

MINUTES
THE ASPEN HILL CIVIC ASSOCIATION, INC.
16 March 2016

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by President Jamison Adcock at 7:01 P.M. at the Berman Academy.

CALL OF THE ROLL:

Present at the meeting were board members: Jamison Adcock, Marna Cary, KC Chronopoulos, Robert Clarke, Joan Cohen, Steve Cohen, Sheila Convery, Gail Cooper, Sharon Dean, Susan Eisendrath, Judy Fink, Sol Levy, Suzy Levy, Jiri Malek, Sam Nasios, Linda NeCastro-Pastel, Monica Reyes-Dame, Selene Robinson, Melissa Ryan, Michael Salay, Jane Salzano, Rena Samuel, Carla Steinborn, and Judy Tankersley.

Absent from the meeting were board members: Patricia King, JoAnna Nasios, Carol Petzold, Walter Petzold, and Roselia Rodriguez and Kris Vaitkus.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minutes of the 17 February 2016 meeting were approved as corrected.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

For Treasurer Steven Cohen's financial report for 1 February through 29 February 2016 please see page 5. He also noted that the Association's 2016 tax report has been filed.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT:

Sheila Convery reported that membership stands at 131 members.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Environment Issues - No chair

- It was announced that representatives of the Green Street program would attend the next Board meeting as well as make a presentation at May's General Membership Meeting.
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Susan Eisendrath, committee member, requested a donation from association toward funding snacks and water for the 9:00 - noon annual streambed cleanup for the Aspen Hill portion of Rock Creek on 16 April.

Volunteers are to meet at the Russett Road entrance. Sam Nasios said his business would provide the funds. Jamison Adcock said members of the Membership Committee should be present to solicit new members. Melissa Ryan mentioned she had Association information cards to be distributed. Sol Levy moved that funds up to \$50 should be provided if the turnout warranted it. The motion was agreed to.

Government Relations - No chair

- Jamison Adcock announced that the Mid-County Citizens Advisory Board [MCCAB], would be meeting at the Aspen Hill Library on Tuesday the 19th of March. Judy Tankersley encouraged all citizens to attend.
- Sol Levy announced that the County Council recently adopted a 65,000 square foot zoning limit on stores for the whole county. Any exceptions will require special hearings.

The Library Committee - Marna Cary chair

- Marna Cary reported that the library will not be closing for "refreshing" at the time reported earlier. The new dates are unknown at this time.
- The Library will be hosting the Irish Heritage Celebration on the 26th of March from 2:00 to 4:00.
- The spring used book sale is scheduled for 19 March. The books will be sold at reduced prices to clear the inventory prior to the library being closed for "refreshing."
- Dr. Gridlock [Robert Thomson] is the 12:45 PM scheduled guest speaker for Library Meeting Day on Saturday 30 April. Activities run from 10:00 AM until 1:30. See page 6 for more information.
- With the closing of the Wheaton Regional Library for renovation members of that community are now visiting the Aspen Hill Library. Staff members have reports that these new customers like the smaller size and sense of community they feel at their new "temporary" branch library.

Media - No chair. No report.

Membership - No chair

- Sheila Convery said that the scheduled committee meeting was postponed. The meeting will shortly be re-scheduled.

Neighborhood Relations - No report, Judy Fink chair.

Public Safety - No chair

- Jamison Adcock reported that there is currently an uptick in county gang activity.
- He also reported that on 24 February he sent a Board requested letter in support of a new crosswalk at Arctic Avenue and Oriental Street. No reply has yet been received.

Schools - No chair

- President Adcock reported that the current plan for the former English Manor Elementary School site to be turned into administrative offices for the Infant and Toddlers Program has not yet been finalized.
- He also mentioned that the meeting to discuss the future of the Blair Ewing Center presented options on its renovation costs and site locations.
- President Adcock also announced that he has been informed the Montgomery County School Acting Superintendent has cancelled the proposed cell tower to be located next to Parkland Middle School.
- Lastly it was announced that the comprehensive renovation of Wheaton Woods Elementary is under way and the students have been temporarily relocated to North Lake holding school.

Utilities - Joan Cohen chair

- Joan Cohen reported that WSSC was contacted about the amount of lead and anti-corrosives in the water but has yet to receive a reply from them.

OLD BUSINESS:

The Articles of Incorporation

- Sol Levy reported that the recently proposed revised Articles of Incorporation were reviewed pro bono by Marvin Waldman, of Waldman and Diamond, Attorneys At Law, Kensington and found to be fine as written. Joan Cohen moved and it was passed that the Association send a thank you note in appreciation of his efforts. Carla Steinborn indicated she would sponsor a membership for Mr. Waldman that could be included in the note.

Bylaws

- Bob Clarke had previously moved the adoption of the Bylaws Committee report regarding a revision of the Bylaws. It was seconded. Discussion previously took place on Articles I and II. All of the sections in Article I were adopted with minor changes. Article II, sections 1 through 6 were also adopted with minor changes. Further discussion and changes continued at this meeting resulting in the unanimous adoption of the entire document, Articles I through XII, as amended during the meeting. A corrected copy will shortly be provided to Board members by the Corresponding Secretary. These Board recommended Bylaws and Articles of Incorporation will next be provided to the general membership in time for review and approval at the May General Membership Meeting.

NEW BUSINESS: - none

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:03 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for 13 April at 7:00 p.m. at the Berman Academy Upper Chapel, 13300 Arctic Ave.

Respectfully Submitted,
Robert Clarke
Recording Secretary

**ASPEN HILL CIVIC ASSOCIATION,
Inc.**

TREASURER'S REPORT

February 1 - February 29, 2016

Submitted by

Steven Cohen

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Treasurer

Checking Account - Suntrust xxxx6769

Balance as of February 1, 2016 \$4,620.20

Income: - February 1 - February 29, 2016 \$14.00

Expenses: - February 1 - February 29, 2016 \$0.00

Balance as of February 29, 2016 \$4,634.20

Petty Cash

Balance as of February 1, 2016 \$47.34

Income: February 1 - February 29, 2016 \$0.00

Expenses: February 1 - February 29, 2016 \$0.00

Balance as of February 29, 2015 \$47.34

**Total Available as of February 29,
2016** \$4,681.54

LIBRARY MEETING DAY 2016 – APRIL 30

The Library Advisory Committee meeting and the Annual Meeting of the Friends of the Library will be held in the Library's Community Room on April 30, 2016. The meetings will be followed by lunch and speaker. Here's the schedule:

10:00 to 11:00

Aspen Hill Library Advisory Committee Meeting.

Come and learn about the Advisory Committee and its work. All meetings are open to the public.

11:00 to Noon

Annual Meeting of the Friends of the Aspen Hill Library. Reports will be given about activities and plans. Officers will be elected. This is your chance to speak out! Come and say what you want to say about library services, or what the Friends are doing (programs, book sales, movies). This is a great opportunity to volunteer and get involved!!

Noon

Lunch

Let us know if you want a box lunch. They're really good! You'll have a sandwich, small salad, fruit, dessert, and beverage for the low price of \$7.00 for members (\$12 for non-members). Be sure to request your box lunch, so we'll be sure to have enough great food available. You may cut out and mail the luncheon "ticket" below, or call CHRIS SWAN at (301) 871-1113, or e-mail her at aspenhill@folmc.org. Please reserve your lunch by Monday, April 25.

12:45 Speaker

Robert Thomson, *Washington Post* Dr. Gridlock Columnist, will be our speaker this year.

Mr. Thomson joined *The Washington Post* in 1988 where he worked on the D.C., Maryland, and Virginia desks. In 1999, he became *The Post's* transportation editor. He is the second person to hold the Dr. Gridlock title, taking that position when Ron Shaffer, founder of "Dr. Gridlock," retired in 2006.

We are very excited that he will be speaking! Come and listen...

Lunch Ticket (\$7 per lunch for members) Friends of the Aspen Hill Library Noon, April 30, 2016

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone/e-mail: _____

Mail tickets to Friends of the Aspen Hill Library, 4407 Aspen Hill Road, Rockville, Md. 20853.
Otherwise call Chris Swan at (301) 871-1113, or e-mail her at AspenHill@folmc.org.

Lunch reservations are due by Monday, April 25.