

**Chesterbrook Woods Civic Association**  
**Spring Meeting Minutes**  
**April 23, 2018, 7pm-8:45pm**

CWCA President Larry Allen called the meeting to order and made introductions. Approximately 30 residents were in attendance.

**Delegate Rip Sullivan**

Delegate Rip Sullivan spoke about several topics of interest:

**a) Overview of recent VA General Assembly session:**

- Representatives met from Jan-mid March and passed 1000 pieces of legislation
- Budget was not passed and they will meet again in May to resolve
- See RipSullivan.com for all bills he's involved in such as
  - Renewable Energy
  - Medicaid Expansion
  - Sullivan's BYOB bill – legalizes BYOB at private swimming pools
  - Nurse Practitioners

**b) Road Repaving**

- Working in concert with VDOT and Supervisor Foust's office, the road repaving of Chesterbrook Woods will happen in 2018
  - A map was passed out with the streets highlighted to be paved. Virtually all of Chesterbrook Woods, except for Chesterbrook Road, is scheduled for repaving.
  - VDOT gives the contractor a time range for completing the project, and we have not yet heard the dates but they will let the community know in advance so parked cars can be moved. [Some houses have received a notice that paving will begin within the next 30 days]
  - The need to possibly coordinate the paving schedule with Fairfax County Public Schools was discussed so that bus route disruptions would be kept to a minimum if paving takes place during the school year.

**c) Group homes and ambulance disturbances**

Q: A resident asked whether Chesterbrook Woods was being targeted for group homes and if there was anything that could be done to change the law?

A: It was stated that Chesterbrook Woods is not being targeted and the growth of neighborhood-based group homes is common in many areas, especially in Arlington. These businesses are protected by the Americans with Disabilities Act and the Fair Housing Act. Delegate Sullivan believes that these providers could do a better job of meeting with the community to mitigate concerns and to understand the impacts on folks in the neighborhood.

Q: Ambulances are quite common, sometimes entering the neighborhood with sirens on. When sitting next to the group home during the call to help, they keep the engine running and lights flashing. Would it be possible to speak to the Fire & Rescue authorities about this policy

to help alleviate this issue?

A: Yes, he will take this request to get answered

**d) Kirby/Old Dominion Intersection improvement**

This project is on hold due to money being shifted around to pay for Metro operations and several proposed taxes not being passed.

**Report from Supervisor Foust's Office**

Supervisor Foust was unable to attend the meeting but he was represented by Ms. Jane Edmonson, Chief of Staff.

**a) Downtown McLean**

Since a developer cancelled its application to redevelop its site in 2016, improvements to the shopping center where the Giant is located are still on hold. The county is hiring a consultant. Plans continue for the "Listrani Peninsula" to move a historic marker and improve this parcel.

**b) The Signet: Condo development at the corner of Elm and Fleetwood**

JBG Smith and McWilliams Ballard, the developers of The Signet, are constructing 123 condominium units on six levels above 5,000 square feet of street level retail space. The property should be complete this summer. The developer's website is <http://signetmclean.com>.

**c) Digges project: 28 house development project**

This plan submitted by the Digges family to develop their property along Albemarle Street is still not approved. One house has been torn down and construction on a model home has started; this is allowable even if the plan isn't approved yet, as the lot involved is for a single house and is a "by right" infill development.

Storm water issues are slowing the progress of this project as well as an issue over an easement to the county drainage line.

**d) Transportation Projects - Update on Sidewalk Projects on Kirby and Chesterbrook Roads:**

**Kirby Road Sidewalk Projects (from east to west)**

- North side of Kirby Road from Chesterbrook to east of Chesterbrook Elementary School
  - Construction is 50% complete; paused due to unexpected utility relocation complications.
  - The relocations are expected to wrap up this month so construction can continue in May.
  - Construction expected to be completed this summer.
  
- South side of Kirby Road from Chesterbrook Elementary School to Halsey Road and from Halsey Road to Franklin Avenue

- Pre-final design in progress and land acquisition to begin this month.
- Construction late 2019.

• North side of Kirby Road from Birch Road to Ivy Hill Drive and from Ivy Hill Drive to Corliss Court

- Final design is in progress.
- A pardon our dust meeting will be held in early fall.
- Construction fall 2018.

• East side of Kirby Road from Mori Street to Chesterbrook Road

- Includes rebuilding of existing trail.
- Project scoping began this summer.
- Construction to begin in 2020.

Chesterbrook Road Sidewalk Projects (from west to east)

• South side of Chesterbrook Road from Chesterford Way to Maddux Lane

- Final design in progress and utility relocations underway.
- Land acquisition completed in December 2017.
- Construction will begin later this year.

• South side of Chesterbrook Road from Chesterbrook Vale Court to North Albermarle Street

- Project scoping to begin in summer 2019.
- Construction late 2021/early 2022.

• South side of Chesterbrook Road from North Albermarle Street to Forest Lane and Forest Lane to North 41st Street

- Project scoping to begin in summer 2019.

Traffic Calming on Chesterbrook Rd

• Reviewed and approved the Chesterbrook Woods Community Association request for a traffic calming study of Chesterbrook Road.

- FCDOT study will be completed in late April or early May.

**e) Undergrounding electric cables**

Dominion Energy's Strategic Undergrounding Project is targeting areas that experience a lot of outages. It was determined that Chesterbrook Woods was a good candidate for burying lines. This requires some easements from property owners. Residents reported that Dominion had been to their home and showed them detailed plans. Certain parts of Chesterbrook Woods may see more action on this front during 2018.

Additional information is available at <https://www.dominionenergy.com/about-us/news-center/electric-projects-and-initiatives/strategic-underground-program>.

The Electric Distribution Underground Marketing & Communication Coordinator at Dominion Energy stated that Dominion continues to evaluate tap lines in the Chesterbrook Woods community but that she had no expanded scope information at this time. She also said that Dominion plans to meet with the CWCA board sometime in late summer or early fall to provide an update.

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

Jennifer Versaw gave the Treasurer's report.

- CWCA collected dues from 353 homes which represents a paying rate of 65%
- Contribution per household averaged \$16.66, since dues were dropped to \$15 and some residents still wanted to contribute more
- We have \$44,069 cash on hand
- Expenses for snow removal was much lower than budgeted
- Still likely to incur expenses for Pineapple Patrol
- Reserve reduced over prior year. Our net change in cash so far in 2018 is a decrease of approximately \$2,600

### **Committee Reports**

#### **Snow Removal:**

- Steve Sunderhauf reported for the committee, which can be reached at: [CWCASnow@gmail.com](mailto:CWCASnow@gmail.com) or on its Twitter account at <https://twitter.com/cwcasnow>
- Weather equipment has been installed in Chesterbrook Woods for more accurate weather readings on Wunderground. Here's the link: <https://www.wunderground.com/personal-weather-station/dashboard?ID=KVAMCLEA53#history>
- If there is a problem with the snow plow service, residents should report it on the gmail amount. There were 6 events this year. 3 used sand only, 3 used sand and salt, and only 1 needed a plow. Due to the light year, they expended less than half of the snow removal budget for the season.

#### **Security Report:**

Catherine Blakely reported on behalf of Bob Blakely.

- In February, there were several car break-ins in the Hardwood/Woodacre area. The vehicles affected were left unlocked.
- Several safety tips were reiterated and discussed. Residents should lock their cars and not leave valuables in sight. Home and garage windows should be locked.
- Neighbors should remain vigilant and if anyone sees anything suspicious, they should call the non-emergency police number: 703-556-7750. Let the CWCA know so we can communicate to the neighborhood.

#### **Pineapple Patrol:**

Catherine Blakely and Allison Lurton have taken over for the Pineapple Patrol, CWCA's hospitality committee.

- She is seeking new committee members to participate, please contact her if you are

interested: [catherine@theblakelys.com](mailto:catherine@theblakelys.com)

- A new basket item this year will include 2 tickets to the McLean Symphony. Block captains and neighbors—please continue to advise the Pineapple Patrol when new neighbors move in. Often there is a remodel that goes on after the sale but prior to moving in, and it is helpful to know when the residents are actually living there.

- Also, please contact the CWCA Secretary, Ellen Garrett, with the new neighbor's names and emails for the CWCA Directory: [ellen104@gmail.com](mailto:ellen104@gmail.com)

### **Environmental Committee:**

- Betty Ende encouraged homeowners to monitor if new home construction is going up to put pressure on the county to review plans concerning the impact on the trees. The Urban Foresters do make an impact when they review the plans which help to conserve the trees.

- Residents wondered if there was an arborist in the neighborhood that could help advise the committee. Please contact if you can help: [cwcaenvironment@yahoogroups.com](mailto:cwcaenvironment@yahoogroups.com)

- It was encouraged that residents get involved if construction is going on near your home to help deter the razing of roots on your property line that may cause future damage and the unwanted demolition of the mature trees.

- Storm Water problems: A question about the flooding at Albermarle and Chesterbrook: President Allen said that VDOT has done one project which made some improvement. However, a pipe is crushed under the intersection, and a longer project will need to be undertaken which will involve digging up the entire intersection to completely replace the drain pipes under it. Residents near this site encouraged others to contact the county to complain because this moves the site up on the priority list. Jane Edmondson of Supervisor Foust's office agreed to ask VDOT about this.

- National Prescription Drug Take Back Day, April 28, 10 -2 pm, Fairfax County Police Station 1437 Ball Hill Rd <https://takebackday.dea.gov/>

Meeting Adjourned 8:35 PM.