

Ravensworth Farm Civic Association Board Meeting
Final Minutes
November 5, 2008 – 7:30pm

Attendees

Linda Beste	<i>Steve Beste</i>	<i>Katherine Craig</i>
Ellen Eggerton	Ruth Hartman	<i>Hans Jansen</i>
Ruth Orem	Kathleen Powers	Steve Price
<i>Brent Reynolds</i>	Dick Sargent	<i>Richmon Tun</i>

***Board Members are denoted in italics*

Introduction

The November board meeting of the association was held at Ravensworth Elementary School. B. Reynolds called the meeting to order and motioned to approve the agenda. S. Beste made the motion to amend the agenda to include discussion of the December 2 General Membership meeting. The motion was approved, and the agenda, as amended, was approved.

The October 1, 2008 Board Meeting Minutes were approved.

December 2nd General Membership Meeting

The group discussed the December 2nd General Membership meeting. *S. Beste will contact the school to ensure the cafeteria and a microphone are available for this meeting. R. Hartman will provide refreshments.* S. Beste drafted a note to be included in the Farmer to announce this meeting and its purpose. The write-up was edited to remove specific names and then approved. *K. Powers will include the edited write-up in the Farmer.*

Parliamentary Procedure

B. Reynolds made the motion to place final minutes on the website for both general membership and board meetings. S. Price seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

B. Reynolds made the motion to spend \$600 to hire an attorney to review the neighborhood by-laws. The attorney would be one suggested by Braddock District Supervisor Sharon Bulova's office. The Board agreed that the by-laws need to be updated. There was discussion as to whether to create a committee to look into the by-laws and consult with an attorney or hire an attorney first. E. Eggerton pointed out that Canterbury Woods Civic Association just went through this exercise of addressing their by-laws. She believes it worthwhile to contact their president and learn from their experience. The Board voted 2 to 3 for spending \$600 to hire an attorney. The motion did not carry.

The Farmer

K. Powers discussed the next issue of the farmer.

Budget

R. Tun provided an update on the annual budget and expenditures to date. K. Powers pointed out that the budget is available on the neighborhood website via the Farmer (i.e., all issues of the Farmer are available on the web and the budget is published in the Farmer).

Zoning Committee

E. Eggerton provided an update on the Zoning Committee. She reported that S. Price has joined the committee. She contacted the Canterbury Woods Civic Association for their advice and experience regarding zoning issues. The goal of the committee is to enforce only county rules as the neighborhood covenants were written before the County regulations. *The Zoning Committee will make a recommendation/report on what they have found at the next general membership meeting.*

Voting Polls

R. Hartman reported that 79% of active voters for the Ravensworth Precinct voted during this year's presidential election.

Block Captains

D. Sargent informed the Board that all neighborhood blocks have assigned block captains. He reminded that Board that Julia Johnson will step down as committee chair at the end of this year.

Directory

S. Beste reported that the neighborhood Directory was published and provided to all block captains. This year the Directory has spiral bounding.

Green Committee

H. Jansen provided an update for the Green Committee. He is still looking for additional homes to evaluate energy efficiency and provide suggestions on where savings can be attained. He charges \$35 per household for this service.

Entranceway Beautification

K. Craig presented the designs for the entranceway landscaping. The Lush Life Landscaping's bid for landscaping the neighborhood entrances came to a total of \$5,475.54. The cost for power washing the two brick walls and painting the wood signs came to a total of \$950. This is \$925.54 over the approved spending. *The Board voted to pull the remaining \$925.54 from the \$1,900 - "Braddock Road Maintenance" in the operating budget to complete the entrance way landscaping. K. Craig will move forward on this project.*

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.