

Columbia Heights Civic Association
(Association Meeting Minutes: Monday, December 10, 2007)
(7:00 pm, WRCC)

Board Members:

Present:

Geoff Gerhardt - Treasurer
Ron Haddox - President
Mike Harvey - Secretary
Ed Miltenberger – Vice President
Linda Palmer
Joan Rineberg
Dana Schlichtmann

Quorum Present? Yes

Others Present:

John Antonelli
Peter Jones
Sarah McKinley
Allen Muchnick

Proceedings:

-Meeting called to order at 7:15 pm by President Ron Haddox
-Minutes from Board Meeting On 10/3/07 & 10/15/07 were approved via email but with Mike Harvey will make a few minor alterations before final submission.

Welcomed Members and Guests - Approved Agenda & Guidelines for Meeting

-Treasurer's report – Geoff Gerhardt

The treasurer reported that we have \$484.02 in the bank, no outstanding bills, and 39 paid members.

Financial activity since October 31, 2007:

Deposits:

\$210 collected in membership dues at \$10-per member for 21 members

Debits:

\$239.40 reimbursed to Ron Haddox for Web site hosting fees.

\$50 annual dues to Arlington County Civic Federation.

\$92 annual fee to U.S. Postal Service for PO Box.

Total = #381.40

Net Activity: -\$171.40

-President's report – Ron Haddox, President

The Columbia Pike Development Plan will be posted on the Web Site.

Vice President's report - Ed Miltenberger

1. People are upset about the painting of new street lines on Walter Reed near Columbia Pike.

Allen Munchnik reported on:

- A. Congestion at Walter Reed and Columbia Pike and efforts to fix the problem.
 - i.) Re-striping from 9th Rd to Columbia Pike.
The problem will be re-evaluated in 6 months.
 - B. Logic of making W.R. single lane
 - i. Slow traffic for pedestrian safety, considered successful.
2. County agreed to let Halstead construction begin at 7 am on Saturdays to keep on schedule.
 - a. They want to have all concrete poured before February.
 - b. John Antonelli made a motion that CHCA send a letter to the county and CPRO saying to not make an exception in this case and to keep to the county ordinance of a 10 am Saturday start time. Ed M. seconds this motion.
 - c. The point was made that we were notified by email 10 days ago by CPRO that this was going to happen. An official letter from the county was not received. The consensus was that we should have been notified further in advance and been given a chance to express opinions. Some members expressed concern about the process. Standards of operation were not followed.
 - d. Sarah will draft a letter stating our opposition.
 3. Giant's closing date has been pushed back, to an undetermined time.
 - a. Giant has agreed in their site plan to provide either a free PeaPod service or a shuttle bus for the elderly and handicapped, as well as alternate facilities for the pharmacy established before closing the store.
 - b. CPRO said at President's meeting that they would notify every one of Giant's intentions.

Penrose report - Dana Schlichtmann - Penrose is working out contractual issues to hire a consultant and will have new news in February.

NCCA meeting & our Projects:

Sarah McKinley reported on NCCA meeting and our project.

1. CHCA fence project is #1 project on the list of approved projects for this spring.
2. NCCA will be enforcing bylaws pertaining to meeting attendance. Three missed meetings and Community Association will lose standing in NCCA. All projects will lose priority points.
3. Encouraged CHCA to do small group street light proposals if we want lights
 - a. Takes a lot of time, better start soon.
4. We are not ready, and it is not time, to pick specifics for our fence project.
5. We formed a Fence Committee

- a. Membership includes:
 - i. Ron Haddox
 - ii. Mike Harvey
 - iii. Ed Miltenberger
 - iv. Sarah McKinley
6. Sarah volunteered to facilitate organization of lighting proposals if groups come up with block captains, etc.
 - a. Sarah recommended we do smaller groups, preferably an easy section to start with and learn the procedure.

Columbia Heights Neighborhood signs:

Mike Harvey presented sign samples, both existing signs as examples, and samples done by Melissa Harvey as suggested directions we could pursue. The samples were received very well and the group suggested we form a committee to proceed with the development of one particular design.

1. Committee members:
 - a. Melissa Harvey
 - b. Mike Harvey
 - c. Joan Rineberg
 - d. Dana Schlichtman
 - e.

Greening of Arlington meeting Report:

Mike Harvey attended the environmental meeting and made a brief report of some interesting facts. At some future time, he would like to show anyone who is interested around Walter Reed Community Center and point out the Green features.

Peter Jones yielded his scheduled speaking time.

List Serve Etiquette and Rules:

Ron Haddox brought up list serve etiquette and rules.

1. Ron made a list of rules, using a list from another successful list serve as an example.
2. It was proposed that we have a committee to discuss and develop a list of rules.
 - a. John Antonelli suggested we have 2 list serves.
 - i. 1 for discussions
 - ii. 1 for board of directors
 - b. It was decided we should form a committee to discuss the rules and then report back.
 - c. The rules will include defined penalties for infractions.
 - d. Membership includes:
 - i. John Antonelli
 - ii. Ron Haddox
 - iii. Allen Muchnik

Trolley Meeting:

The subject of the Trolley Meeting was brought up. It was suggested that we should have pro & con speakers.

1. John Antonelli suggested we have a vote at the meeting and raise funds for CHCA by only allowing paid members to vote. Mike Harvey said this is not appropriate and that people would not want to join just so they could vote on the trolley. He also expressed that we should not vote, then use the results to represent the opinion of CHCA as if we all oppose or support the trolley. This is too complicated to just oppose or support. There are too many variables that need to be evaluated and supported or opposed. Some people are in favor of the trolley only under certain circumstances.
2. John Antonelli suggests we move the location of the Trolley meeting. Ron motioned that we move the meeting in March focused on the Trolley. Allen seconded.
 - a. John A. in favor, all others opposed, motion defeated.
3. Ron motioned that we have a trolley meeting in March with Pro & Con speakers. Allen seconded.
 - a. All were in favor, motion passed.
4. Object of meeting should be sharing information with community.
5. Geoff said he did not think the vote was a good idea either, won't motivate people or put the right message out.
6. Committee was formed, membership includes:
 - a. John Antonelli
 - b. Ed Miltenberger
 - c. Joan Rineberg

Next Meeting: Monday, January 14, 2008

Meeting adjourned at 8:59 pm

Minutes submitted by Secretary, Mike Harvey