

## **Minutes from the CWCA Spring Meeting April 23, 2013**

### **Welcome:**

Approximately 40 members attended the CWCA fall meeting. CWCA President, Dan Nichols, welcomed everyone. Dan introduced and thanked outgoing CWCA treasurer, Damien Dovi; Vice President, Jim Talens; Secretary, Elizabeth Ende; Security Manager, Bob Blakley; and Snow Removal Committee Chairs: Steve Sunderhauf and Ed McGrady.

Dan advised we'd like to change CWCA's fiscal year start date from April 1 to October 1. This fiscal year will be an 18 month year and new year will start on October 1, 2013.

- A motion was made to revise the fiscal year to October 1-September 30<sup>th</sup>. The motion carried.
- A motion was made to allocate \$1,500 in funds to be used for the 2013 directory. The motion carried.
- A motion was made to allocate \$2,000 in funds for the 2013 Oktoberfest party. The motion carried.
- A motion was made to elect officers. The motion carried.
  - Dan Nichols, President
  - Jim Talens, Vice President
  - Jennifer Versaw, Treasurer
  - Elizabeth Ende, Secretary

### **Treasurer's Report:**

Damien Dovi gave the Treasurer's report. We collected \$21,971 for the FY12-13 year. Major expenditures were: \$1,020 for the directory, \$1,650 Oktoberfest party, \$1,950 for plowing and \$408 for dues, supplies and meetings. The Board feels we should maintain reserve funds in case winter weather is worse than expected and we need additional funds for plowing (during Snowmageddon a few years ago, CWCA spent more than \$32,000 in two weeks which required a massive fundraising effort). As of April 23<sup>rd</sup>, we have \$42,385 in reserves. A budget for 2013-2014 will be developed later this year and voted on at the fall meeting. We'll establish dues amount then and will start collections for 2013-2014 dues October 1<sup>st</sup> (with the goal of collecting dues during the month of October).

### **Snow Removal:**

Snow Removal Chairs, Ed McGrady and Steve Sunderhauf, reported their job is to manage the snow removal contractor and communicate about snow removal. Ed said if you have complaints send them to him, not Steve. He reminded residents not to move the 'candy cane like' sticks which are in storm drains around the neighborhood. He also reported we have a new snow removal company in place this year, JL Tree Service, Inc. of Fairfax, with the same price points as last year. CWCA policy is to begin plowing when snow reaches three inches in depth. The contractor also puts down salt and sand when there is ice on the roads. He reported that they have to make a call dynamically because prior contractor would plow when it wasn't needed. Steve asked that if you see a problem during the day, please report it to [cwcasnow@gmail.com](mailto:cwcasnow@gmail.com) since he and Ed are at work during the day and wouldn't necessarily be privy to issues in the neighborhood. He reported that they put down sand/salt during the first ice/snow this winter when they heard that a bus had crashed in Chesterbrook Woods. They also plowed a second time (during spring break). There was a report that the contractor was driving fast in the neighborhood, but otherwise they were happy with his work. You can reach Steve and Ed at [cwcasnow@gmail.com](mailto:cwcasnow@gmail.com). They post information on the snow removal process on twitter: <http://www.twitter.com/cwcasnow> (this works like a website, you don't have to subscribe to twitter to use it), on their blog: <http://cwcasnow.posterous.com>, and on the HoodPlayDates listserv.

A question was asked on whether certain areas where there are steep hills (e.g., Woodley) could be designated as to be salted/sanded rather than relying on someone to make a call? Yes, that's something they could look into.

### **Security Report:**

Bob Blakley reported that it's been pretty quiet in the neighborhood over the last six months. Two cars were broken into in December. They think it was the same perpetrator since both happened on the same day. He advised resident not to leave valuables in their cars (or at least not to leave them in a visible way).

### **Report from Supervisor Foust's Office:**

Jane Edmondson, Chief of Staff for Supervisor Foust, delivered the report for Supervisor Foust who was attending another meeting. She gave an update on the pedestrian task force. She reported that the FY2014 budget will officially be adopted by the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors on April 30<sup>th</sup>. The tax rate will raise the average resident's bills by about \$200. Ms. Edmondson reported that for the first time since 1986, new money has been allocated in Northern Virginia for transportation. For more information, please visit <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dmb/>

She also reported the Park Bond approved by voters last November will permit the construction and renovation of the Spring Hill Recreation Center. The Park Authority will build a 22,000 square foot gym with a climbing wall. There will also be a 15,000 square foot fitness center.

She reported that the McLean Government Center on Balls Hill Road will be finished in summer or fall 2014. Police are still housed there during the construction, so Supervisor Foust's office and the Chamber of Commerce is temporarily located in the Balducci's shopping center.

Ms. Edmondson advised there are two land use cases in our area. The first is TD Bank which will go into the vacant facility in Chesterbrook Plaza (6262 Old Dominion Drive) where Wachovia used to be and will incorporate some of the property from where the BP gas station used to be. There will be a drive through. They will construct missing sidewalks and make improvements to storm water management. The second case is Vinson Hall, which is building 75-80 independent living units. The construction will be finished in 2014 and will include a 53,000 square foot community use building and parking structure.

Ms. Edmondson talked about the Pedestrian Safety Task Force formed by Supervisor Foust in 2008. She advised that connectivity is a major focus for Supervisor Foust. The task force was folded into the McLean Revitalization Corporation and is working on project implementation. Work is well underway to move electric wires underground (Old Dominion and Chain Bridge Road). VDOT will put in new mast arms for the traffic signals at the intersection. The MRC has two federal grants to improve pedestrian safety at the intersection as well as further down Old Dominion. Ms Edmondson also mentioned the Supervisor's efforts to construct trails throughout the Dranesville District and install rapid flash pedestrian signals (like the one at McLean High School) are a number of other school sites and near Lewinsville Park.

A question was asked about traffic calming measures on North River Street. Ms. Edmondson said she would check into the issue and provided **this note** afterwards:

Speed humps were proposed adjacent to the properties numbered 4108 and 4109 on North River Street, McLean. On 11/14/12, votes were tallied in the Supervisor's Office. The ballot count for traffic calming on River Rd. did not favor the installation of the speed hump at the above location.

A question was asked about when the county would finish the landscaping of 1447 Woodacre (a property purchased by Fairfax County due to extensive problems caused by storm water runoff). **Note:** Inquiries were made after the meeting. Here's the response from the project engineer:

All of the work should have been completed yesterday and we should be at the project site sometime next week to make sure that everything was built to plan. I hope this information helps you but if you have any further questions or concerns please feel free to contact me.

Thank You,  
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A question was asked about why utility companies that tear up the road aren't required to repave. She advised they usually do a temporary patch, but are often required to repave the road. The work being done on Kirby Road is a project by Washington Gas. Ms. Edmondson will find out for us when that project is scheduled for completion.

**Note:** She sent an email after the meeting letting us know that the project is scheduled for completion at the end of May. The work includes milling (remove existing asphalt to the rough, rubble finish) and then re-pave with fresh asphalt.

A question was asked whether there was any hope to get a safe route (e.g., sidewalk or walking trail) on Chesterbrook Road so we're not marooned. Dan Nichols said that all are concerned about safety of our kids, bikes, and foot traffic. He witness safety issues on a daily basis (his house is near the intersection of Chesterbrook and Albemarle). The sidewalks are a VDOT issue which means we compete with other projects going on around the state. Dan advised that the Board of Supervisors approved a county wide trail map. The map shows a trail on Chesterbrook Road. We won't know what it will look like until a feasibility study is done. In order to proceed, Supervisor Foust needs approval from the homes along Chesterbrook saying that they'll be willing to consider sidewalks or a trail. Dan has signature from 70% of properties. Only three people have said no so far. There is a committee working to collect remaining signatures. If you are interested in helping on this project, please email Dan Nichols at [danielnichols@verizon.net](mailto:danielnichols@verizon.net).

#### **Connect-Mclean:**

Michele Pearce, chair of a grassroots organization called, [Connect-McLean](http://www.connect-mclean.org), came to solicit the support of CWCA as she works to improve the safety for pedestrians on Kirby Road extending onto Chesterbrook Road as well. Connect-Mclean reports that 9,200 cars drive on Kirby every day at an average of 46 mph (11 mph over the speed limit). Michele advised that police are not ticketing on Kirby. Michele reported that there are nine new officers assigned to Mclean. She is meeting with the new police chief to see if some allocation could be made to Kirby Road. Michele encourages residents to check out [www.connect-mclean.org](http://www.connect-mclean.org). If you're interested in helping with the effort to get sidewalks/trails on Kirby Road and Chesterbrook Road, would like to post a sign in your yard (particularly those on Chesterbrook Road), or just want to show your support for getting sidewalks/trails on Chesterbrook Road and Kirby Road, please contact Michele through [kirbyroadcivicassociation@hotmail.com](mailto:kirbyroadcivicassociation@hotmail.com).

A question was raised about whether we could get slow humps (like they have on Albemarle) or if a stop sign could be added at Forest and Chesterbrook Road. This has been proposed before, but there wasn't sufficient support from the homeowners along the road to implement this.

#### **Announcements:**

CWCA has a new website url: [www.chesterbrookwoods.org](http://www.chesterbrookwoods.org). Thanks to Ellie LeBaron, our webmaster, for creating and maintaining the site. Please check it out!

Dan mentioned that we would like to form a Welcoming Committee. If you are interested in serving, please email [jtalens@verizon.net](mailto:jtalens@verizon.net)

Eleven year olds, Arthur Nichols and Salah Mohammed, invite CWCA residents to join them in the Little Pimmit Run Cleanup Project scheduled for Sunday, April 28th at 10 am. Please meet in the Nichols driveway (6028 Chesterbrook Road). Rain date is May 3rd at 4 pm.

**NOTE:** Thanks to the residents who came out to help with the cleanup. They bagged quite a bit of trash! See attached photos from the event. The group photo shows: l-r, Maggie Nichols, Arthur Nichols, Dan Nichols, George Nichols, Kevin Juneau and Josh Leong (Jacamo Patton and his mom departed before the photo). Please email [chesterbrookwoods@gmail.com](mailto:chesterbrookwoods@gmail.com) if you would like to help organize other community projects like this.

Meeting Adjourned 8:25 pm.



Maggie Nichols, Arthur Nichols, Dan Nichols, George Nichols, Kevin Juneau and Josh Leong (Jacamo Patton and his mom departed before the photo)