

Meeting Results

19 Mar 2016

Holmes Run Valley Citizens Association Spring Meeting

Future Meeting Dates:

The Spring meeting of the association was held in the cafeteria of Beech Tree Elementary School from 7:30 – 9:00 PM on Wednesday, 9 March. Attendance was light; only 19 residents participated. The Board met after the association meeting to consider means for improving attendance and decided that regular meeting dates might help. Consequently, **future association meetings will be held on the 3rd Wednesday in October and March, always at 7:30 PM in the Beech Tree Elementary School cafeteria. Please put these dates on your calendar.**

Treasurer's Report:

The association bank balance is \$2626.22.

Election of Board Members

Mike Paup and Andy Novins were elected to the Board by acclamation to succeed Jim Mason and Virgil Bodeen who retired. Jim served as president for a number of years and was the linchpin in creating a cooperative relationship with the Montessori school that opened on Rose Lane 8 Nov 2010.

Lights at Rose Lane Gateway

Jack Spahr recommended a community project to recondition the lights on the brick walls at the Rose Lane entrance to the community on Annandale Road. His suggestion was to replace the 110-volt lights with LEDs powered by a solar panel. Getting house current to the lights has been a constant challenge; the solar installation would be self-contained. Discussion among residents was in favor of the project but favored hearing a specific proposal before making a commitment. It was agreed that the project could be approved by distributing a cost estimate via our Google group; the project will be allowed to proceed if there is no objection. Mike Cook and Mike Paup have agreed to lead the project. Jack promised to help, and we will marshal a team to do any do-it-yourself work that might be involved.

Issue Advocates

Most of the meeting time was devoted to discussing matters related to the quality of life in the community and the need for residents to engage in events that concern us. Everyone is busy, of course, and almost all of us are reluctant to sign up for specific roles, committee assignments, and the like. At the same time, as never before in my 43 years on Skyview Terrace, we are surrounded by intimidating issues. Increasingly, “the price of liberty is eternal vigilance.”

The Board asked the membership whether residents would be willing to sign up as Issue Advocates with no assigned duty and no expectation regarding time commitment or product. Signing up in a particular issue area would express only an intention to serve as eyes and ears for the community, as time and opportunities permit, and to notify the association via the Google group when issues deserve our attention. The residents who sign up in a particular issue area would be notified of the email addresses of the other advocates to allow the group to self-organize (or not) as they thought best.

Reassuringly, 14 of the 19 residents in the meeting signed up in one or more areas. The issue areas and the number of resident advocates in each is as follows:

- Schools and education (8)
- Planning and zoning - land use (7)
- Roads and traffic (2)
- County budget and finances (1)
- Public safety (2)
- Environment and recreation (4)

If you have an interest in serving the community as an issue advocate, please send an email to our Google group. We will let you know others paying attention to the same issue(s).

Current Issues

The meeting talked through the six current issues listed below based on a set of slides available on our blog at <http://holmesrun.org>:

- Final redevelopment plan for Seven Corners
- Successful community effort to keep DMV out of Barcroft Plaza
- Ongoing transit planning for Route 7 and Gallows Road
- Super. Gross's new redevelopment plan for SE Quadrant at Bailey's Crossroads
- County's proposed amendment to the zoning ordinance and consequences for Seven Corners, Bailey's Crossroads, and Annandale
- FY 2017 county budget priorities

Associations of Associations

Mason District Council (MDC) and Fairfax Federation (the Federation) are two associations for which members are neighborhood associations like ours. Their objective is to increase the power and influence of associations in working issues with the county. MDC focuses on Mason District; the Federation's scope is countywide. Residents voted unanimously to join both MDC (\$20/yr) and the Federation (\$40/yr). We have signed up with both.

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