budget of \$3000.

6. Recommendation to invite our contact Policewoman, Pam Nevlud, to address our next meeting or plan a separate meeting with her as the main speaker.

7. A lengthy discussion developed around the issue of the proposed 4-story Holiday Express Hotel at the corner of Rebel Run and Route 50. A motion was made to send a letter to the City Council requesting that the space be made open space. This motion was amended to state that open space was not a requirement but quality development with pathways and trails were desirable and that CCH be active in the stream of information concerning this building project. By unanimous vote, the membership voted that a letter be drafted by the President to the City Manager, Mayor, and Council stating that although CCH is concerned about a four story hotel, CCH is not opposed to all development on that site. We ask for an opportunity to address the City Council with specific concerns. We request the opportunity to see the staff review notes and be involved in the decision process.

8. Another request for information on who owns the Commons Area at Brookwood and Spring Lake Terrace. What is the size of the area adjacent to our community and is there the possibility of someone building in this area also, just like the Holiday Inn issue above.

9. The membership was reminded of the wonderful babysitting co-op currently operating within CCH. New residents are warmly invited to join.

10. Blenheim Civil War Days will be held June 1st and 2nd. Attic tours are by appointment only. Call the Museum Center for appointments. Hildie Carney is looking for volunteers to staff tours of the house on the property. Grandma's cottage is now open. The Historic Fairfax Homes Tour netted about \$12,000 to be used toward restoration projects. Concern about the parking surrounding the event are being addressed by buses and one-side-of-street parking. Residents can call police to ticket any cars illegally parked.

Next Board meeting will be in June with specific date to be set.

It was agreed that another membership meeting should be held in fall according to our by-laws with date to be set by the Board. At that meeting the President would like an agenda to be available at the door with a copy of the budget for review and approval by the full membership.

The President called for any new issues. One resident mentioned the traffic issue on Old Lee Highway and how difficult it is to get into and out of the subdivision. This topic will be referred to the meeting with the Police Officer. It was highly recommended that we have a separate meeting with her as a single speaker. CCH Membership should be polled as to any topics that they would like her to address as well as advising the Membership of the topics that she would like to bring up. The Board will contact her and develop a plan.

Sharon Leasure requested a change to her email address. The correct address is SharonLL1@att.net.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:00 PM