

Minutes of June 10, 2019 public meeting

Attendees:

George Hodgkiss	Steven Cullers	Nancy Deavers
Jackie Hodgkiss	Gary Kushner	Jacob Deavers
Joanne Koszyk	Warren McCormick	Donna Werley
Linda Glavis	Mary McLaughlin	Mark Koszyk
Jean Rudacille	Micky Lickliger	Robert Hupman
Anna Chrismon	Jamie Spiker	John Bell
Rodney Chrismon	Crystal Jarvis	Linda Arnold
Cheryl Cullers	Dale Thompson	Allan Brockway
Tanya Deavers	Wesley Deavers	Gail Miller
Alice Poe Grumbly		

Meeting convened at 7:36 by president Koszyk

Guest speaker – Micky Lickliger, candidate for county sheriff

Business portion of meeting convened at 7:45 by president Koszyk

Pledge of Allegiance

Minutes of May meeting read by president Koszyk, approved as read

History committee: Met this past Saturday; they continue to work on assembling a book of Browntown history. They have completed the identification of all the advertising items.

Trustees report: Smitty's Painting completed painting the community center building exterior. It was noted that the appearance of the building is much improved.

Ways & means (Mary McLaughlin): Game night is planned for June 12. Mary will arrange to have tables and chairs placed, then set up for Music of the Mountains event on Friday evening. Jackie Hodgkiss will provide for beverages and chips, etc.

Music of the Mountains Concert Series, Friday June 14: George Hodgkiss will discuss final plans with Becky Weagle; Jackie Hodgkiss will provide for chicken salad sandwiches and hot dogs; Warren McCormick will provide a pot of chile; Desserts will be provided by Joanne; Dessert: Cullers, Crystal and Joanne K.

Mark & Joanne Koszyk and Mark & Marianne Thomas will work the kitchen.

Note: Chairs must be picked up by Saturday, 11:00am, as the building is rented for a private party; Mary McLaughlin will try to do chairs pickup. It was approved to issue Mary a key in order to the building.

Building use schedule: June 12, game night; June 14, Music of the Mountains; June 15, private party; June 18, card-making class; June 22 and 29, private parties; July 20 and July 27, private parties.

Old business:

Gary Kushner made two comments regarding his request for posting of information about the county planning commission's upcoming meeting to discuss the development of residential housing behind the Target store on Route 340, on the Browntown email system.

His two comments are as follows:

#1: He objected to the censorship of his "opinions" associated with his message. He felt that, in addition to the factual information announcing the upcoming planning commission's public meeting, his person opinion(s) should have been included in the emailing. It was his understanding that the "organization" agreed to publish his message in the emailing, (including his personal opinion comments), yet the organization chose to delete the [opinions] portion. He further stated that, in the interest of openness and transparency, personal opinions should be allowed.

#2: "If censorship and limitations on using the email list are necessary --- if they're warranted --- then they ought to be determined by the membership".

A question was raised by Warren McCormick: What was the result of the planning commission's meeting? Gary Kushner presented a summary of what he gleaned from the commission's meeting, as follows: The commission voted to deny the re-zoning and conditional use permit and the BOS will be requesting public comments prior to their voting on the issue. He also mentioned that VDOT had expressed their disapproval, based on traffic issues and excessive costs to the county. Gary announced that he will be preparing a new summary of the latest news on this issue for publication on the Browntown email list. Gary provided a paper copy of his original intended message content, (including opinions), for those who wish to read it after our meeting. After comments from the floor, and further discussion, it was concluded that future emailings will continue to include only factual content, however, the author's contact information, (e.g. telephone number or email address), will be provided in case the reader(s) wish to read and/or discuss personal opinions with the author.

New business: News letter deadline is 6-27-19.

Meeting adjourned 8:12 pm by President Koszyk

Respectfully submitted,

George Hodgkiss
(acting secretary)