

Huntington Forrest Home Owners Association
Board Minutes
May 12, 2009 Meeting, 7:30 p.m.

Attended:

Board members: Debbie Halla, Brendan O'Dowd, Kathy Spitzer, John Schaffer,
Linda Eyler (for Jack), Natalie Webster
Non-board members: Debbie Clay-Mendez

Treasurer's Report

- Linda Eyler (for Jack) submitted the Treasurer's Report (separate document) and noted two corrections: (1) account receivable: delete \$152, (2) Countrywide CD date: June 1, 2009 maturity date is correct.
- Two homeowners have outstanding 2008 due payments. One is overseas but Jack is trying to contact them. One is local.
- Motion to accept report. Moved and accepted.

Land Use

- We received a letter from Fairfax County in April re Emerald Ash Borer. County will do survey and lay traps if needed (large purple hanging boxes). Survey time is April – August. Board agreed to note in newsletter to notify residents.
- Recent meeting –VDOT wants to reduce the speed limit on Rt. 1 citing pedestrian safety. VDOT is supposed to collect feedback from neighborhood associations. Board members noted pedestrians frequently cross at various areas although crosswalks and signals are provided.
- Wegmans is due to open June 2011 in Kingstowne area.

Strategic Planning Items

- FIOS – Brendan to take lead on push to get faster installation in neighborhood
- Sidewalks on Florence Lane – due to be installed next summer; Debbie Halla contacts county frequently on progress to ensure momentum continues
- Neighborhood sidewalk repair – need to take photos and note locations to put in one request to VDOT of all areas that need repair. Jack, Brendan and John to do walk-through.
- Wegmans
- Common Area – establish committee to handle oversight and report back to board

Newsletter

- John Schaefer to take lead to edit, layout and print
- Articles:
 - Nominations for board and committees (Natalie) There are three slots for three-year terms open in Nov.
 - Welcoming committee (Arienne)
 - Common area committee (Bill Jewell)
 - Dog containment and clean-up
 - General upkeep of vegetation next to sidewalks

- Motion to insert letter in newsletter to see what projects/issues homeowners want to prioritize for board attention. We are looking for simple majority. Motion accepted and moved. Brendan to do letter.

New Business/Other

- Debbie Clay-Mendez displayed photos of plants she found in the common area and noted that there are “invasive” plants in the area blocking access to the area and she intended to cut them as needed for her access. She was reminded that no alterations can be made to the area without permission from the neighborhood at large. The board does not support any unilateral action by any homeowner.
- It was stated that is the board’s intent to ensure that all credible information on legal, environmental and other considerations regarding the common area be collected and reviewed by the common grounds committee to be headed by Bill Jewel. This committee will report items to the board for its consideration. Items that would result in increased fees/dues or alter common areas must be presented to homeowners at large for a vote prior to taking action. This excludes immediate needs of tree removal for safety and liability.

(Prepared by Natalie Webster)