

MINUTES

THE ASPEN HILL CIVIC ASSOCIATION, INC.

12 November 2015

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by President Melissa Ryan at 7:04 P.M. in the Aspen Hill Library.

CALL OF THE ROLL

Present at the meeting were board members: Jamison Adcock, Marna Cary, KC Chronopoulos, Robert Clarke, Sheila Convery, Gail Cooper, Sharon Dean, Judy Fink, Patricia King, Sol Levy, Suzy Levy, Jiri Malek, JoAnna Nasios, Sam Nasios, Linda NeCastro-Pastel, Carol Petzold, Monica Reyes-Dame, Selene Robinson, Roselia Rodriguez, Melissa Ryan, Michael Salay, Jane Salzano, Carla Steinborn and Judy Tankersley.

Absent from the meeting were board members: Joan Cohen, Steve Cohen, Susan Eisendrath, Walter Petzold, and Kris Vaitkus

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the October 28, 2015 meeting were approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Sheila Convery presented Treasurer Steven Cohen's financial report for 1 October through 31 October 2015, see the accompanying document.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Sheila Convery reported that membership stands at 122 persons as of 27 October. Memberships taken since have not yet been processed. A discussion on how to approach non-renewed members took place and it was decided to contact them again.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Following nominations and voting, the following Board members were elected to be the Board officers for 2015-1016:

President - Jamison Adcock

Vice President - Sam Nasios

Treasurer - Steve Cohen

Corresponding Secretary - Sheila Convery

Recording Secretary - Bob Clarke

Carla Steinborn recommended the Board commend out going President Melissa Ryan for her service and it was agreed to by all present

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

Following a discussion the Board established the following standing committees for the 2015-2016 year:

Environment Issues [incl. refuse]

Government Relations

Library

Media [newsletter, website & social media]

Membership Relations [membership & social events]

Neighborhood Relations [community outreach & senior services]

Public Safety [police, fire, EMS, code enforcement & traffic]

Schools

Utilities

Board members then submitted their choices for committee membership.

OLD BUSINESS:

Revision of the Articles of Incorporation and the Bylaws

Following a discussion it was decided to have the Board prepare a recommended version of each document in time for presentation at the May 2016 General Membership meeting.

The Articles of Incorporation are to be undertaken first using the sub-committee's report as a starting point beginning at the December Board meeting. Sheila Convery will provide all Board members with a copy of the sub-committee's report as soon as possible.

Judy Tankersley proposed that the Board adopt temporary standing operating rules for matters not covered by the current Bylaws for such issues as the quorum for Board meetings, committee membership and Board member attendance. It was agreed to and will be placed under Old Business at the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Bauer Drive Speed Bumps

Sharon Dean related an issue brought to her attention by a resident living on Bauer Drive, between Arctic Avenue and Bardot Street. As a result of earlier WSSC construction, several speed bumps were moved and improperly replaced leading to tremors in the adjacent homes when heavy vehicles go over them. The resident is seeking the association's aid in getting a remedy. Following a lengthy discussion it was moved and passed that President Adcock contact County Council member Katz for help in resolving the issue.

Candidate Forum

Carol Petzold moved that the association co-sponsor a candidate's forum, along with the Friends of the Aspen Hill Library, for the 8th Congressional District primary election to be held 26 April 2016. The date for the forum is not yet certain. The motion passed.

Gerrymandering

Carla Steinborn suggested that the association should express its displeasure to the appropriate authorities about how gerrymandering ill serves the Aspen Hill community. Following a discussion it was decided to refer the matter to the Government Relations committee to investigate and recommend what actions should be taken to the full Board.

Wheaton Regional Park Renovation

Jane Salzano brought to the Board's attention that the Park and Planning Commission is seeking in-put regarding its planned renovation at the park. She suggested we recommend improvements for the disabled and for the return of a carousel. It was moved and passed that we seek a Park and Planning representative to speak with us about this at our December meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Selene Robinson reminded members of the 26 October 2010 county ordinance that requires all vehicles on residential property to be operational, registered and each parked on a surfaced area of at least 260 square feet. In R-90 residential zones no more than 30% of the front yard or 320 square feet, whichever greater, may be surfaced.

Sharon Dean encouraged Board and community members to report all code violations by calling 311. She related several instances where her constant attentions had resulted in significant improvements. The reporting can be done confidentially. She also mentioned that county Metro-Rail ridership is down, that Georgia Avenue between Connecticut and University is considered a pedestrian hot spot because of the high number of accidents involving pedestrians, and that as a result of contact with County Council member Katz she had a dangerous faulty manhole cover hazard repaired.

Jamison Adcock announced that a meeting to form a new Neighborhood Watch organization is to be held on Thursday November 19th at 7:00 PM in the Berman Academy.

Joan Cohen submitted a utility report saying that WSSC has completed the rehabilitation and re-surfacing of London Lane. She also learned from them that WSSC has done no work on Briarwood Terrace and that the poor road surface there is entirely the county responsibility.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:32 p.m. the motion to adjourn was made and passed.

The remaining meeting for 2015 will take place December 9 at 7:00 p.m. at the Aspen Hill Library

Respectfully Submitted,
Robert Clarke
Recording Secretary

ASPEN HILL CIVIC ASSOCIATION, Inc.

TREASURER'S REPORT October 1 - October 31, 2015

Steven Cohen
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Treasurer

Checking Account - Suntrust xxxx6769

Balance as of October 1, 2015 \$4,054.76

Income: October 1 - October 31, 2015

- Dues (Family) -	\$228.00
- Dues (Individual)	\$119.00
- Donations	\$16.00

Expenses: October 1 - October 31, 2015 \$0.00

Balance as of October 31, 2015 \$4,417.76

Petty Cash

Balance as of October 1, 2015 \$55.34

Income: October 1 - October 31, 2015

\$0.00

Expenses

- Parking at Montgomery Co. Gov't Ctr - CUPF mtg (\$8.00)

Balance as of October 31, 2015 \$47.34

Total Available as of October 31, 2015 \$4,465.10