

RFCA Board Meeting

Minutes

May 4, 2011, 7:30 PM

Board of Director Attendees:

Marty Robinson - President
Ellen Eggerton – 1st VP
Jacqueline Fix – 2d VP
Richmon Tun - Treasurer
Ginger Rogers – Recording Secretary
Kevin Joyce – Corresponding Secretary

Committee Attendees:

Kathleen Powers – Editor, *Farmer*
Laura Asiello – Printing, Flyers, Assembly, *Farmer*
Ruth Hartman – Hospitality

Marty Robinson opened the meeting @ 7:30 PM.

The minutes for the April Board of Directors meeting were approved.

Committee Updates:

Budget - Richmon

Directories:

Dues from five blocks are still outstanding.

Hot Lane Grant for Rain Barrel Project:

Funds of \$2500 received from Transurban and Flour for the rain barrel grant will be sent to Fairfax County.

Funds Paid:

All bills have been paid except for the summer's mowing service for the entrances and the \$500 the Association agreed to pay the Park for refreshments/lunch during the Park Clean-up day. Neither Jim Hickey nor the Park representative advised Marty where to send the check. Marty will find out where the check should be sent.

Ravensworth Elementary School:

The \$400 budgeted for Ravensworth Elementary School has not been sent. Discussion within the board centered on if the Association could direct how its donation should be spent. Anita Bhatnagar, the Ravensworth Farm liaison to the school, had suggested funds could be used toward purchase of Smart Boards (\$10K-\$12K) and Mobile labs (\$20K). The board suggested requesting that the school use the \$400 to purchase books for the library, and send the board a list of books purchased. Marty agreed to talk w/Anita regarding the donation and Richmon will send the check to the school. The principal has

indicated that the county will be renovating the area, and, therefore she didn't want the donation to be used to plant trees between the residents' property and the school.

Old Business

Rain Barrel Workshop: Kevin

As of May 4, 2011, 43 people had registered for rain barrels. Kathleen will re-run the announcement in the next *Farmer*.

General Meeting, May 26, 2011: Kathleen

The business meeting, including elections, will be held from 6:30PM to 7:00PM. The Rain Barrel Workshop begins 7:00PM and end at 9:00PM.

Tree Purchase: Ellen

One hundred Dogwood trees were purchased for about \$155. Any resident may pick one up at Ellen's house. Plenty of extras are available.

E-Blast:

Kevin will ask Susan Dey to send out an e-blast regarding the tree availability, the barrel workshop, the yard sale, Ravensworth Elementary School Kindergarten orientation, and the update on the neighborhood murders.

Hayride:

Marty and Jacqueline said the hayride was a tremendous success. The board agreed that the spring, preferably the first week in April, is the perfect time for this event. Richmon will include the cost as a budget item in next year's budget.

New Business

Ravensworth Web Site:

Susan Dey will be setting up a beta community calendar for the use of the board and committees. The freeware software will allow those eligible members to access and update the calendar. It should be up and running sometime over the summer.

New Community Web Site:

Kathleen was unsuccessful in reaching anyone from the original group to discuss the status of the project. Richmon was concerned with carrying the \$7K allotted for the project year after year. Discussion of this issue will continue in October.

Entrance Signs:

Anita Bhatnagar contacted to board to request approval to put up signs at the entrance announcing the Ravensworth Elementary School Kindergarten Orientation and PTA meetings if she promised to take them down after each event. The board agreed.

Entrance Sign Replacement and Repair:

In response to a comment received through the web site regarding the deplorable state of the Inverchapel Road entrance sign, the board discussed the signage at all of the entrances. Richmon said he could arrange for a carpenter to repair the Inverchapel sign

over the summer. Ginger will contact the resident who sent the comment and advise. It was agreed that the board will re-study what can be done regarding new signs at all entrances. Kathleen will take pictures of the signs at Kings Park and Richmon will try to locate the file put together the last time this issue was discussed.

Candidate Night:

Kevin was contacted by Michael Abucewicz, a representative of Marc Greidinger, a possible candidate for the Braddock District Supervisor, requesting time to speak at a board meeting. Generally, there is no problem with the Association holding a "Candidates Night"; however, the board won't meet again until October, after the August 23, 2011, Primary and the General Membership Meeting won't be held until after the November 8, 2011, General election.

Update from Shopping Center:

Ellen will contact Don regarding updates. Our PO Box Number will remain the same when it is moved to its new location. Kathleen and Richmon each have a key to the box. Kathleen will put a notice in the *Farmer* regarding the relocation.

Committee Updates:

Kevin contacted all Association committee chairs for updates.

Entrance Committee – Katherine Craig is no longer in charge. Margaret Kinder and Brenda Soares are now taking responsibility for the entrances. Marty Terry could not be reached regarding signs.

Green committee – Jim Hickey has nothing new to report.

Schools and Education – The board has received e-mails regarding donations and signs from Anita Bhatnagar, as discussed above.

Legislative and County Affairs – Ruth Orem requested to be taken off the committee. Position is now open.

Public Service – Tom Terry couldn't be reached.

Grant for Rain Garden

Kevin advised that the same company underwriting the rain barrel workshop, Transurban and Flour is interested in providing grant money for Rain Gardens. Rain gardens can cost between \$20K-\$200K and would require VDOT involvement. The process would involve replacing curb inlets w/trees. Kevin will look into it.

Community Picnic

Trish Hernandez from the Community of Christ Church asked if the Association could provide a moon bounce for the June 18, 2011, community picnic. The cost to the Association would be about \$390.00 for the rental and someone would have to pick-up and setup. Marty will call Trish. Kathleen will place a notice of the picnic in the *Farmer*

Adjourn – Meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM.