

CCH Board Meeting
Wednesday, July 20, 2005

Lisa Whetzel, President
Olivier Denier Long, Secretary
Katie Baxter-Gegen, Co-Chair Social Committee (Host of Meeting, 3508 Pinehurst)
Dia Pullen, Treasurer
Jill Toth, Co-Chair Social
Danielle Sullivan, VP, Common Area Enhancement
Ernie Klimonda, VP, Block Captains
Hildie Carnie, VP, Membership

Matt West, Resident of Morningside Ct. (matthew.west@bakerbotts.com)

Minutes of June Board Meeting approved unanimously.

Membership Report by Hildie: We have 130 members which is 40% as of July 21. School board sent some questions about neighborhood demographics. Hildie will respond indicating average age is getting younger.

Matt West reports on **CERT, Community Emergency Response Teams** for major emergencies. CERT participants are responders for basic first aid, triage, small fires, and hurricane or tornado damage. CERT trains people to prepare emergency preparation kits of food and water. CERT is managed by FEMA, and connected to local government. Communications are via phone tree or two-way radio if phones are not working. Twenty hours of training includes first aid, search & rescue, volunteer management, how to shut off gas lines, etc. Virginia has 43 active programs. CCH needs approximately 10 trained members in the neighborhood. CERT could circulate a list of items to have at home for emergencies. Conversely, neighborhood residents could declare their needs. Participants perform up to their abilities.

First steps: Show interest and approach City. "Every County and City around us has CERT." Grant money may be available, as this relates to Homeland Security.

Ed Clark, life safety manager in City of Fairfax, is leaving his position and apparently will not be replaced.

Katie & Jill regarding Social Committee: Instead of National Night Out on 1 August, CCH will combine its own NNO with **Labor Day Potluck**. It's on Labor Day, but name is debatable. Jack Taylor and his wife own a place on Lake Anna and will be gone that weekend. Taylor recommends Famous Dave's, saying they did a better job than Red Hot & Blue. Party will include Moon Bounce, tattoos, and a decorate-a-hat contest. The party will be 4-7 PM, because there is school the next day. Bounce will be selected from Astro-Bounce based on price.

Ice cream social and **camp event** went well. Supplies held up. Hildie's son played guitar. CCH passed out lyrics. Puff the Magic Dragon was very participatory, though things got started later than planned.

Hildie would like to compensate her son. But son had flyers there, and got free publicity.

Halloween event will be Sunday the 30th of October in the afternoon, perhaps 3-5 at the Commons. We have a pavilion in case of rain. Katie's husband, Chris, donated park benches from his place of employment. They are pine and need to remain under shelter.

Poolside Party is August 26, with lifeguards until 9PM. Party is 7-10 PM. We are discussing with Old Lee Hills to see if they want to co-sponsor, and help with costs.

Ernie replaced 3-4 **block captains** and one **area coordinator**. Things are running well now. Mail gets delivered within 7 days. Ernie distributed fold-out neighborhood maps. Jenny will make copies of the flyer. Publications and Membership might require co-chairs.

Jenny just wants to do the newsletters and the artwork for the three signs. The three signs in black & white were only \$3.00.

CCH Entry Sign replacement will be \$500.00.

Pool Party and **Labor Day** flyer distribution should be on or before August 1st. Newsletter deadline is July 29. Newsletter distribution will be distributed on or about August 22nd. Danielle will be printing the flyers.

Danielle will call Steve 21 July and select August 6th for a **Cleanup Weekend**, hopefully with Jenny. This event will be 0800-1000 AM. The City will bring lawn trash bags for one of our four Adopt-a-Spot annual cleanups. Ernie will bring poison ivy lotion. Einstein usually contributes free bagels. Scott Adamson, our crime guy, is City of Fairfax Community Safety director. He should be contacted about obtaining the free bags. Yahoo Group announcement should be posted. 10-15 volunteers including children would accomplish the weeding. Mulch would be part of Jenny's plan for the fall.

Next BOD Meeting is 21 September, at the home of Scott Adamson.

Treasurer's Report: Dia Pullen reports that former treasurer, Ryan Abate, left behind \$5,098. Current balance is \$6,951.00. \$4,500.00 of that amount is in a restricted fund from the City, to be spent on the Common Area. Membership Director Hildie Carney provided \$330.00+ this evening, pushing our balance over \$7,000.00.

Dia moves and Katie seconds motion to pay for replacement CCH sign out of the grant money. The motion passes unanimously.

Lisa reviewed the CIP letter regarding the new budget for the City. Department of Public Works is doing a 5-year capital improvement program, 2007-2011. They solicit our ideas. Current proposals include bathrooms at Van Dyke, and cleaning the trash from along the fence on Old Lee, from Old Post to St. Leo's.

There is a new hotline for reporting possible zoning and code violations. It will appear in the newsletter.

Ernie requests a position description for printing flyers. Danielle volunteers to make the copies for the next two flyers at City Hall.

The day care service on Morningside Ct has now received a special use variance permitting 12 children. The specialization is children adopted from Russia.

New signs at 10112 Cornwall and on Spring Lake Terrance between 3405 and 10146.

Meeting adjourned at 0920 PM.

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