

HIDDENBROOK HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL MEETING 2014

Board Meeting – January 13, 2014

Meeting called to order at 7:34pm

**Attending: Joan Koss – Chaz Holland, Pam Spencer – Carrie Hester
Paige Dyer – Lisa Cornaire – Meg Hinders – Pete O’Hanlon – Kendra Green
Doug Ahlert – Jeanne Little – Marcel van Vierssen – R. J. Beneke –
Dave Shupp - Supervisor John Foust – Jenny Phipps (Herndon Aide)**

The agenda was approved.

The November minutes were approved.

Dranesville District Update presented by Supervisor Foust:

TRANSPORTATION

The State Transportation funding Bill passed in 2012 will provide approximately 100 million for Fairfax County over a six year period. This information is posted on the county website.

On January 28th, the Transportation Department will provide the Board of Supervisors with the funded list of projects and the Supervisors will vote on that list and then move forward. These new funds will be added to funds already assigned to transportation projects in prior years.

The Herndon area will have projects including sidewalks on Crestview Drive and Rock Hill Road, funding to study future development around the (CIT) Center for Innovative Technology, widening Frying Pan Road, several projects involving the Fairfax County Parkway making access better, funding to study access methods for the Herndon Metro station to include pedestrian and bicycle access and other “Spot Improvements” to local roads to make metro access easier.

Route #7 will be widened to six lanes extending from Loudon County to Tysons Corner.

BUDGET

A projected deficit must be dealt with as a balanced budget is a legal requirement. Employee compensation is high priority as increases have been compromised in prior years.

School budgets are always a difficult issue because there are not enough funds to meet the requirements submitted. It is always a process of compromise and will be so again this year. Unfortunately, commercial growth is what usually helps balance the funding requirements of the county but those numbers have been flat for the past year. Expansion is has been lower and many commercial entities have gone out of business.

METRO

“Phase I” Metro completion slated for December 2013 has now been extended to March or April of 2014. The Metro system authorities must sign off on the project before the Airport authorities can pass over the rail system to them. Safety is a major part of the criteria for opening. There will be 4 stops in Tysons and one stop at Whiele. When the Metro opens, the eleven bus routes currently in operation in Herndon will change in order to provide access to the Metro stations.

“Phase II” Metro will include stations in Herndon, the CIT, Dulles airport, and two more stations in Loudon County. Completion is slated for 2018. Sidewalk and bike access is being studied now.

COMMUTER PARKING – METRO

Commuter parking in Tysons is currently an issue and the plans for the stations west of Tysons appear to be better. The Whiele station will have 4,000 spaces, Herndon 2,000 spaces and the CIT will also have 2,000 spaces.

AGING IN PLACE

Since October 2011, there has been a movement in place to study relative services and programs to support the increasing number of seniors in Fairfax County. It is projected that there will be 136,000 people over the age of 65 by the year 2020 in Fairfax County. Most programs have thus far been focused on our youth and we need to expand that focus to include seniors in our communities a well.

Several local groups in Mc Clean, Great Falls and Herndon have been set up and they meet to study and discuss the needs of seniors in each community. The name of the group for Herndon is the “Herndon Village Network” and volunteers are welcome. Anyone willing to donate time to this effort can contact supervisor Foust’s office for contacts and direction.

NEW FIRE STATION

The old Herndon fire station will be torn down to make way for the new fire station in its place. This is a positive factor in keeping a high level of response time.

YOUNGS POINT PLACE

The vacant house at 1541 Youngs Point Place was discussed because of issues raised by neighbors in the immediate area of that property. There have been years of complaints regarding the condition of this property and the Board is concerned about the lack of ability to solve these issues thus far. Supervisor Foust has agreed to look into this situation again to determine if there are any new ways of satisfying the other residents on this street.

We would like to thank Supervisor Foust and Ms. Phipps for taking the time to attend our annual meeting and share this information with us!

New Business

Carrie Hester has volunteered to fill the available Board term ending in 2018.

Appointment of Board positions is as follows:

President – Joan Koss	Term expires - Dec 2015
Vice President – Chaz Holland	Term expires – Dec 2015
Secretary – Pam Spencer	Term expires – Dec 2014
Member at Large – Carrie Hester	Term expires – Dec 2017
Member at Large – Paige Dyer	Term expires – Dec 2014

Appointment of Treasurer: Pete O’Hanlon

Appointment of Committee Chairs:

Recreation/Social – Carrie Hester
Pool – Marcel van Vierssen
ARC – Doug Ahlert
Communication – Kendra Green
Tennis – Dave Shupp
Clubhouse – Pam spencer

Appointment of Committee Liaisons:

Recreation/Social – Carrie Hester
Pool – Paige Dyer
ARC – Joan Koss
Communication – Pam Spencer
Tennis – Chaz Holland
Clubhouse – Pam Spencer

Gift Certificates for one clubhouse rental were awarded to Board & Committee Chairpersons for one completed year of volunteer service.

Newsletter article submission dates for Board members were assigned and the list will be distributed before our next Board meeting.

The Board reviewed a list of projects for the year 2014 and will prioritize the projects and establish costs and completion target dates. One of the projects on that list is the possibility of building a cover over the picnic area at the pool and turning it into a permanent pavilion. Several bids will be obtained and the Board will review them and vote on a decision at the February 18th meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

Accomplishments for the year of 2013 were reviewed.

Topics covered in the Mainstream for 2013 were reviewed.

The ARC guidelines have been revised and they will be forwarded to our attorney for review before being published.

Our email distribution list is between 175 to 180 subscribers out of 393 homeowners. We hope to increase the number of homeowners who receive these emails as this is our fastest form of communication.

The Board voted to move forward with having the pool chairs re-strapped and re-painted for the 2014 pool season. This is a reserve funded item and the clubhouse committee will execute this project with the facility manager.

The Board is entertaining the idea of updating the Hiddenbrook Community logo and one of our residents has graciously designed and presented ten new images for us to consider. Ten initial designs were reviewed and narrowed down to two. The two selected designs were then reviewed and suggested changes were charted. Lisa will get back to the resident who submitted them for further follow up. Additional designs will be reviewed at the next Board meeting.

SWIM TEAM TAX EXEMPT STATUS

Our auditor and our insurance agent for the Association have strongly advised that the swim team reorganize as a tax exempt status organization under their own tax ID. The swim team is currently operating under the HOA tax ID which increases the level of liability for the HOA.

After lengthy discussion about the swim team financial and operating structures, the Board voted to support moving the swim team financials under their own tax ID. Additionally, the Board voted to offer financial support for the fees involved in accomplishing this procedure. Basic participation by members of the swim team will not be affected by this financial reorganization and having this new tax ID classification will allow the swim team to continue with their fund raising activities to support team expenses under a tax exempt status.

MANAGERS REPORT

To date, 300 of 393 homeowners have paid their yearly dues.
The unfinished maintenance repairs and updates will begin at the clubhouse in February.

BOOKEEPERS REPORT / TREASURERS REPORT

Funds were moved from two of the HOA accounts to fund the reserve account 100%.
Our treasurer will present a written update to the budget presentation done in October 2013.
The reserve study projects will be assessed and assigned costs for implementation.
The next reserve study will be conducted 2016.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Due to the late hour, committee reports will be given at the next Board meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 10:59pm.