

## **Spring Bank Community Association**

### Meeting Minutes

November 17, 2015

7:30 PM

Groveton Baptist Church, East Hall

Next meeting:

Tuesday, Jan 19, 2016, 7:30 PM, Groveton Baptist Church

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#### **I. Opening – Vice President Bill Brinley**

7:33 – Meeting is called to order.

We had planned to have a Cafritz rep at meeting to discuss updates to development plan at corner of Rt 1 and Fleming. Unfortunately, there were problems with the presentation, so it was decided to postpone the presentation to a future meeting. In general, there is not much new information, the Zoning and Out of Phase Plan adjustments are being developed. Those in attendance expressed concerns with the parking and traffic associated with the development.

#### **II. General Business**

7:48

Discussion regarding if the next meeting should be in December or January. Concerns that December meeting would have low turnout, especially if Cafritz was invited back. It was noted that the January meeting would be the day after the Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday, and also on a Fairfax County School Student Holiday. A motion to cancel the December meeting was made, seconded, and approved by vote of those in attendance. The next meeting will be Jan. 19, 2016.

Treasures report: Nothing to report.

October meeting minutes: A typo with the vice president's name was pointed out. A motion to approve the minutes with the correction was made, seconded, and approved by vote of those in attendance.

It was noted that the next election, a Primary, would be held March 1, 2016, which would be a school day for Fairfax Co. Schools. It was suggested that residents may want to consider requesting a student holiday for that day due to security concerns with holding voting with polling places in schools while school is in session.

#### **III. Board of Supervisors and School Board engagement**

Discussion on how best for the association to engage with the county Board of Supervisors and School Board, especially with members-elect Dan Storck (BoS) and Karen Corbett Sanders (SB) taking office in 2016. Suggest a committee to determine how best to present association concerns to these offices. It was suggested that 1 committee to cover both would be better able to coordinate the interface. Some topics that may want to be covered are sidewalks, lights, water/drainage, traffic.

A motion to form 1 engagement committee was made, seconded and approved by those in attendance. Volunteers to serve on the committee are needed, if interested contact one of the Officers.

#### **IV. Beacon Hill/Oak Intersection**

Due to recent accidents and ongoing issues with turning at the intersection of Beacon Hill and Oak Dr. some residents have begun investigating what may be done to improve the situation.

Beth Hansen reached out to the Supervisor's office and found that Latrice Hall in the office had already contacted VDOT after a fatal accident at Beacon Hill and Smithway regarding a traffic light at the intersection. VDOT replied 4 days later that traffic volumes on Oak are not high enough to warrant a light. VDOT did agree that there are sight-line problems with the intersection, and can trim bushes to the west of Oak Dr, but cars parked on a private driveway to the south cannot be addressed.

FCPD was contacted regarding traffic speeds on Beacon Hill, who noted that their observed speeds are not excessive and revealed that policy is to not ticket speeders unless +10 MPH over posted limit.

After another accident in the area, VDOT decided to install 3 chevron signs on Beacon Hill on curve west of Oak Dr.

Suggest working with County/VDOT to look at non-physical traffic calming options (signs, pavement markings, police, awareness, etc) prior to trying more expensive and harder to get approval physical calming measures (humps, choker, traffic circle, chicane, pedestrian shelter, raised crosswalk, etc)

Community to suggest some options that VDOT or County to explore:

- Pedestrian activated Rapid Flash beacon
- Your speed is electronic sign
- Speed limit reduction below current 35 MPH posted or 45 MPH as currently enforced.
- Mirror
- Curve speed limit sign
- Yield to pedestrians in crosswalk sign
- Suggestions for police to find speed observation locations that are not in plain view of cars on Beacon Hill.

Reports from FCPD (Neighborhood Watch Officer Urps) are that there are not many reported accidents at the intersection of Beacon Hill and Oak. Recent high profile accidents were nearby.

#### **V. Community Yard Sale**

8:35: Some residents are interested in organizing a community yard sale in Spring or Summer 2016, and would like to investigate begin planning an event. Current thoughts are to look into how to publicize the event. Watch the Google Group for more info and opportunities to volunteer.

#### **VI. Open Mic/Resident's concerns**

8:40

- Suggestion to look into a Facebook page for the association.
- Suggestion to authorize \$150 for procurement of new signs to notify residents of upcoming meetings. Suggestions are to use a larger font on signs, and include space to notify residents of highlights of what will be at upcoming meetings (i.e. "candidate forum" or "development presentation"). Motion made, seconded, and approved by those in attendance.
- There is continuing issues with tents of homeless going up at JBG property behind Wendy's, with 4+ tents. JBG as owner is responsible for cleanup and notifying police of trespassers. Police to give notice and later enforce removal similar to eviction. After communication with JBG, it appears they are now starting to communicate with police. There was a suggestion to look into if residents can be authorized to act as "agent" for JBG in dealing with trespassing on property.
- There was a question on who to contact regarding dead trees on west side of Hillside along new fence. Additionally there appears to be garbage being tossed over fence in area of trees from tables on other side of the fence. Officers to contact building management.
- Residents noted concerns with fliers left on doors when residents may not be around, causing security (empty home) issues. Noted that we are trying to move to more electronic communication but fliers provide the best way to reach the entire neighborhood. Suggested that those who do not want fliers may be able to "opt out" and those distributing would skip those houses and those that post "no fliers"
- Concerns with murders in nearby Hybla Valley and reports of robberies in nearby shopping areas. Residents suggested to remain aware of surroundings and if there are concerns to contact the Neighborhood watch coordinator (Wellborne).
- Residents reminded to use caution when walking and driving in the neighborhood now that it gets darker earlier, especially on streets with few street lights and few good places to walk. Suggestions are to walk on left, wear bright/reflective clothing or lights, and for drivers to slow down.

## **VII. Adjournment – 9:05**

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