

Minutes of AHCA Board Meeting, April 12, 2017

1. Call to Order 7:10pm
2. Call of the Roll

Present: Jamison Adcock, Joan Beerweiler, Marna Cary, Robert Clarke (guest), Sharon Dean, Judy Fink, Sol Levy, Suzy Levy, Monica Reyes-Dame (arr. 8:20), Melissa Ryan, Jane Salzano, Rena Samuel, Carla Steinborn, Judy Tankersley

Absent: Steven Cohen, Sheila Convery, Jiri Malek, LindaNeCastro-Pastel, JoAnna Nasios, Sam Nasios, Carol Petzold, Walter Petzold, Michael Salay

3. Approval of the March 2017 Meeting Minutes
The minutes were accepted as amended.

4. Treasurer's Report:

Steve is ill. Jamison will send out the Treasurer's report. Also, it is the time of year for us to file the AHCA financial report.

5. Membership Report: There was a long discussion of signs for the May General Meeting. Since it is at Parkland Middle School, we need to modify our signs which say Aspen Hill Library. Of course this needs to be reversible. This problem was not resolved.

6. Committee Reports

A. Environmental Issues [environment, & refuse]: No report, but note that Earth Day is coming up and also the Rock Creek clean-up day.

B. Government Relations

Report from Judy Tankersley: The Mid-County Citizens Advisory Board is scheduled to meet Tuesday April 18. The second meeting on the Veirs Mill Corridor was at the end of March. Check out their website. Suggestions can be made regarding things like bikeways, sidewalks, bad traffic, getting to Randolph from Veirs Mill, and so on. The Veirs Mill Corridor is from Wheaton all the way to the Rockville border (just after underpass).

The Corridor Study is related but different from the Veirs Mill BRT.

C. Library

Ken Lewis is the new manager. Marna contacted him asking for a status update. She did not hear back. It's an indirect contact system. Regarding the Aspen Hill Library artifacts from the Robert E. Peary High School, Carol P. is following that up in connection with her work for Friends of the Library.

Mr. Lewis asked about the Civic Association. Jamison will do a letter and work with Marna and Judy T. on it.

D. Media [newsletter, website & social media]: Regarding the Newsletter, Committees are asked to send updates to Jamison. There are two newsletters per year, one before the general meeting and again for membership in the Fall. Might include pictures of the Veirs Mill pedestrian crossing.

E. Membership Relations [membership & social events]: The Community Picnic is planned for June 11, but many issues remain to be worked out. JoAnne sent out letters.

F. Neighborhood Relations [community outreach & senior services]: Individuals over 65 and in home 40 years or a veteran can get up to 20% off your tax. Details will be in the Newsletter.

G. Public Safety [code enforcement, police, fire, EMS & traffic]: Note on code enforcement: Complaints are not necessarily confidential. Check the rule before you assume your complaint will be confidential.

H. Schools

Jane Salzano noted that English Manor was deeded back to MCPS. MCPS will maintain the playground. Jane contacted MCPS and said their construction architect liked the idea of making the playground inter-generational and inclusive. First will be resurfacing and adding another water line then probably more for infants and toddlers. Might be done in the next year.

I. Utilities. The gas company is currently checking for leaks.

7. Old Business

Berman Academy Playground project. No update.

Wheaton Woods Pool Update: The Villa Maya event raised \$520. AHCA voted to give \$250 to WWP to buy food for the community event which is scheduled for June 11, a Sunday, starting at 1pm. Although this is a WWP event, we have contributed and will participate and try to boost AHCA membership.

Also for a Saturday membership event at the Aspen Hill mall, we will prepare cards in Spanish and English. We cannot collect money, but we'll ask people to sign up and provide them with a stamped envelope. Also under consideration is a drawing for 10 free memberships or re-instatements for lapsed members. We need people at each of three locations (front of Giant, the beer and wine store, and the empty Five Guys) and for two time periods of about 2 hours each.

Attendance at Board meetings: People who haven't been attending will be reminded. We also need to review the Committee memberships.

8. New Business

Spring Meeting Plans and Growing the Membership were discussed above.

9. Announcements

10. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 9:21pm.